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Course Number	Course Title	Course Credits
BIOS 100	Nations & Neighborhoods The overall objective of this course is to prepare students for effective kingdom service by gaining a deeper understanding of calling with regards to mission, both global and local. This course challenges students to articulate their passion and burden for the lost of the nations as well as their own current realm of influence. They do this by gaining a global overview of God's kingdom advance in the world by paying attention to common characteristics of movements. Through personal engagement and exposure in cross cultural settings, students will evaluate their long-term role and calling in fulfilling the Great Commission	3
BIOS 103	Residency I Residencies provide broad exposure to ministry venues and leadership styles. Site supervisors and BIOS leadership provide accountability, feedback, and encouragement in fulfilling all aspects of the needed documentation. Students are assigned to three residencies in total, one each year during BMIN degree studies, to be scheduled at the discretion of the student.	1
BIOS 104	Foundations for Success Foundations for Success is an introductory course designed to prepare students for their journey with BIOS and to learn more about themselves through self-assessments and practical application. The primary outcome is for students to write their Self Awareness paper. This paper is needed for the provisional licensing process and serves as a platform of learning for accreditation and consecration with the Northwest Field Office of Christian & Missionary Alliance.	1
BIOS 110	Alliance Culture & Theological Distinctives This course is designed to prepare students for a life-time of effective ministry. It is the first course of a series that meets the requirements for a basic understanding of the church history, denominational polity, and Alliance theological distinctives. Students will demonstrate a deeper commitment to the pursuit of God and fulfillment of the Great Commission through extensive study of C&MA history and development. This course also serves as a platform of learning for accreditation, licensing, and consecration with the C&MA.	3

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BIOS 120	Holy Spirit Empowered Ministry This course develops a deeper understanding of the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, by studying relevant biblical passages and evaluating our own spiritual experiences. The objective is to gain a working knowledge of the activity of the Holy Spirit; by examining the lives of people in the Old and New Testaments from key biblical texts concerning the person and nature of the Holy Spirit, by emphasizing the Spirit's baptizing work and empowerment in our lives, our listening to the Spirit, and on the Spirit's work in worldwide outreach.	3
BIOS 140	Old Testament Survey The Christian story has its genesis in the Old, or First Testament. To truly understand the Christian faith revealed in the Gospels and writing of the New Testament we need to grasp the foundation laid in the Jewish Tanakh (OT Scriptures). In the course, students will work through a chronological survey of the Old Testament people, places and events, highlighting the basic message of each Old Testament books, their contribution to God's redemptive storyline, and their significance for Christian thought and practice.	3
BIOS 150	New Testament Survey New Testament Survey is a powerful and rewarding study that walks through the ministry of Jesus noting key prescriptions and descriptions in Acts and the epistles. This course is a concise introduction to the literature, history, culture, chronology, geography, and theology of this portion of the Bible. While this course intentionally gives a basic overview of each book of the New Testament, it also highlights key books that offer specific application to a student's life and ministry today.	3
BIOS 200	Bible Study Methods & Curriculum Writing The aim of this course is to prepare students to be effective teachers of the Bible within various settings. During the journey of this course, you will be equipped to create processes, practices, and expected outcomes to connect with specific audiences and differing learning styles. Additionally, students will create a cumulative and comprehensive philosophy of teaching that reflects the clear vision needed to be an effective leader within their ministry context	3
BIOS 203	Residency II Residencies provide broad exposure to ministry venues and leadership styles. Site supervisors and BIOS leadership provide accountability, feedback, and encouragement in fulfilling all aspects of the needed documentation. Students are assigned to three residencies in total, one each year during BMIN degree studies, to be scheduled at the discretion of the student.	1

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BIOS 220	Interpreting the Bible The purpose of this course is to equip students for the development of interpretive skills and explaining biblical texts. This process is called hermeneutics and, in this course, students will develop a working knowledge of exegetical and hermeneutical principles, and their significance in bridging interpretive barriers that exist between biblical times and the 21st century audience.	3
BIOS 230	Peacemaking in the Kingdom This course is designed to help students be able to understand and articulate the Biblical imperative for unity in the Body of Christ. By applying biblical principles to the spiritual nature of conflict the students will learn how God uses conflict to form and shape the lives of Christ followers and understand how to effectively apply the Peacemaker model in real-life ministry settings to foster learning, truth, and mutual support.	3
BIOS 240	Exploring Theology This course explores the essential biblical doctrines and major beliefs that comprise the Christian faith, shows how each doctrine and belief relates, and explores their implications for ministry. By the end of this course students will be able to define and defend their personal systematic theology, as well as evaluate others systematic theologies.	3
BIOS 251	C&MA Theology I - Christ our Savior Theology I-V is a series of systematic theology classes that will help you know what and why you believe. This course is a study of Jesus as our Savior that works through three key doctrines that are foundational to Christian life, understanding, and growth: the inspiration of scripture, the triune nature of God, and the attributes of God.	1.5
BIOS 252	C&MA Theology II - Christ our Sanctifier Theology I-V is a series of systematic theology classes that will help you know what and why you believe. This course is a study of Jesus as our Sanctifier and works through five key doctrines foundational to Christian life, understanding, and growth: The Holy Spirit (His person & His work), the sanctification of scriptures, the sanctification of body, soul, & spirit, the crisis & progressive sanctification, and the attributes of God.	1.5
BIOS 253	C&MA Theology III - Christ our Healer Theology I-V is a series of systematic theology classes that will help you know what and why you believe. This course works through four key doctrinal concepts that are foundational to understand Christ as our Healer: divine healing, the role of prayer and elders, one's personal experience with Jesus Christ as savior & healer, and the Trinity.	1.5

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BIOS 270	Jesus of the Gospels The Gospels are our foundational witnesses for understanding and living out our Christian faith. This course is an introduction to the nature, structure, and message of the life and ministry of God the Son and it prepares students for effective kingdom service by gaining a deeper understanding of the life and ministry of Jesus. It also includes in-depth study of the cultural dynamics, geographic locations, teaching principles, and practical implications embedded in the gospel narratives.	3
BIOS 275	Acts and the Early Church An examination of the history, theology, and ministry practices of the early church through a chapter-by-chapter study of the book of Acts. Special attention will be given to practical lessons that the modern church can learn from a study of the early church.	3
BIOS 298	Life, Literature, & Theology of C.S. Lewis This course explores the life and literature of C. S. Lewis, who some consider a modern-day prophet. Clive Staples Lewis (1898-1963) was a British novelist, poet, academic, medievalist, literary critic, essayist, lay theologian, broadcaster, lecturer, and Christian apologist. The primary objective is to gain perception into his theology, the various genres in which he wrote, and the reasons why his writings remain meaningful many years after his death.	1.5
BIOS 310	Preaching in the 21st Century This course offers a basic and integral introduction to the art of preaching. A series of specifically designed steps prepare students for effectively communicating biblical principles in a way that is culturally relevant. Successful completion of developing and delivering a sermon to a congregation is required. BIOS 200 description is in the 2019 handbook.	3
BIOS 320	Project Management This course prepares students for the essential expectation of developing and executing projects as a leader. Through integrating a student's ministry practicums from local and international settings, students will identify critical concepts for effective ministry by studying the leadership example of Nehemiah, conduct a case study, and develop their Pastoral Residency project plans.	3

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BIOS 330	Discipleship and Evangelism This course prepares students for effective kingdom service by gaining a deeper understanding of the impact of Jesus in the Gospel, the Gospel in different centuries, and the impact of the Gospel in the lives of 21st century people. Students will also identify steps they plan to take in their own discipleship journey and how they can overcome barriers to bring about an impact within their realm of influence.	3
BIOS 345	Pentateuch A study of the five books of Moses as the foundation for the rest of Scripture. The Pentateuch will be studied from two perspectives. The content of each individual book will be dealt with and the major themes of the Pentateuch will be investigated. These themes will include creation, fall, covenant, law, worship, redemption, and grace.	3
BIOS 350	Psalms and the Deeper Life This course is a study of the book of Psalms with special emphasis on interpretive approaches, Hebrew poetic techniques, and genre comparisons. Historical and contemporary usage of the Psalms for personal spiritual formation will also be considered.	3
BIOS 351	C&MA Theology IV - Christ our Coming King Theology I-V are a series of systematic theology classes that will help students know what and why they believe. This course is a study of Jesus as our coming king and discusses, through four key doctrinal concepts, the foundational groundwork to understand how all of scripture points to Christ's resurrection & return, the rapture of the Church, Parousia, the second coming of Christ, & global missions.	1.5
BIOS 352	C&MA Theology V - The Body of Christ Theology I-V are a series of systematic theology classes that will help students know what and why they believe. This course is a study of church governance and polity through four key understands: the mission, the great commission & lostness of man, leaders and authority, and constituted authority of the Church.	1.5
BIOS 353	C&MA Theology V Lab - Ministry Licensing Preparation <i>Prerequisite: BIOS 110 Alliance Culture and C&MA Theologies I-V</i> Theology V Lab is the culmination of Theology I-V designed to prepare students for a successful formal C&MA licensing interview. This course will lead students through the C&MA Accreditation application process, as well as a comprehensive overview of all the theological topics addressed in Theology I-V.	1.5

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BIOS 380	Spiritual Formation & Emotionally Healthy Leaders This course is focused on the interior life of the leader; the understanding that they are flawed individuals who have been entrusted by God as agents of hope and healing in Christ. The primary objective is to help students develop spiritual disciplines that promote long term emotional and relational health.	3
BIOS 402	Senior Residency II	2
BIOS 403	Senior Residency III Senior pastoral residency provide hands-on ministry training, designed, developed, and planned in their BIOS 320 Project Management to be implemented in final year of the BOS program. This course encourages skill development and character building over a longer period of time affirming a student's calling to full-time service. Students initiate and develop pastoral residencies with BIOS faculty and ministry site supervisors who provide accountability, coaching, feedback, and encouragement in fulfilling all aspects of the Residency Practicum Agreement. Students are required to take one residency a year.	2
BIOS 420	Ministry Philosophy & Senior Capstone This course facilitates personal reflection and appreciative inquiry for students who are about to graduate. The final deliverable for this course is a Senior Capstone project and/or Field Guide for Effective Ministry based on practicum experiences, personal assessments, readings, papers and assignments.	3
BIOS 430	Ethics in Ministry This course is intended to guide students through the process of wrestling with ethical dilemmas of our day, with special attention given to the ethical teachings of Jesus, the apostles, and prophets in the holy scriptures. The emphasis will be on equipping students with practical wisdom and tools for responding to ethical issues in culture and learning how to develop environments in organizations and groups that promote Godly behavior and responses.	3
BIOS 440	Special Topics: The Practical Pastor This course is designed to guide and prepare students for the many facets, demands, and expectations in the daily life of shepherding a church. The practical topics will range from leadership development, worship service design ,and pastoral care in special circumstances; all with the focus of creating a practical, personal handbook for immediate use in their ministry.	3

Total BIOS Credits Offered 78.5