

EXTENSION



GO DEEPER.

CATALOG 2011-2012

WHAT IS EXTENSION?

EXTENSION is designed to help you go deeper—deeper in your understanding of God’s word, deeper in your participation in the service of the body, and deeper in your witness for Christ in the world. Extension will challenge you with a more intensive curriculum and a higher degree of accountability. You’ll study the Bible on a whole new level. You’ll develop and practice the skills of Christian service and discipleship. You’ll be an active reader, writer, and learner.

Most importantly, Extension is Gospel-hearted. In the end, the point isn’t how much theology you know; it’s how much the Lord Jesus Christ occupies and drives your life. The purpose of our training is to give you a clearer vision of Jesus Christ, one that results in a deeper passion for God. You’ll also be equipped to share that vision and affection with others—both inside and outside the walls of the church. As Paul wrote to Timothy, “the goal of our instruction is love.”

WHO IS THIS FOR?

EXTENSION is for anyone who wants to be more effective in his or her service to Christ and the cause of the gospel. Participation will involve a real commitment of time and energy, but the course schedule is designed to make that commitment manageable. If you want to know more about your faith, if you want to be more prepared to serve in the Church or better equipped to share your faith, Extension is for you.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

EXTENSION consists of 22 courses with everything from basic Bible study methods to basic Greek grammar, from how to be a spiritual mentor to an individual to how to develop and lead a class, from witnessing in your neighborhood to church planting around the world. In addition to this core curriculum, once or twice each year, Extension brings in leading scholars to present seminars on various topics. If you stick with it, you can complete the whole program in three years. Most courses are laid out over six weeks, and will meet for two hours once a week. As a rule of thumb, students should expect to put in another four to six hours a week outside of class.

WHAT DO I GET FOR COMPLETING THE PROGRAM?

The main thing you will get is real, serious equipment for service in the body of Christ. Extension is not accredited, and we don't grant degrees, but graduates of the program will receive a diploma recognizing their accomplishment. If otherwise qualified in terms of character and experience, graduates of Extension may be candidates for ordination by CBC for certain roles in full time ministry.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

When compared to similar education at a traditional Bible College, where a single 3-hour course would cost more than a thousand dollars, Extension is a bargain. Tuition is \$200 per course, due and payable before the first session of each course.

Special Topics Seminars are free to students enrolled in the preceding or following course or in the annual enrollment plan.

Students can save on tuition by opting for the annual enrollment plan, paying \$1,320 for a year's courses.. This annual amount is due in 12 monthly installments of \$110.

There is also one-time enrollment fee of \$50, which is due with the student's application.

Students are also responsible for purchasing their own books and supplies. We estimate the cost of books at about \$50 per course.

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

Complete the online application form at www.cbcnashville.org/equip/extension.html.

You can also register for any upcoming class online.

About the Director

Douglas H. Searle holds the Master of Theology (Th.M.) degree in Systematic Theology and Academic Ministry from Dallas Theological Seminary and the Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from the University of Washington. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Higher Education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Doug has attended Community Bible Church since 1975 and has served on the staff of the Church as Youth Director, Worship Leader, and Director of Administration.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Courses are numbered in the order in which they occur in the program. 100 level courses are taught in the first year, 200 level courses in the second year, and 300 level courses in the third year.

GO DEEPER IN THE BIBLE

102 Sound Interpretation 1

An introduction to inductive Bible study methods and principles of interpretation (hermeneutics) with special attention to New Testament epistles. Students will learn and practice the skills of careful observation, sound interpretation, and correct application.

106 Sound Interpretation 2

A study of methods and principles of hermeneutics with attention to literary form and genre, especially poetry and narrative.

107 Biblical Theology Project

Studying independently, the student will develop a paper summarizing the theological contribution, argument and structure of a New Testament epistle.

204 Old Testament Survey 1

A survey of the content, historical background, and introductory issues of the Old Testament, covering the first seventeen books (from Genesis through Esther).

207 Old Testament Survey 2

A survey of the content, historical background, and introductory issues of the poetic and prophetic books of Old Testament (from Job through Malachi).

304 New Testament Survey

A survey of the content, historical background, and introductory issues of the New Testament.

306 Introduction to Biblical Languages

An introduction to the basic features of Greek grammar designed to improve the student's Bible study skills. Students will be acquainted with essential tools including lexicons, grammars, and computer software.

GO DEEPER IN THEOLOGY

101 Doctrine of Scripture

A study of biblical Christian teaching about the nature and correct use of the Bible. Special consideration will be given to the concepts of revelation, inspiration, authority, and sufficiency of scripture. The history and principles of canonicity will also be introduced.

105 Doctrine of God

An introduction to Christian trinitarian theology with attention to the divine attributes as well as the specific natures and relationships of the three persons.

201 Doctrines of Man and Sin

A study of biblical Christian understanding of the nature of the human creation, our subsequent fall into sin, and the resulting condemnation.

205 Doctrine of Salvation

A study of the biblical Christian doctrine of God's grace revealed in the person of Jesus Christ for the purpose overcoming the sinful and condemned state of human beings. This course will also involve a defense of the concept of penal substitution as the principal model of the atonement.

208 Systematic Theology Project

Working independently or in small teams, students will develop a plan for a quarterly youth or adult Sunday School course on a theological topic.

301 Doctrine of the Church

A study of biblical Christian understanding of the nature, purposes, governance, and ministries of the Church of Jesus Christ with special attention to various biblical models and metaphors.

305 The Narrative of the Bible

A survey of the Biblical narrative of God's interaction with humanity, designed to demonstrate its unity around the central theme of the gospel.

GO DEEPER IN YOUR SERVICE

103 Personal Spiritual Leadership

Basic concepts of biblical counseling and discipleship designed to equip the student for leadership in small groups or one-on-one.

202 Expository Preaching and Teaching

An introduction to the principles and methods for developing and delivering preaching and teaching presentations from a passage of scripture. Consideration will be given to a variety of teaching settings.

206 Theological Teaching

An introduction to the principles and methods for developing and delivering topical theological instruction. Consideration will be given to scope and sequence problems in course development.

303 Ministry Project

Working with Church leaders, students will develop a mission statement and plan for implementation for a ministry in which they currently serve.

GO DEEPER IN YOUR WITNESS

104 Life is a Short Term Mission

An overview of the individual Christian's responsibilities in propagating the gospel, including methods of personal evangelism.

203 Seminar on Missions

Principles of cross-cultural ministry.

302 Reproductive Gospel-Centered Church

An overview of the qualities of effective local church ministries.

307 Missions Project

Students will report on their participation in developing and leading a short term mission project.

SPECIAL TOPICS SEMINARS

400 Special Topics Seminar

Additional topics with adjunct faculty from leading institutions.

CALENDAR

STUDY GROUP 1

Tuesday Nights, 7-9 PM

201 Doctrines of Man & Sin

August 30 – October 4, 2011

202 Expository Preaching/Teaching

October 18 – November 22, 2011

203 Seminar on Missions & Church Planting

December 27 – 30, 2011

400 Special Topics Seminar

December 30 – January 7, 2012
(selected dates)

204 Old Testament Survey 1

January 10 – February 14, 2012

205 Doctrine of Salvation

February 21 – March 27, 2012

206 Theological Teaching

April 10 – May 15, 2012

207 Old Testament Survey 2

May 22 – June 26, 2012

400 Special Topics Seminar

July 5 – 7, 2012

208 Systematic Theology Project

July 10 – August 14, 2012

301 Doctrine of the Church

August 28 – October 2, 2012

302 Reproductive Gospel-Centered Church

October 16 – November 20, 2012

303 Ministry or 307 Mission Project

December 27 – 29, 2012

STUDY GROUP 2

Thursday Nights, 7-9 PM

101 Doctrine of Scripture

September 1 – October 6, 2011

102 Sound Interpretation 1

October 13 – November 17, 2011

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103 Personal Spiritual Leadership

January 12 – February 16, 2012

104 Life is a Short Term Mission

February 23 – March 29, 2012

105 Doctrine of God

April 12 – May 17, 2012

106 Sound Interpretation 2

May 24 – June 28, 2012

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January 8 – February 12, 2013

305 The Narrative of the Bible

February 19 – March 26, 2013

306 Intro to Biblical Languages

April 9 – May 14, 2013

303 Ministry or 307 Mission Project

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