REL 100. The Bible. (3 Credits)
is an overview of the Bible intended to acquaint the student with its background, content and messages. This introductory course satisfies the core curriculum requirements for Bible content for students who are not in a program that requires the enhanced church-work core. 3 credits. 
Prerequisite: None

REL 100C. Faith Heritage. (3 Credits)
Offered at: CUW

REL 105. Church Leadership Seminar. (1 Credit)
introduces the student to the Director of Church Ministries program by seeking avenues for theological and spiritual formation to serve in the church. 1 credit.
Prerequisite: None

REL 110. Christian Faith. (3 Credits)
is an overview of Christian theology intended to acquaint the students with key theological concepts as they relate to everyday life. This introductory course satisfies the core curriculum requirement for Christian doctrine for students who are not in a program that requires the enhanced church-work core. 3 credits.
Prerequisite: None

Offered at: CUAA, CUW, MID

REL 110C. Systematics. (3 Credits)
Offered at: CUW

REL 201. Old Testament. (3 Credits)
is an overview of the Old Testament intended to acquaint the student with its background, content, and messages. This introductory course satisfies the core curriculum requirement for Bible content, but students who take it must also take REL 203 New Testament elsewhere in their programs. It is required for students in a church-work program. 3 credits. 
Prerequisites: enrollment in church-work program or permission of instructor.

Offered at: CUAA, CUW, OL

REL 203. New Testament. (3 Credits)
is an overview of the New Testament intended to acquaint the student with its background, content, and messages. The New Testament is read with a focus on the life of Jesus, his teaching and miracles, death and resurrection. The other major people of New Testament are also studied through their writings, especially the apostles Paul, Peter, and John. This introductory course forms a pair with REL 201 Old Testament for Bible content, and thus may not be counted as the elective third theology course in the core curriculum. 3 credits. 
Prerequisites: enrollment in church-work program or permission of instructor.

Offered at: CUAA, CUW, OL

REL 204. Biblical Theology. (3 Credits)
is a systematic study of major areas of Christian doctrine with an emphasis on what Scripture says, as well as how Lutheran doctrine reflects what Scripture teaches. This introductory course satisfies the core curriculum requirement for Christian Doctrine, and is required for students in a church-work program. 3 credits. 
Prerequisites: enrollment in church-work program or permission of instructor.

Offered at: BEL, CUAA, CUW, CUWAE, GB, MID, OL

REL 210. The Great Commission. (3 Credits)
presents an overview of the biblical basis for evangelism and an in-depth study of the basic components of the message and technique of Christian witness. Outreach elective (evangelism). 3 credits. 
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).

Offered at: CUW

REL 215. Friendship Evangelism. (3 Credits)
develops the ability of the student to share the Gospel with a non-Christian in the context of a growing friendship. Prior enrollment in REL 210 is recommended. Outreach elective (evangelism). 3 credits. 
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).

REL 227. Youth Ministry I. (3 Credits)
equips the student with the understanding, attitudes, and the theory needed to develop a ministry with and for youth in a congregation. Along with the scriptural and theoretical principles of youth ministry, this course prepares students for practical experiences encountered in REL 245 Ministry Practicum. 3 credits. 
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).

REL 229. Rel Educ-Youth & Adults. (3 Credits)
equips the students with practical methods, skills, and resources to teach religion to youth and adults in a parish setting. Provides students with opportunities to strengthen their ability to communicate the Gospel effectively. Religious education elective. 3 credits.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).

Offered at: CUW, OL

REL 233. Communicating Bible Messages. (3 Credits)
examines the preparation and delivery of devotional messages based on a careful study of the biblical text. Classroom discussions center on the proper distinction between Law and Gospel, the correct interpretation of biblical texts, the structure of effective devotional messages, and the techniques of delivering these messages. Religious education elective. 3 credits. 
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).

REL 245. Ministry Practicum. (3 Credits)
is intended for students interested in practical experience in a specified area of church work. Forty hours for each credit earned will be spent in a parish or institution with involvement in hands on, supervised training with a skilled supervisor. Time will also be devoted to readings and discussion sessions. REL 245 may be repeated in subsequent semesters with different ministry specializations. 1-3 credits. 
Prerequisites: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]), a foundational course in the area of ministry specialization.

Offered at: CUW
REL 275. Theology and Film. (3 Credits)
explores the medium of film and how film may communicate biblical theology for a visual age. Motion pictures contain many theological ideas, and because films can be persuasive without arguing their case, it is important to be able to critique their content impartially, and to distinguish between an appreciation of artistic integrity and truth as revealed in Scripture. Special attention will be given to Christianity in the interrelationship of faith and culture. 3 credits.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).
Offered at: CUW

REL 287. Christian Care Giving. (3 Credits)
offers the student preparing for full-time church work opportunity to understand and apply the theology of the cross and the practice of the church in Christian care giving. 3-4 credits.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).
Offered at: CUW

REL 294. Genesis. (3 Credits)
covers the teachings of Genesis with special reference to the origins of the human race, the creation-evolution debate, the flood, and the patriarchs. Bible elective (OT). 3 credits.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).

REL 298. Faith and Culture. (3 Credits)
explores the role of religion in defining our way of life and self-understanding and how culture, in turn, may shape spirituality. Major world views and their influence on the faith experience will be analyzed. Special attention will be given to Christianity in this interrelationship of faith and culture. 3 credits.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).
Offered at: CUW

REL 307. Wisdom of Israel. (3 Credits)
is an examination of the wisdom literature of the Old Testament: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Songs. The course studies biblical poetry, devotional literature, and the major questions of life. Bible elective (OT). 3 credits.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).
Offered at: CUW

REL 310. Religion in America Today. (3 Credits)
provides the student an overview of the religious life of people in America today. Such topics as the role of religion in society, culture and politics, the relation of church and state to one another, mainline Christian denominations, other major religions prevalent in America today, the ecumenical movement, Protestant traditions, the rise of sects and cults in America are all discussed. Comparative religions elective. 3 credits.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).
Offered at: CUAA, CUW, OL

REL 311. Church in Mission. (3 Credits)
studies the mission of the Church with a vision toward contemporary ministry and outreach. Emphasis will be given to cross-generational and cross-cultural outreach methods. Outreach elective (evangelism). 3 credits.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).
Offered at: CUW

REL 312. Office Professional Chrch Work. (3 Credits)
studies the role of auxiliary ministries in the light of the New Testament and the Lutheran Confessions. It pays particular attention to church administration and conflict resolution in congregations. 3 credits.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).
Offered at: CUW, OL

REL 316. World Missions I. (3 Credits)
explores the biblical foundations, the theology, and practice of Christian missionary work and provides students with some initial background in preparation for missionary service. Outreach elective (missions). 3 credits.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).
Offered at: CUW

REL 326. World Missions II. (3 Credits)
provides additional background information for students considering missionary service, continuing the exploration of missions begun in REL 316 World Missions I. This course looks into the history of missions, contemporary issues of missions, and the practice of missions. Outreach elective (missions). 3 credits.
Prerequisite: REL 316.

REL 327. Youth Ministry II. (3 Credits)
develops skills in youth ministry acquired in REL 227. Special attention is given to organizational competence at the beginning of service as a youth director, with emphasis on budgeting, staff relationships, and risk management. Students will explore obstacles teens encounter, and will develop short-term, Gospel-centered, ministry skills. 3 credit hours.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]); REL 227; REL 245 (may be taken concurrently).
Offered at: CUW

REL 328. Family and Youth Ministry. (3 Credits)
explores congregation ministry with and for families by providing students with an understanding of parent and child relationships, teen development, and the place of faith and the church in family life. Special attention is paid to family life education, intergenerational ministry, and strategic planning, with the goal of building ministries that strengthen family relationships. 3 credits.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).
Offered at: OL
**REL 333. A Survey of Christian Thought. (3 Credits)**
reviews how Christians have expressed the mystery and majesty of God's truth, from early Christian writers to the intellectual searchers of the twentieth century, from Augustine and Anselm to Bonhoeffer and Barth. This course familiarizes students with some of the most influential thinkers of Christianity. Students explore the themes that have fascinated generations of Christians through the centuries: What drives someone to martyrdom? Why did Christ have to be a man? Can we prove God's existence? Who can be saved through a cross? Why does the Church have sacraments? Must Christians be ignorant and stupid? Where do we go from here? 3 credits.

*Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).*

**Offered at: CUAA, CUW**

**REL 340. Life of Christ. (3 Credits)**
rejects the religious and social conditions of the world into which Christ came, His life and teachings as found in the four Gospels, with an overview of the opinions expressed in the apocryphal Gospels, the ancient Church, and modern historical criticism. Bible elective (NT). 3 credits.

*Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).*

**Offered at: CUW**

**REL 342. Dead Sea Scrolls. (3 Credits)**
investigates how these 2,000-year old documents have changed the way people think and write about the Bible and provide a valuable window into the early history of Jews and Christians. Students will be challenged to discover answers to the continuing questions of modern biblical and historical scholarship as it relates to the Christian faith. Bible elective (OT/NT). 3 credits.

*Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).*

**REL 343. The Gospel of Mark. (3 Credits)**
studies the Gospel of Mark as a distinct presentation of the ministry of Jesus. The course will focus on Mark’s choices of Jesus’ miracles, parables, and travels. The deliberate structure of the Gospel will be highlighted. Bible elective (NT). 3 credits.

*Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).*

**Offered at: CUW**

**REL 344. Luke/Acts. (3 Credits)**
will study the main themes of Luke-Acts through a structural, Christ-centered, and historical approach. Selected passages will be given special attention as the portrayal of Christ and the founding of his Church are unveiled. Issues that will merit special attention are: Jesus’ kingship, His prophetic office, Christian worship in the Early Church, the mission of the Church, end times and Jesus’ passion. 3 credits.

*Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).*

**REL 345. Johannine Lit - Gospel of John. (3 Credits)**
studies the writings of St. John in the New Testament, namely his Epistles, Gospel, and Revelation. Students examine the Johannine message concerning the person and work of Jesus Christ. Characteristic terms, themes, and doctrines are made the subject of special study. Bible elective (NT). 3 credits.

*Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).*

**REL 346. Pauline Literature. (3 Credits)**
selects selected writings of the Apostle Paul to familiarize the student with the historical background, content, purpose, message, and distinctive characteristics of five of Paul's epistles. Bible elective (NT). 3 credits.

*Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).*

**REL 347. Law/Gosp Life in Church. (3 Credits)**
leads the student to see more clearly the significance of two major Christian doctrines and the correct relationship between them for a Christian’s life. Sections of Scripture, of the Lutheran Confessions, and of current theological literature are analyzed in the light of these fundamental teachings. 3 credits.

*Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).*

**Offered at: CUW**

**REL 349. Acts. (3 Credits)**
covers the book of Acts with special focus on the Apostle Paul. The course provides some background on key cities visited by Paul, places his teachings in context of the Greco-Roman world and that of first century Judaism, examines his use of the Old Testament, and compares Luke’s presentation of Paul with the evidence from the letters of Paul. 3 credits.

*Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).*

**REL 351. Prophets of Israel. (3 Credits)**
studies Old Testament prophecy and the prophetic movement, including its origin, development, purpose, methodology, message, and impact. Bible elective (OT). 3 credits.

*Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).*

**REL 352. Revelation and End Times. (3 Credits)**
explores the doctrine of eschatology as it is revealed in the Scriptures. Special emphasis is placed on understanding apocalyptic literature as a key to interpreting the Book of Revelation. Texts from Daniel, Ezekiel, Matthew, and the writing of Paul are also examined as they relate to the full range of eschatological topics: the millennium, the rapture, Armageddon, the anti-Christ, death, Christ’s second coming, resurrection, and the eternal state. 3 credits.

*Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).*

**Offered at: CUAA, CUW**

**REL 356. Life of Paul. (3 Credits)**
gives an overview of the life and teachings of the Apostle Paul in terms of his place in the New Testament as an apostle of Jesus Christ against the background of his birth and development. Studies are based on selected texts from Acts and Pauline Epistles. Bible elective (NT). 3 credits.

*Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).*
REL 357. Women and the Church. (3 Credits)
explores the multiple dimensions of women’s gifts and activities as recorded in the Christian Scriptures and experienced throughout the history of Christianity, with particular interest in applying biblical principles to contemporary feminist perspectives as well as that of women in the church. 3 credits.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]).

REL 358. Varieties of Belief. (3 Credits)
provides a framework for knowing about the teachings, practices, organization and historical development of world religions and various Christian communities. Emphasis is also placed upon the Christian living in relation to the peoples of other faiths especially in the North American context, with compassion, biblical confession, and a missional intention. No duplication with REL 410. 3 credits.
Prerequisites: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]; or AL 159); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or 204]; or AL 210).

REL 386. Explorations in Historical Theology I: The Early Church. (3 Credits)
this course traces the roots of Christian thinking from late first to the fifth century. In a vibrant period of growth, change, institution, and regulation, Christianity moves from being a persecuted sect to a dominant religion, as theologians clarify Christian doctrine and the church’s proclamation in view of Judaism, Hellenistic philosophy, Paganism, a host of heresies, and a crumbling empire. With special focus on primary sources, this class will give attention the works of the Apostolic Fathers and of apologists, martyrs, monks, bishops, and other influential theologians, especially as they interact with the councils of the period. Credits: 3
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or REL 201 & REL 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or REL 204]).

Offered at: CUW

REL 376. Christian Ethics. (3 Credits)
explores the distinct nature of Christian ethics in dialogue with other forms of ethical inquiries. Contemporary Christian responses to timely ethical issues will also be explored. 3 credits.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or REL 201 & REL 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or REL 204]).

Offered at: CUAA, CUW, OL

REL 378. Christian Ethics. (3 Credits)
explores the distinct nature of Christian ethics in dialogue with other forms of ethical inquiries. Contemporary Christian responses to timely ethical issues will also be explored. 3 credits.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or REL 201 & REL 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or REL 204]).

Offered at: CUAA, CUW, OL

REL 387. Gospel of Luke. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or REL 201 & REL 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or REL 204]).

Offered at: OL

REL 388. Social Justice in the New Testament. (3 Credits)
focuses on ideas and practices of social justice in the New Testament with special emphasis on Jesus’ teachings and the apostles’ responses. 3 credits.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or REL 201 & REL 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or REL 204]).

Offered at: CUAA, CUW, OL

REL 404. Lutheran Confessions. (3 Credits)
is an overview of the historical background and major teachings of the Lutheran Church as confessed in the Book of Concord. The entire Book of Concord is read focusing on the key doctrinal issues which the Lutheran Confessors highlighted. 3 credits.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or REL 201 & REL 203]); Christian Doctrine (REL 110 [or REL 204]).

Offered at: CUAA, CUW, OL

REL 405. The Practice of Missions. (3 Credits)
facilitates a supervised mission experience for students interested in local or international missions. Outreach elective (missions). 3 credits.
Prerequisites: REL 316, completed Missions Internship Contract (available from the theology department).

Offered at: CUAA, CUW, OL
REL 420. Church Ministries Internship. (3 Credits)
is a course which puts theory into practice in a specialized setting unique
to the individual student’s need. The student intern is introduced to the
congregational or institutional arena of professional church work. This
presents the student intern the opportunity to experience the vocational
option of service as a lay minister. 3 credits.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]; Christian Doctrine
(REL 110 [or 204]).
Offered at: CUW, OL

REL 430. Christ in the Old Testament. (3 Credits)
studies the messianic teachings found in the OT, traces their thematic
development, identifies their fulfillment in the New Testament, and
explores scholarly controversies about their interpretation. Bible elective
(OT). 3 credits.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]; Christian Doctrine
(REL 110 [or 204]).
Offered at: CUAA

REL 432. The Psalms. (3 Credits)
is a study of the hymnal of ancient Israel, with its interpreters, historical
context, and enduring liturgical and theological value. Bible elective (OT). 3 credits.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]; Christian Doctrine
(REL 110 [or 204]).
Offered at: CUW

REL 440. Lutheran Worship Theol & Pract. (3 Credits)
introduces the terms, history and theology of worship in the Lutheran
Church. The student is exposed to a variety of art forms and ways in
which they can be incorporated into the worship experience. Along with
learning the principles involved in developing and leading a worship
service, the student practices these skills in class. This course is cross-
listed as WAL 440. 3 credits.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]; Christian Doctrine
(REL 110 [or 204]).
Offered at: CUW

REL 445. Life & Thought-Luther. (3 Credits)
is a study of Luther the man and the theologian in relation to the world
in which he lived. The student will be asked to read and analyze some of
Luther’s major works. 3 credits.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]; Christian Doctrine
(REL 110 [or 204]).
Offered at: CUW

REL 450. Topics in Theology. (3 Credits)
is an elective in which students travel to the annual Lutheran theological
symposium in Fort Wayne. Students will attend the five day conference
and participate in all conference activities related to both exegesis and
theology. This course will include both preconference readings and a
post-conference paper. Winterim. 3 credits.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]; Christian Doctrine
(REL 110 [or 204]).
Offered at: CUW

REL 456. Pastoral Epistl-St Paul. (3 Credits)
surveys the letters of 1–2 Timothy and Titus, relating Paul’s concerns
for the burgeoning church of the day to such contemporary issues as
women in the church, the office of the ministry, and twenty-first century
theological formulations. Bible elective (NT). 3 credits.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]; Christian Doctrine
(REL 110 [or 204]).

REL 458. Hebrews and Two Letters of Peter. (3 Credits)
studies the background and content of these epistles of the New
Testament. Students will be led to discover for themselves what these
letters are teaching and to apply their messages to their own lives and to
the Christian Church today. Bible elective (NT). 3 credits.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]; Christian Doctrine
(REL 110 [or 204]).

REL 476. Holy Land. (3 Credits)
offers students the opportunity to experience the land of Israel in person.
Students will walk the streets of Jerusalem and Bethlehem, sail on the
Sea of Galilee, and taste the brackish waters of the Dead Sea. Guided
sightseeing will be supplemented with on-site lectures by noted Bible
scholars, museum visitations in Jerusalem, and background readings.
Winterim. Bible elective (OT/NT). 3 credits.
Prerequisite: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]; Christian Doctrine
(REL 110 [or 204]).
Offered at: CUAA

REL 490. Senior Seminar I. (3 Credits)
will lead students to demonstrate the ability to synthesize knowledge,
skills, and attitudes from two or more areas in order to create and support
a new point of view in a senior seminar project that contributes to the
discipline, in a culminating undergraduate experience. 3 credits.
Prerequisites: Bible Content (REL 100 [or 201 & 203]; Christian Doctrine
(REL 110 [or 204]), senior standing.
Offered at: CUAA, CUW

REL 491. Senior Seminar II. (3 Credits)
will lead students to demonstrate the ability to synthesize knowledge,
skills, and attitudes from two or more areas in order to create and support
a new point of view in a senior seminar project that contributes to the
discipline, in a culminating undergraduate experience. 3 credits.
Prerequisite: REL 490.
Offered at: CUAA, CUW

REL 495. Director of Church Ministries Seminar. (1 Credit)
brings into focus the students’ vocation and the utilization of their
spiritual gifts in the service of the church. The participants will present, in
light of Lutheran Confessional theology, their personal vocational goals to
serve in the church. 1 credit.
Prerequisites: Completion of Level I of the Director of Church Ministries
Program and acceptance into Level III.