

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION IN MASTER'S PROGRAMS

The seminary's master's level curriculum is organized into six divisions: Vocational and Theological Formation for Ministry; Biblical Studies; Historical Studies; Theology and Ethics; Practical Theology; and Global Realities and Cross-Cultural Issues.

DIVISION I: VOCATIONAL AND THEOLOGICAL FORMATION FOR MINISTRY

Goals

Courses in this division provide a fundamental orientation to ministry as a calling, an introduction to graduate theological education, and an opportunity for reflective practice in Christian service.

Ministry Studies

CD 501 Orientation to Theological Research .5 hr.

This course will provide instruction on how to find, evaluate, and cite research resources in the PTS library and through online access. Hands-on instruction in the use of the computer for research will be emphasized. Students will bring an actual assignment from a course they are currently taking and utilize the instruction in this course to help them gather the resources to complete that assignment. This class is offered tuition free and is graded pass/fail. Enrollment is limited.

CD 502 Vocation and Theology I: Introduction to Theological Education 3 hrs.

A "rite of passage" course that provides an orientation to theological education; to the culture and values of the PTS community; and to the academic disciplines of the faculty. This course is required of all MDiv, MTS, and MAMC students and is designed to be taken within the first 13 hours of their degree programs. In all cases, it must be taken before enrollment in supervised ministries courses.

PT 571 Vocation and Theology II: The Art and Practices of Ministry 3 hrs.

An introduction to the formation of pastoral identity and imagination that shape all aspects of ministry, including the exercise of leadership, power, and authority; the implementation of administrative tasks; and the application of Christian wisdom and theology. Prerequisite: CD 502, TE 500, and completion of or concurrent enrollment in one SM course.

TE 621 Vocation and Theology III: Constructive Theology 3 hrs.

An investigation of the systematic interconnected character of the major doctrines/symbols of the Christian faith. This course requires each student to write a constructive essay, or credo, expressing her or his understanding of those basic doctrines of the faith. Prerequisite: NT 500, TE 500, PT 571, plus an additional advanced course in Theology approved by the division. Normally taken by MDiv students after the completion of 60 semester-hours.

Supervised Ministries

SM 505 Reflections on Ministry Experiences 2 hrs.

Students will explore the meaning and practice of ministry by engaging in systematic theological reflection on particular situations from their own ministry contexts. Class size is limited. Prerequisites: CD 502, TE 500, and submission of required paperwork to the director of supervised ministries.

SM 510 Integrating the Theory and Practice of Ministry 2 hrs.

A seminar course for advanced students who will look at the interplay of theory and practice in their various contexts for ministry. Class size is limited. Prerequisites: SM 505 for MDiv students, one semester for MAMC students, and submission of required paperwork to the director of supervised ministries.

The History and Practice of Spirituality

CD 600 History of Christian Spirituality

3 hrs.

A survey of the theology and practice of spirituality in various historical contexts from the beginnings of the church to contemporary times. Special attention will be given to influential persons and their spiritual writings.

CD 610.01 Spirituality: The Personal Disciplines

1 hr.

A small group experience with a focus on the spiritual development of the student as an individual and a minister. The primary goals are to develop personal spiritual practices and to build community. A variety of spiritual disciplines are presented, explored, and practiced. Enrollment is limited.

CD 610.02 Spirituality: Hospitality

1 hr.

A small group experience with a focus on the spiritual development of the student as a member and leader of faith communities. The primary goals are to develop an awareness of hospitality through its practice as a spiritual discipline and to build community. Enrollment is limited.

CD 610.03 Spirituality: The Spiritual Life and the Arts

1 hr.

A small group experience with a focus on the arts (e.g., music, dance, poetry, visuals) as a means for spiritual discipline. The primary goal is to explore various art forms individually and as a group as a context for communing with God and with other people. Enrollment is limited.

CD 610.04 Spirituality: Celtic Spiritual Disciplines

1 hr.

A small group experience with a focus on the holistic, egalitarian, and earth-connected spiritual perspectives and disciplines of Celtic Christianity--a sect of Christianity which arose in the British Isles prior to the 8th century. Enrollment is limited.

CD 610.05 Spirituality: Simple Living

1 hr.

A small group experience with a focus on simplifying our lifestyles and making room for what we truly value. Opportunities will be provided for examining values and lifestyles, determining how we go about living according to what we truly value and how we can accommodate cultural values and maintain our integrity. Enrollment is limited.

CD 610.06 Spirituality: The Labyrinth

1 hr.

A small group experience focused on the labyrinth as a means of enhancing the spiritual life. A variety of perspectives and experiences will be offered for the use of this spiritual practice. Enrollment is limited.

CD 610.07 Spirituality: Meditation in Motion

1 hr.

A small group experience with a focus on the role of the body in spirituality, including the practice of yoga, walking meditation, walking the labyrinth, and mindfulness in everyday activities. Enrollment is limited.

CD 610.08 Spirituality: Sitting Meditation

1 hr.

An exploration of the theology and practice of meditation from a Christian perspective. Enrollment is limited.

CD 610.09 Spirituality: Practicing Compassion

1 hr.

An exploration of the cultivation of compassion as a state of mind and heart. Enrollment is limited.

CD 610.10 Spirituality: Praying for Justice

1 hr.

An exploration of prayer and eco-justice concerns in Christian life. Enrollment is limited.

CD 610.11 Spirituality: Women's Perspectives

1 hr.

An exploration of women's perspectives on forms of spiritual practice. Enrollment is limited.

CD 620 Spirituality and Social Action **3 hrs.**

An exploration of the classic divide between contemplation and action in spirituality with an emphasis on people and movements that have sought to integrate the two.

CD 640 Celtic Christian Culture and Spirituality **3 hrs.**

An examination of the original context of Christian spirituality as perceived and practiced by the Celtic people (5th-8th centuries) with the principle objective of translating these practices and perspectives for 21st century people. This course fulfills a CC requirement for MDiv and MTS students.

CD 650 Seminar in Cross-Disciplinary Studies **1-3 hrs.**

A seminar on selected themes or issues important for contemporary Christian ministry. May be repeated with different topics.

CD 657 Issues for Women in Christian Ministry **3 hrs.**

This course examines issues often encountered by women performing ministerial functions (e.g., preaching, teaching, counseling, managing conflict) and the unique gifts of leadership which women commonly bring to the pastoral role.

Master's Thesis and Integrative Paper Research and Writing

CD 503: Orientation to the Master's Thesis **1 hr.**

This course will provide an introduction to the process of writing a master's thesis (either MDiv or MTS). In a workshop format, each student will develop a thesis topic and a plan for the research and writing of the thesis. Instruction will also be provided on the style form for writing a thesis. Highly recommended for all students who plan to write a thesis in the near future or are in the process of writing a thesis. At the student's option, the one hour credit for the course may be counted toward the 6-hour thesis credit.

CD 656 Faculty Study Tour **1-3 hrs.**

Guided study tours led by members of the faculty. Course includes pre-tour educational preparation and post-tour evaluation. Dates, places, and foci of study tours will be announced.

CD 696 Research in Cross-Disciplinary Studies **1-3 hrs.**

Advanced individual research of selected issues.

IP 674 MTS Integrative Paper Research and Writing **3 hrs.**

Individual research and writing under faculty guidance. This course is normally taken in the student's last semester of the MTS Track I program.

TS 675 MTS Thesis Research and Writing I **3 hrs.**

Individual research and writing under faculty guidance. This course is normally taken in the student's next to last semester of the MTS Track II program.

TS 676 MTS Thesis Research and Writing II **3 hrs.**

Individual research and writing under faculty guidance. This course is normally taken in the student's last semester of the MTS Track II program.

TS 695 MDiv Thesis Research and Writing I **3 hrs.**

Individual research and writing under faculty guidance. This course is normally taken in the student's next to last semester of the MDiv program.

TS 696 MDiv Thesis Research and Writing II **3 hrs.**

Individual research and writing under faculty guidance. This course is normally taken in the student's last semester of the MDiv program.

DIVISION II: BIBLICAL STUDIES

Goals

The Bible is regularly invoked as an authority in various arenas of discourse, ranging from public policy to church doctrine, yet there is often little agreement on what the Bible actually says or means. Therefore it is imperative that those who are engaged in varied Christian ministries be fluent in interpretation of the Bible that is responsive to the historical processes that gave rise to it and to its hermeneutical potential.

To be fluent in biblical interpretation, the student must be able to employ appropriate exegetical models to understand the Bible as emerging out of the historical development of communities, institutions, and texts in ancient Israel and early Christianity. Because the Bible is a product of historical processes, interpretation pays attention to several interpretive concerns such as the following: historical context; literary character; social and cultural environment; theological heritage and development and hermeneutical implications. Fluency in interpretation enables the student to use the Bible with an awareness of scholarly understandings as a resource for thinking about the issues and concerns of everyday life.

Hebrew Bible

HB 500 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible

3 hrs.

This course examines biblical texts that reflect Israel's developing understandings of God's role in human history. Critical elements of Israel's political and religious history through the 2nd century BCE will receive attention. Students will explore a variety of interpretive methods. Successful completion of the course will satisfy one of the basic Bible requirements for the Master's degree programs. Instruction will consist primarily of lecture, discussion, and online resources.

HB 502 Latter Prophets and Writings

3 hrs.

This course surveys the prophetic books, Psalms, wisdom literature, and other books of the HB. Prerequisite: HB 500.

HB 503 The 8th Century Prophets

3 hrs.

This course is designed as a survey of the prophetic texts in the Hebrew Bible that have traditionally been dated to the 8th century BCE (i.e., Amos, Hosea, Micah, and Isaiah 1-39). Students will examine the historical and sociological backdrop of the 8th century BCE in Israel and Judah as a foundation for exegetical study. Attention will be given to defining the concept of "justice" as presented by these prophetic texts, as well as exploring how these ancient words may be relevant for the 21st century CE community of faith. Prerequisite: HB 500.

HB 510 Exegesis of the Hebrew Bible

3 hrs.

An introduction to the methods and tools of exegesis, focusing on one book or tradition in the Hebrew Bible. May be repeated with different topics. Prerequisite: HB 500.

HB 517 Women in the Bible

3 hrs.

This course is designed as a survey of the Hebrew Bible from the perspective of the female character in these ancient stories, in an effort to uncover what can be known about these important women, including: personalities, actions, and faithfulness. Once more familiarity with these female characters has been gained, the course will discover ways in which these women and their stories may be introduced and integrated into the life of the community of faith (e.g., sermons, bible studies, pastoral care, etc.). Prerequisite: HB 500.

HB 518 Wisdom Literature **3 hrs.**

A study of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes in the broader context of ancient Near Eastern wisdom traditions, especially those of Egypt and Mesopotamia. This study focuses on the wisdom tradition's understandings of creation, knowledge, human and divine justice, and the quest for meaning in human existence. Prerequisite: HB 500.

HB 522 Apocalyptic Literature **3 hrs.**

A sociological and literary study of Jewish and Christian apocalyptic literature from the Maccabean period through the first century C.E., with special emphasis on Daniel and Revelation. Prerequisite: HB 500.

HB 642 Biblical Hebrew I **3 hrs.**

An introduction to the basic grammar, syntax, and vocabulary of biblical Hebrew.

HB 643 Biblical Hebrew II: Exegesis **3 hrs.**

Completion of introductory study of grammar, syntax, and vocabulary of biblical Hebrew. The final third of the semester will be devoted to translation and critical interpretation of a selected book or set of texts from the Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia. Prerequisite: HB 642 or equivalent.

HB 645 Hebrew Readings **1-3 hrs.**

Reading of a variety of Hebrew texts with some attention given to advanced syntax. Prerequisite: HB 642 and HB 643 or equivalent. May be repeated.

HB 650 Hebrew Bible Seminar **3 hrs.**

Guided group research and reflection on selected themes and issues in studies of the Hebrew Bible. Prerequisite: HB 500. May be repeated with different topics.

HB 690 Research in Hebrew Bible **1-3 hrs.**

Advanced individual research on selected issues. Offered on request only to advanced students.

New Testament

NT 500 Introduction to the New Testament **3 hrs.**

A basic introduction to the content and theology of the New Testament.

NT 509 The Synoptic Tradition **3 hrs.**

The first three gospels are often referred to as "synoptic" because when laid side by side they follow the same narrative outline. In this course we will investigate the origins of this tradition, especially Q, the synoptic sayings source and the emergence of the gospel traditions. Our focus will be on the history of this tradition, the significance of its plurality (why are there so many gospels?) and how the various stories of Jesus can help shape our theology today. Strategies are developed to help students understand each gospel as a whole gospel narrative. Prerequisite: NT 500.

NT 510 The Gospel of Mark **3 hrs.**

The study of the message from and about Jesus as interpreted in the early church by Mark. Issues of relationship among the synoptic Gospels will be studied. Emphasis is placed on the historical context, literary structure, and theology of Mark. Prerequisite: NT 500.

NT 511 The Gospel of Matthew **3 hrs.**

The study of the message from and about Jesus as interpreted in the early church by Matthew. Issues of relationship among the synoptic Gospels will be studied. Emphasis is placed on the historical context, literary structure, and theology of Matthew. Prerequisite: NT 500.

NT 512 The Gospel of Luke **3 hrs.**
The study of the message from and about Jesus as interpreted in the early church by Luke. Issues of relationship among the synoptic Gospels will be studied. Emphasis is placed on the historical context, literary structure, and theology of Luke. Prerequisite: NT 500.

NT 513 The Parables of Jesus **3 hrs.**
An exegetical and theological study of the parables in the Jesus tradition and their meaning for the church today. Prerequisite: NT 500.

NT 514 The Gospel of John **3 hrs.**
A study of the unique interpretation of Jesus presented by the Fourth Gospel. Special attention is given to defining the Johannine community and its relation to its social context. Emphasis also is placed on the literary structure, symbolic language, and theology of John. Prerequisite: NT 500.

NT 515 Acts of the Apostles **3 hrs.**
A critical exegetical study of volume two of the Luke-Acts corpus with emphasis on literary, historical, and theological perspectives. Prerequisite: NT 500.

NT 516 I Corinthians **3 hrs.**
An exegetical study of the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians with an emphasis on understanding its historical setting. The course serves as a case study in the interrelationship of the theology and ethics of Paul as they are seen to function in a specific social setting. Prerequisite: NT 500.

NT 518 Romans **3 hrs.**
An exegetical study of the most complex and systematic of Paul's letters. The major themes in Paul's theology are studied in relation to the overall argument of the letter and the historical context of Paul. Prerequisite: NT 500.

NT 520 Galatians **3 hrs.**
An exegetical study of one of Paul's most important letters. The central ideas of Paul's theology are studied in the light of the rhetorical structure and social context of the letter. Prerequisite: NT 500.

NT 523 Interpreting the Book of Revelation **3 hrs.**
A study of the historical, literary, and theological features of the Book of Revelation with attention to interpretive strategies and the exegesis of selected texts. Prerequisite: NT 500.

NT 528 Pauline Theology **3 hrs.**
A study of representative modern scholarship on the theology of Paul. Emphasis is placed on relating these modern discussions to the text of Paul's letters. The goal of the course is to develop an in-depth understanding of Paul's theology. Prerequisite: NT 500.

NT 530 The Sacraments in the New Testament **3 hrs.**
A study of the New Testament foundations for the theology and practice of Baptism and the Lord's Supper in today's church. Prerequisite: NT 500.

NT 540 The Historical Jesus **3 hrs.**
The quest for the historical Jesus has been one of the defining trajectories of biblical scholarship in the modern era. Students in this course engage in conversations regarding the most recent quest and its importance for faith and Christian communities today. Prerequisite: NT 500.

NT 610 New Testament Exegesis **3 hrs.**
Selected topics and/or texts for exegetical study. May be repeated with different topics. Prerequisite: NT 500.

NT 642 New Testament Greek I**3 hrs.**

The course is designed to enable students to use the Greek text of the New Testament in ministry. Emphasis is placed on understanding the Greek text and how the Greek language affects the formation of the biblical message.

NT 644 New Testament Greek II: Greek Exegesis**3 hrs.**

A continuation of NT 642. Includes further study of grammar and the development of sufficient vocabulary to make reading Koine Greek easier. The use of Greek as a foundation for exegesis is the primary emphasis. Prerequisite: NT 642 or equivalent.

NT 645 Greek Readings**1-3 hrs.**

Selected readings from the Greek New Testament and other Greek literature from the New Testament world. Prerequisite: NT 642 and NT 644 or equivalent. May be repeated.

NT 650 New Testament Seminar**3 hrs.**

Guided group research and discussion of selected issues in New Testament studies. May be repeated with different topics. Prerequisite: NT 500.

NT 690 Research in New Testament**1-3 hrs.**

Advanced individual research on selected issues. Offered on request only to advanced students. Prerequisite: NT 500.

Biblical Theology**BT 500 Biblical Theology****3 hrs.**

A study of selected themes or topics addressed by biblical literature. May be repeated with different topics. Prerequisite: HB 500 or NT 500. This course satisfies an HB or NT exegesis requirement.

BT 690 Research in Biblical Theology**1-3 hrs.**

Advanced individual research on selected issues. Offered on request only to advanced students.

DIVISION III: HISTORICAL STUDIES**Goals**

Historical studies aim to help students gain a broad perspective on the various, often radically different, expressions of Christianity from its early beginnings to the present and to encourage students to gain an understanding of and appreciation for other major contemporary religions.

Students completing coursework in the division should be able to critique contemporary Christian thought and practice by examining historical contexts and tracing storylines; articulate a substantive understanding of the theology, polity, and ecclesiology of their own denominations in order to personally appropriate and publicly interpret that denomination's features and values; and explore the general concepts of ecumenical and interfaith engagements through historical developments, theological understandings, and cooperative activities.

History of Christianity**HS 502 History of Christianity I: Early and Medieval****3 hrs.**

A survey of the development of the Christian church from the second century C.E. through the Middle Ages, examining the significance of the theologies, theologians, and movements that shaped the period.

HS 504 History of Christianity II: Reformation and Modern **3 hrs.**
A survey of the Christian church from the Reformation era to modern times. Special attention will be given to the diversity and unity of the church in the period and to the divisions and reconciliations that have shaped various contemporary Christian communities.

HS 518 Christianity in the United States **3 hrs.**
An introduction to the themes, figures, issues and movements affecting religious life and society in the U.S. from pre-colonial settlement to the present day.

HS 673 Seminar in the History of Christianity **3 hrs.**
A study of selected issues, figures, or movements in the history of Christianity. May be repeated with different topics.

HS 690 Research in the History of Christianity **1-3 hrs.**
Advanced individual research on selected issues. Offered on request only to advanced students.

Denominational and Ecumenical Studies

HS 530 History and Polity of the Disciples of Christ **3 hrs.**
The origin, development, organization, and theological interests of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) studied in the context of American social and religious history. Required of all Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) students preparing for ordination. Enrollment encouraged for United Church of Christ students.

HS 531 United Methodist History **3 hrs.**
This course, required for candidates for orders in the United Methodist Church, will inform students about the basic periods and the pluralistic nature of United Methodist history. Particular attention will be paid to events, movements, and persons that have shaped the denomination.

HS 532 United Methodist Doctrine **3 hrs.**
This course, required for candidates for orders in the United Methodist Church, is an introduction to theology in the Wesleyan tradition as practiced in United Methodism. Attention will be paid to John Wesley's theology, to an historical overview of the theological persons and movements in United Methodist history, and to the current revival of Wesleyan theology and debate about theological method.

HS 533 United Methodist Polity **3 hrs.**
This course, required for candidates for orders in the United Methodist Church, is designed to acquaint students with the 2008 Book of Discipline and a sense of how its rules and requirements come to life in the practical affairs of the church, as well as to help students understand how polity is related to the church's historical and theological development.

HS 534 Baptist History and Polity **3 hrs.**
A study of Baptist life and thought from the seventeenth century to the present with particular attention to the development of diverse Baptist communities in the United States.

HS 535 Baptist Theological Perspectives **3 hrs.**
A study of foundational theological perspectives in the development of Baptist traditions and communities and a consideration of contemporary doctrinal trends.

HS 536 Presbyterians in the United States **3 hrs.**
An historical study of the faith, institutions, and practices of Presbyterians in the United States, with particular attention to developments within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) since the Civil War.

HS 537 Reformed Theology**3 hrs.**

An historical and systematic review of major themes and issues in the Reformed theological tradition, from the Reformation to the present. Particular attention will be given to the history and confessional documents of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Prerequisite: TE 500.

HS 538 Presbyterian Polity**3 hrs.**

A reflective and practical study of church leadership in government and worship as guided by the present polity of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

HS 539 History and Polity of the United Church of Christ**3 hrs.**

An exploration of the history, theology, structure, and practice of ministry within the United Church of Christ. Required for all United Church of Christ students preparing for ordination. Enrollment is encouraged for Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) students.

HS 540 History and Polity of the E.L.C.A.**3 hrs.**

An exploration of the history, theology, structure, and practice of ministry within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

HS 541 History and Polity of Unitarian Universalism.**3 hrs.**

An exploration of the history, theology, structure, and practice of ministry within the Unitarian Universalist Church in America

HS 546 Readings in Denominational History**3 hrs.**

Guided individual research or seminar designed to acquaint students with the history and character of a denomination in which they intend to practice ministry.

HS 549 Seminar in Ecumenical Studies**3 hrs.**

A study of selected issues, figures, or movements in the modern ecumenical movement. May be repeated with different topics.

DIVISION III: THEOLOGY AND ETHICS**Goals**

In the ecumenical ethos of the seminary, the theology and ethics division aims to nurture a contemporary expression of Christian faith and ethics, rooted in respect for Christian traditions but responsive to the differing voices and multiple contexts of today's world.

Students completing coursework in the division should be able to: explain basic vocabulary, topics, and approaches to theology and ethics; to differentiate and compare theological/ethical arguments from various historical periods and/or social locations; and integrate these studies into a coherent theological/ethical voice of ministry and leadership.

Theology**TE 500 Introduction to Christian Theology****3 hrs.**

An introduction to the vocabulary of theology, the thematic structure of its master narrative, and various contextual methods and approaches to the discipline. Prerequisite is one of the following: HB 500, NT 500, HS 502 or HS 504.

TE 600 Doctrine of God**3 hrs.**

An exploration of various classical and contemporary issues in the Christian understanding of God. Satisfies an advanced theology requirement for MDiv or MTS students. Prerequisite: NT 500 and TE 500.

TE 602 Christology **3 hrs.**
An investigation of basic issues and themes at work in the Christian interpretation of Jesus as the Christ. Satisfies an advanced theology requirement for MDiv or MTS students. Prerequisite: NT 500 and TE 500.

TE 606 Ecclesiologies: Models and Practices of Church **3 hrs.**
A study of the nature, life, and practice of the church and its critical norm, the reign of God. Satisfies an advanced theology requirement for MDiv or MTS students. Prerequisite: NT 500 and TE 500.

TE 608 Doctrine of the Spirit **3 hrs.**
An introduction to Christian doctrinal understandings of the Spirit, the historical contexts in which they were constructed, and how they are being embraced, critically challenged, and reformulated in our own time. Prerequisite: NT 500 and TE 500.

TE 621 Vocation and Theology III: Constructive Theology **3 hrs.**
An investigation of the systematic interconnected character of the major doctrines/symbols of the Christian faith. This course requires each student to write a constructive essay, or credo, expressing her or his understanding of those basic doctrines of the faith. Prerequisite: NT 500, TE 500, PT 571, plus an additional advanced course in Theology approved by the division. Normally taken by MDiv students after the completion of 60 semester-hours.

HS 537 Reformed Theology **3 hrs.**
An historical and systematic review of major themes and issues in the Reformed theological tradition, from the Reformation to the present. Particular attention will be given to the history and confessional documents of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Prerequisite: TE 500.

TE 622 Contemporary Theology **3 hrs.**
A critical study of recent and contemporary theologians with intention of examining their influence on central Christian doctrines. Satisfies an advanced theology requirement for MDiv or MTS students. Prerequisite: TE 500.

TE 623 Liberation Theology **3 hrs.**
An exploration of a variety of liberation theologies, their historical and theological contexts, and their relation to American cultures. Satisfies an advanced theology requirement for MDiv or MTS students. Prerequisite: TE 500.

TE 624 Feminist Theology **3 hrs.**
An exploration of the rich variety of theological writings by feminists, womanists, and other liberationist women writers that has emerged since 1960 with a view toward assessing their critical and constructive import for Christian thought and practice. Satisfies an advanced theology requirement for MDiv or MTS students. Prerequisite: TE 500.

TE 625 Comparative Theologians **3 hrs.**
A study of several theologians exploring a specific theme, doctrine, or genre. Selected figures may or may not be related to a specific socio-historical context. Satisfies an advanced theology requirement for MDiv or MTS students. Prerequisite: TE 500.

TE 626 The Theology and Ethics of Martin Luther King, Jr. **3 hrs.**
This course is an examination of the salient themes in the theology and ethics of Martin Luther King, Jr. Through careful reading of sermons, speeches, essays and books, students will identify and assess King's theological and ethical understanding of concepts such as justice, freedom, love, human dignity and nonviolent protest, to name only a few. Particular attention will be given to King's important leadership role in the Civil Rights movement and the ways this movement shaped and was shaped by his theology and ethics. Satisfies an advanced theology requirement for MDiv or MTS students. Prerequisite: TE 500.

TE 627 Black and Womanist Theologies**3 hrs.**

An investigation of the major themes and methods of African-American theologians whose theological and ethical positions are grounded in the experience, concerns, and needs of Black people. Satisfies an advanced theology requirement for MDiv or MTS students. Prerequisite: TE 500.

HS 550 Introduction to Christian Theologies of Religions**3 hrs.**

An introduction to contemporary options for a Christian theology of religions, contrasting understandings of global mission, past and present, and critical issues in interreligious dialogue. Prerequisite: TE 500. Satisfies an advanced theology or CC requirement for MDiv or MTS students.

TE 642 Seminar in Theology**3 hrs.**

A seminar on a selected theological theme, theologian, or school of theology. May be repeated with different topics. Satisfies an advanced theology requirement for MDiv or MTS students. Prerequisite: TE 500.

TE 690 Research in Theology**1-3 hrs.**

Advanced individual research on selected topics. Offered on request only to advanced students

Ethics**TE 512 Ethics, Culture, and the Mission of the Church****3 hrs.**

An introduction to ethical reflection as a practice of cultural analysis. The churches' mission in the world will be considered in relation to the ethical challenges presented by the new media, bioethics, globalization, religious pluralism, race, sexuality, and other issues. Prerequisite: TE 500.

TE 514 Theological Ethics**3 hrs.**

An introductory exploration of moral decision making within a theological context. Attention will be given to the major schools of ethical theory, a range of case studies, and discussion of professional clergy ethics. Prerequisite: TE 500.

TE 516 Ministry and Medical Ethics**3 hrs.**

An introduction to medical ethics that helps religious leaders prepare for supporting persons facing important decisions in clinical settings. Attention is given to critical issues in medical ethics in relation to theological themes such as suffering, healing, hope, finitude, vulnerability, responsibility, community, moral reasoning, moral uncertainty, and issues of accessibility. Prerequisite: TE 512

TE 629 Theology and Autobiography**3 hrs.**

The course explores how and why the autobiographies of theologians are among their most compelling theological texts. Prerequisite: TE 500. May be repeated with different topics.

TE 688 Seminar in Ethics**3 hrs.**

An advanced seminar on a selected theological ethicist, problem, or theme in Christian ethics. Prerequisite: TE 500. May be repeated with different topics.

TE 692 Research in Ethics**1-3 hrs.**

Advanced individual research on selected issues. Prerequisite: TE 500. Offered on request only to advanced students.

DIVISION V: PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

Goals

Courses in the division of Practical Theology course require students to demonstrate a beginning proficiency in the area of practical wisdom for ministry.

The courses required for graduation in the division of Practical Theology seek: (a) the development of practices of ministry that demonstrate imaginative, integrative use of the theological curriculum; (b) the ability to articulate vocational identity as preacher, teacher, leader; (c) the ability to exhibit knowledge of, and engagement with, Christian practices that are rooted in the praxis of God and that exhibit the love, mercy, peace and justice of God in the world; and (d) the development of leadership skills for faith communities and institutions of care.

Preaching

PT 500 Introduction to Preaching **3 hrs.**

A practical theological introduction to Christian preaching. The course explores the issues and dynamics of preaching, as well as the practices that support preaching. Class size is limited. Prerequisites: HB 500, NT 500 and TE 500, or permission of instructor.

PT 604 Advanced Preaching Workshop **3 hrs.**

Advanced workshop that focuses on homiletic models and methods with primary focus on crisis preaching, preaching difficult texts, and preaching as spiritual direction. Class size is limited. Prerequisite: PT 500.

PT 610 Seminar in Preaching **1-3 hrs.**

Advanced study focusing on an issue, person, or practice in Christian preaching. Prerequisite: PT 500.

PT 611 Storytelling in Ministry **3 hrs.**

An introduction to the art of storytelling as it applies to the preaching and teaching ministries. Students will learn what storytelling is and is not, where to find a story, and how to learn a story. Grading is pass/fail. Class size is limited.

PT 613 Narrative Preaching **3 hrs.**

This course explores a sub-discipline of homiletics called "narrative preaching." Through preaching, reading, discussion, and analysis of one another's sermons the class will: discover and define what characterizes a 'narrative' sermon, come to an understanding of what methodologies are appropriate to create and preach "narrative" sermons, and use these characteristic methodologies to expand and deepen the students' preaching ministries. Prerequisites: PT 500. Class size is limited.

PT 684 Preaching the Lectionary **1 hr.**

Practical experience in developing exegetical skills and sermon ideas based on lectionary texts. May be repeated. A total of no more than 3 hours may be applied toward a certificate or master's degree program.

PT 690 Research in Preaching **1-3 hrs.**

Advanced individual research of selected issues. Offered on request only to advanced students. Prerequisite: PT 500.

Christian Education

PT 550 Educational Dimensions of Ministry

3 hrs.

The course: 1) provides practice in basic teaching, teacher training, and educational ministry-development skills, 2) looks broadly at ways congregations and other Christian ministries “teach,” 3) concludes with focused educational planning for each student’s current or envisioned ministry context.

PT 650 Theology of Christian Education

3 hrs.

A course that examines the theological rationale for Christian education as one dimension of the life and mission of the church and explores the interplay between theology and teaching/learning. Prerequisite: PT 550.

PT 655 Christian Education with Children

3 hrs.

After reviewing learning at various stages of childhood, students will consider the roles of children in the teaching ministries of congregations and other ministry contexts, examining various models of employing classroom space, time, outreach projects, peer teaching, and professional and/or volunteer staffs. Prerequisite: TE 500.

PT 656 Christian Education and Adult Transformation

3 hrs.

Through the study of various approaches to adult development, this course explores how teachers can engage in transformative, life-giving work with adult learners in various Christian ministry contexts. Prerequisite: TE 500.

PT 657 Christian Education with Youth

3 hrs.

The course will consider the unique gifts and needs of adolescents within Christian teaching ministries as well as pertinent biological and cultural factors. Students will examine different models of Christian ministry with youth. Prerequisite: TE 500.

PT 659 Practicum in Christian Education

3 hrs.

A course that emphasizes the practical application of Christian education theory in which a student gains practical experience under supervision of the professor in a setting where Christian education is practical or where a laboratory experience is possible. Prerequisite: PT 550.

PT 660 Teaching the Bible in the Congregation

3 hrs.

Relating biblical interpretation and teaching is a major task of ministry. This course surveys basic assumptions Christian education has made about the Bible, the effect of biblical theology on the nature of Christian education, and theories of instruction for teaching the Bible. The course will focus on the nature of interpretation from a developmental perspective and its implications for different age groups. Methodologies for teaching the Bible in the congregation will be demonstrated, analyzed, and evaluated. Prerequisite: TE 500.

PT 661 Seminar in Christian Education

3 hrs.

Advanced study of selected issues in Christian education. May be repeated with different topics. Prerequisite: PT 550.

PT 663 Human Development and Learning Styles

3 hrs.

This course is designed to enable those in ministry to identify stages of cognitive, moral, and faith development and to engage questions concerning learning through the human lifespan and multiple styles of learning. Prerequisite: TE 500.

PT 665 Christian Nurture and the New Cosmology

3 hrs.

A course that examines cosmology and its new story, how it may be intentionally related to the Hebrew story of creation and incorporated into the education of faith communities. Implications for Christian ministry and discipleship are examined as tools for creating curriculum and transformative learning are developed. Prerequisite: TE 500.

PT 693 Research in Christian Education **1-3 hrs.**
Advanced individual research on selected issues. Offered on request only to advanced students.
Prerequisite: PT 550.

Pastoral Leadership

PT 571 Vocation and Theology II: The Art and Practices of Ministry **3 hrs.**
An introduction to the formation of pastoral identity and imagination that shape all aspects of ministry, including the exercise of leadership, power, and authority; the implementation of administrative tasks; and the application of Christian wisdom and theology. Prerequisite: CD 502, TE 500, and completion of or concurrent enrollment in one SM course.

PT 572 Weddings, Funerals, and Other Occasions **1 hr.**
A consideration of issues surrounding the minister's role in planning and carrying out weddings, funerals, and other liturgical occasions including baptisms, christenings, reaffirmation of marriage vows, etc. Attention will be given to the pastoral care and liturgical aspects of working with families and congregations in times of crisis and change.

PT 671 Practices in Congregational Leadership **3 hrs.**
A survey of practices involved in leading a congregation, with special attention to processes for discerning a particular church's present and future mission, handling administrative tasks, and carrying out the ongoing integrative work in which such practices are shaped by theology and Christian tradition.
Prerequisite: PT 571.

PT 672 The Church and Evangelism **3 hrs.**
An exploration of biblical, historical, and theological perspectives on Christian evangelism that inform faithful ministry in the contemporary church.

PT 675 Multimedia and the Church **3 hrs.**
A consideration of the church's use of multimedia in worship, religious education, and outreach. Learners will be introduced to tools and techniques for developing compelling media.

PT 695 Discovering New Forms of Conflict Management **3 hrs.**
A course that explores aspects of human conflict and contemporary theories of constructive conflict management.

PT 696 Seminar in Pastoral Leadership **1-3 hrs.**
Study of selected practices necessary for leading communities of faith in areas such as stewardship, evangelism, and leadership development. May be repeated with different topics.

PT 697 Research in Pastoral Leadership **1-3 hrs.**
Advanced individual research in the area of church administration, focusing on a particular practice, topic, or author. Offered on request only to advanced students. Prerequisite: PT 571.

Pastoral Care and Counseling

PT 520 Care in Christian Communities **3 hrs.**
The purpose of this course is to help students understand in a more comprehensive and dynamic way practices of Christian care within their communities. Students will explore ways to analyze suffering and to identify resources within and outside of the church that contribute to the ability to offer care.

PT 561 Pastoral Counseling in the Parish **3 hrs.**
An exploration of issues, methods, and specific skills relevant to effective short-term pastoral counseling in the parish. Prerequisite: PT 520.

PT 565 Effective Hospital Ministry**3 hrs.**

A course designed to introduce students to healthcare ministry. The class gives students opportunities to practice basic skills of listening, praying and responding to the spiritual needs of the sick. Also, significant attention to theological reflection in the clinical environment will be the basis for better understanding the church's role in providing healing and supportive care. Through reading assignments, classroom instruction, and verbatim case studies students will gain the preliminary insights, knowledge and skills necessary for effective hospital ministry.

PT 566 Orientation to CPE**3 hrs.**

A course designed to introduce students who are interested in preparing for ministry as a chaplain in a clinical or health care setting. Class sessions will be held in a local hospital where students will conduct patient visits, receive didactic instruction, process written verbatim accounts of patient visits in a group setting, reflect theologically, psychologically, and socially on the meaning of human suffering through the lens of the clinical method of learning. Although the course does not constitute an actual unit of CPE training, significant exposure to the history, experiential learning process, and pastoral care unique to CPE will be presented as a way to help develop greater self-awareness, insight and effective skills for hospital ministry. Students will serve as volunteer chaplains while making visits with patients in the hospital. Students with previous CPE training are not eligible to enroll in this course. Certain hospital regulations and fees may be required.

PT 567 Death and Dying**3 hrs.**

This course explores the social, religious, and pastoral care issues that face dying persons, caregivers, and communities of faith at the end of life. Satisfies a CC requirement for M.Div. or M.T.S. students.

PT 624 Group Dynamics**3 hrs.**

Students will explore the dynamics of their religious communities, the differences and relationships between individual, small group, and large group dynamics, and the function and dynamics of worship. Class size is limited. Prerequisite: PT 520.

PT 625 Pastoral Care in Crisis Situations**3 hrs.**

This course addresses the definition and nature of crisis and the development of good care skills and effective communication in order that the student can handle crisis situations that persons in ministry face. Prerequisite: PT 520.

PT 689 Seminar in Pastoral Care and Counseling**1-3 hrs.**

Advanced study of selected issues in the understanding and practice of care and counseling. May be repeated with different topics.

PT 691 Research in Care and Counseling**1-3 hrs.**

Advanced individual research on selected issues in the understanding and practice of care. Offered on request only to advanced students. Prerequisite: PT 520.

Worship**PT 540 Theology and Practice of Public Worship****3 hrs.**

An introduction to liturgical theology, or the discipline of theological reflection on the words and actions of the church's worship, designed for students who will lead worship in communities of faith. While some attention is given to liturgy for occasional services, the primary focus will be on the people of God's regular Sunday worship. Prerequisite: TE 500.

PT 640 Seminar in Worship and Liturgy**3 hrs.**

Advanced study of selected issues in the areas of worship and liturgy. May be repeated with different topics. Prerequisite: PT 540.

PT 649 Worship Practicum**.5 hr.**

Students in this class are responsible for planning and evaluating the Seminary community's weekly services of worship. Regular attendance at the class and at worship is required. This class is offered tuition free, is graded pass/fail, and may be repeated. A total of no more than 3 hours may be applied toward a certificate or master's degree program.

PT 692 Research in Worship and Liturgy**1-3 hrs.**

Advanced individual research on selected issues in worship and liturgy. Offered on request only to advanced students. Prerequisite: PT 540.

DIVISION VI: GLOBAL REALITIES AND CROSS-CULTURAL ISSUES**Goals**

Students completing coursework in this division should be able to reflect on Christianity in the context of the general history of religions, utilizing research in the humanities and social sciences; to serve in church and society as a leader in the critical study of many of the contemporary global issues that are challenging our understandings of Christian faith and order; and to model for followers of Christ how to participate in the increasingly important interaction between Christians and people of other living faiths and ideologies.

History of Religions**HS 520 Contemporary World Religions****3 hrs.**

An introduction to comparative considerations in the study of religious myth, ritual, and community life, as well as to central doctrines and practices of major religious traditions of the world. Satisfies a CC requirement for MDiv or MTS students.

HS 521 Introduction to Contemporary Judaism**3 hrs.**

Students will study contemporary Jewish beliefs and practices. This course will include opportunities to worship and celebrate with the Tulsa Jewish community. Satisfies a CC requirement for MDiv or MTS students.

HS 522 Women and Religion**3 hrs.**

An exploration of the place and image of women in major religious traditions of the world. Emphasis is on current literature about religious reform, creation of alternative institutions, and new concepts of spirituality. Satisfies a CC requirement for MDiv or MTS students.

HS 524 Native Religions of North America**3 hrs.**

A religio-historical introduction to central beliefs and practices of native religious traditions of North America. Satisfies a CC requirement for MDiv or MTS students.

HS 525 Native Americans and Christianity**3 hrs.**

This course explores the contest of cultures between indigenous nations and Euro-American society in the religious arena. A survey of the patterns of conflict and confluence will follow the broad historical outline of developments drawing on social, military, and economic frames and using the tools of anthropology, history, sociology, and religious studies. Satisfies a CC requirement for MDiv or MTS students.

HS 526 Seminar in the History of Religions**3 hrs.**

Advanced study of particular religious traditions (e.g., Judaism, Islam, Buddhism) or of particular topics in the comparative study of religions. May be repeated with different topics.

HS 556 Research in the History of Religions**1-3 hrs.**

Advanced individual research on special problems in the history of religions. Offered on request only to advanced students.

Global Christianity, Christian Mission, and Interreligious Dialogue**HS 550 Introduction to Christian Theologies of Religions****3 hrs.**

An introduction to contemporary options for a Christian theology of religions, contrasting understandings of global mission, past and present, and critical issues in interreligious dialogue. Prerequisite: TE 500. Satisfies an advanced theology or CC requirement for MDiv or MTS students.

HS 552 Seminar in Global Christianity**3 hrs.**

A study of the history and current practices of selected Christian communities outside of North America. May be repeated with different topics.

HS 553 Christianity in Latin America**3 hrs.**

An historical survey from the Spanish Conquest to the present with attention to cultural expressions of religion; church/state relations, especially during the Revolutionary Period; and effects of Vatican II and Protestant missionary activities. Satisfies a CC requirement for MDiv or MTS students.

HS 554 Seminar in Interreligious Dialogue**3 hrs.**

A study of the history of selected interreligious encounters or the dynamics of particular interfaith dialogues in which contemporary Christians participate (e.g., Jewish-Christian, Muslim-Christian, Buddhist-Christian, Hindu-Christian). May be repeated with different topics. Satisfies a CC requirement for MDiv or MTS students.

HS 557 Research in the History of Christian Mission**1-3 hrs.**

Advanced individual research on special problems in the history of Christian mission. Offered on request only to advanced students.

Religion in the Arts and Humanities**CC 504 Biblical Issues and Modern Literature****3 hrs.**

A study of works of contemporary literature that take up theological concerns either explicitly or implicitly. Special attention will be given to how such themes or theological motifs are developed and function within the works, as well as how such literary texts contribute to contemporary theological reflection. Satisfies a CC requirement for MDiv or MTS students.

CC 505 Theological Themes in the Contemporary Novel**3 hrs.**

An exploration of how contemporary novels pose theological questions about, and prompt theological reflection upon, human and cultural experience in the late 20th and early 21st centuries. A variety of styles and sub-genres will be considered. Satisfies a CC requirement for MDiv or MTS students.

CC 520 Theological Issues in Films**3 hrs.**

A study of how films represent and create an American mythology. Students will learn how to view films critically and interpret their theological and religious significance. They will explore models for understanding the place of electronic media in our culture and theological responses to related issues. Satisfies a CC requirement for MDiv or MTS students.

CC 640 Seminar in Religion, the Arts and the Humanities**3 hrs.**

Advanced study in selected issues in Religion, the Arts and the Humanities. Satisfies a CC requirement for MDiv or MTS students. May be repeated with different topics.

CC 648 Research in Religion, the Arts, and the Humanities **1-3 hrs.**
Advanced individual research on selected issues. Offered on request only to advanced students. Satisfies a CC requirement for MDiv or MTS students.

CC 682 Religion and Politics **3 hrs.**
This course focuses on the presidential election and the midterm elections, which provide a fascinating backdrop for studying the interaction between religious and political discourse in the United States. While attending to the legal separation of church and state, the course will focus on the inevitable and intentional mixing of political and religious interests. In addition, the course will explore several specific theological interpretations of American public life. Satisfies a CC requirement for MDiv or MTS students.

Religion and the Social Sciences

CC 554 BorderLinks **3 hrs.**
A study trip that investigates the situation along the border between the United States and Mexico, the only place where the first world meets the third world. The course is offered in cooperation with BorderLinks of Tucson, Arizona and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. Transportation fee is required. Satisfies a CC requirement for MDiv or MTS students.

CC 683 Ministry in Urban Contexts **3 hrs.**
The approach of this course is an alternation of on-campus study and contextual observation and participation in selected centers of urban life. Issues are considered from an interdisciplinary stance with an overarching concern for effective structure-changing ministry and witness by all persons in the church. Satisfies a CC requirement for MDiv or MTS students.

CC 687 The Social World of Early Christianity **3 hrs.**
A social analysis of the origins and development of early Christianity utilizing historical and social scientific approaches, emphasizing a comparative study of literature, art, archaeology, and social institutions of the ancient world and their relation to the church's developing theology. Satisfies a CC requirement for MDiv or MTS students.

CC 689 Seminar in Religion and the Social Sciences **3 hrs.**
Specialized study of issues and approaches in the social scientific study of religion. May be repeated with different topics. Satisfies a CC requirement for MDiv or MTS students.

CC 690 Research in Religion and the Social Sciences **1-3 hrs.**
Specialized individual research on selected issues. Offered on request only to advanced students. Satisfies a CC requirement for MDiv or MTS students.

CC 695 Seminar in Christianity and Culture **3 hrs.**
Specialized study of selected issues in Christianity and culture. Satisfies a CC requirement for MDiv or MTS students. May be repeated with different topics.

CC 696 Research in Christianity and Culture **1-3 hrs.**
Specialized individual research on selected issues in Christianity and culture. Offered on request only to advanced students. Satisfies a CC requirement for MDiv or MTS students.