



Phillips Theological Seminary

Course Schedule
Fall 2010

(08-04-10)

I. FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION FOR CONTINUING STUDENTS

Continuing students applying for financial-need-based seminary tuition assistance after the introductory tuition assistance period or planning to apply for federal or state financial aid must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov by April 30, 2010 (May 3, 2010 with a \$75.00 late fee). New incoming student deadline for FAFSA application is June 25, 2010. **No FAFSAs from continuing students will be accepted after June 30, 2009.**

- Seminary tuition assistance, provided by PTS, whether in the form of an award, a scholarship, or financial-need-based tuition assistance, is renewable each year provided the student:
 - continues to meet the specific criteria for her/his award as listed in the catalog;
 - writes a thank-you letter to the donor(s) designated in the student's annual financial aid award letter by a deadline specified in a letter the student will receive from the Stewardship office;
 - maintains satisfactory academic progress by maintaining a 2.25 cumulative GPA. Students whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.25 will be placed on academic probation. Students may continue to receive seminary tuition assistance while on academic probation for up to two consecutive semesters. Those still on probation at the end of two consecutive semesters will lose eligibility for seminary tuition assistance until such time as they are removed from academic probation.
- Students receiving 100% tuition awards and scholarships must enroll in and complete at least 6 semester hours (excluding hours for which tuition is not charged) per semester, excluding summer. Eighty percent tuition awards and scholarships are not subject to the semester-hour minimum.
- Students receiving federal Stafford student loans must successfully complete at least six hours per semester and maintain a 2.25 cumulative GPA in order to maintain satisfactory academic progress for loan eligibility.
- Seminary tuition assistance is normally granted for no more than the total number of credit hours required in the degree or certificate program in which a student is enrolled. In exceptional circumstances a student may receive up to 3 additional semester hours of seminary tuition assistance.
- A student may receive one WD without seminary tuition assistance consequences. Credit hours taken beyond the allowable number of hours of seminary tuition assistance will be billed at full tuition.
- When a student receives a grade of "F" in a course, any seminary tuition assistance granted for that course must be returned to the seminary. The amount of tuition assistance given for that course will be posted to the student's account for the term in which the student is next enrolled and must be paid according to the financial agreements for that term.
- Seminary tuition assistance is subject to the time limits listed below. Degree-seeking students who need to temporarily withdraw from PTS may apply for a financial aid leave of absence (see PTS catalog for details) for up to one year, which, if approved, would extend their seminary tuition assistance time limit by the length of the leave.
 - C.G.T.S. students may receive tuition assistance for a maximum of six calendar years from time of first enrollment.
 - M.A.M.C. students may receive tuition assistance for four years in attendance from time of first enrollment. With approved financial aid leave of absence(s), the time may be extended to five years in attendance from time of first enrollment.
 - M.T.S. students may receive tuition assistance for four years in attendance from time of first enrollment. With approved financial aid leave of absence(s), the time may be extended to five years in attendance from time of first enrollment.
 - M.Div. students may receive tuition assistance for five years in attendance from time of first enrollment. With approved financial aid leave of absence(s), the time may be extended to six years in attendance from time of first enrollment. In exceptional circumstances, M.Div. students may appeal to continue seminary tuition assistance for longer than the five or six-year period. In all cases, after eight years in attendance from time of first enrollment, M.Div. students will no longer receive seminary tuition assistance.
- Students who anticipate using any of the various educational assistance programs under the GI Bill are reminded to report this information to the director of student financial aid at the time of enrollment. Students who receive these benefits are expected to pay charges at registration with reimbursement to follow in accordance with the specific form of educational assistance.

II. REGISTRATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CONTINUING STUDENTS

Continuing PTS students must register for Summer/Fall 2010 during April 6 – April 16, 2010. Continuing students who fail to register for Fall 2010 by the April 16 deadline may inconvenience their advisers and delay their own graduation. Having missed the primary registration period, they must wait until August 9, 2010. However, at that point, seniors in program have no special priority in limited enrollment courses. **Please note: In all cases, students whose accounts are in arrears must see Toni Imbler before they may begin the registration process.**

III. GENERAL ENROLLMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR ALL STUDENTS

- Your academic adviser will help you select the appropriate courses for the year. Most first-year courses are required courses, introducing you to the major areas of theological education. Depending on your background and the number of hours that you carry, your first-year program may include some elective hours.
- The primary decision you must make is the number of hours you will carry. This depends on your undergraduate record, your employment during the semester, your commuting time, etc. You must expect seminary courses to require considerably more of your time than undergraduate courses. Normally, PTS instructors expect you will spend three hours outside of class in reading and working on other assignments for every one hour in class. Reading assignments in many three-hour classes are approximately 100 pages of text per week.
- When a schedule of courses has been decided with your adviser, fill out an enrollment form. Enrollment forms must be complete, including the number of hours. If course by-pass forms need to be completed, they should be secured at this time.
- Independent Research: The request to register for an independent study must be filed in the seminary registrar's office with all appropriate signatures by the first day of the semester. Enrollment and Independent Research Forms must include the complete course number and title. Enrollment forms will not be processed without the Independent Research Form.
- Return your completed enrollment form(s) to the registrar after you have consulted with your adviser.
- Individuals motivated by a desire for personal growth rather than an accumulation of credit hours may audit selected credit courses at the greatly reduced cost of \$60.00 per credit hour. Auditors are allowed in most on campus courses, with permission of the instructor, if space permits. Auditors may not take online courses. See PTS catalog for audit policies.

Adding and Dropping Classes

- The Change of Enrollment Form for adding and dropping courses is available in the student commons or on the PTS website: <http://www.ptstulsa.edu>.
- A student may not add a course beyond the first week of a fall or spring semester, regardless of course schedule configuration (e.g., weekly, weekend, concentrated, arranged, online). In a January term, courses must be added at least three weeks prior to the beginning of the term, or in a summer term, at least three weeks prior to the beginning of the module in which the course is offered.
- The policy on dropping courses is as follows:
 - a) During the first three weeks of a fall or spring semester, or within the first 7 class contact hours in a January or summer term, courses may be dropped for any reason. No record appears on the transcript.
 - b) In the fourth through the eighth week of a fall or spring semester, or between 7 and 14 class contact hours in a January or summer term, courses may be dropped for any reason. The dropped courses will be listed on the transcript with a "WD" indicating withdrawal.
 - c) After the eighth week of a fall or spring semester, or after 14 class contact hours in a January or summer term, courses may be dropped with a grade of "WD" only for verified extenuating circumstances of a non-academic nature. A written petition, explaining the extenuating circumstances, must be presented to the dean. If that petition is granted, a "WD" will appear on the transcript. If the petition is not granted, the dean will notify both the student and the course instructor of the decision. The course instructor will assess the student's performance up to the date of the student's withdrawal, and a grade will be issued and will appear on the transcript. Students may appeal a negative decision by the dean to the Master's Committee.
- The policies for adding and dropping courses in a fall or spring semester apply equally to master's level students enrolled in all courses regardless of schedule configuration (e.g., weekly, weekend, concentrated, arranged, online).
- Because seminary courses that convene on several weekends during the semester or during a concentrated course week focus all class contact hours in a limited period of time, faculty will expect students to begin reading and working on other assignments prior to the first class session. Normally, they will also expect students to complete research and writing assignments after the date of the last class session. In other words, despite the concentrated schedule for class meetings, such seminary courses should be understood to require academic work throughout the entire semester. It is the responsibility of all students who register for such courses to contact the dean's office by the first day of the fall or spring semesters (or at least three weeks before the first class session of a January or summer term course) to obtain a course syllabus, which will specify assignments that must be completed prior to the first class session.
- Change of Enrollment forms will be processed the day they are received in the Registrar's Office. If you are unable to be on campus, you may use the following drop procedure:
 - a) To drop a course during the first three weeks of class you may fax your Change of Enrollment form to the registrar, 918-270-6411 or Email your request to the registrar, toni.imbler@ptstulsa.edu. Please include the reason for dropping the course. Requests to drop a course will not be taken over the telephone.
 - b) To drop a class after the third week, you must fill out a Change of Enrollment form, obtain proper signatures, and return the form to the Registrar's Office.
 - c) If you are unable to return for the semester, please notify the registrar and your adviser before classes start.

Enrollment Policies for New Distance Education Program

Phillips Theological Seminary has received approval from its primary accrediting agency, the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, to initiate a comprehensive distance education program. The new educational program, which began in the Fall 2009 semester, may include courses at off-campus extension sites via teleconferencing, but will feature especially online courses and utilize the Blackboard Learning System with which our faculty and students are already familiar.

The initiation of this new comprehensive program means that the seminary is listening to its constituencies and responding to expressed needs for increased access to its educational resources for preparing women and men for varied Christian ministries in church and society. PTS remains committed to maintaining on campus and online the high quality of its educational programming, with its emphasis on community and the spiritual formation of leaders for which the school is widely recognized.

In order to offer access to our resources for graduate theological education first to those who have not previously had such access because they work and live beyond a reasonable commuting distance, PTS will privilege enrollments in distance education courses by those students who must travel more than 150 miles one-way to campus. Following in order of precedence are students who need a course(s) for some extraordinary circumstance, those who need a course for graduation, and those with the earliest registration date as determined by the PTS registrar.

Online education requires particular tools. Our technology philosophy is to use the least bandwidth possible in order to make the education we offer accessible to the broadest number of potential students. Students should plan on having:

- A reliable computer, running an up-to-date operating system (e.g., Apple OS X, Windows XP, Vista or Windows 7);
- A Word processing program compatible with Microsoft Word 2003 and newer;
- Power Point or Keynote;
- Broadband internet access (strongly preferred, regardless of whether it is delivered by satellite, cable, or DSL)
- External speakers needed for adequate sound quality
- A webcam (preferred).

IV. CLASS ATTENDANCE POLICY

Class attendance and participation are important. All persons in the community are teachers and learners. Any student who misses 20% or more of the class contact hours for a course, for any reason, cannot pass or successfully audit that course. The intention of the policy is not to be punitive, but to recognize that students should retake courses for credit if they miss a significant number of the class contact hours. With regard to online courses, instructors will specify a minimum level of participation each week that will constitute the equivalent minimum number of contact hours required for a passing grade.

V. INFORMATION FOR THOSE REGISTERING FOR WEEKEND, CONCENTRATED, AND ONLINE COURSES

Students who register for weekend, concentrated, and online courses in the Fall 2010 semester should begin looking at the PTS Blackboard site in early August to see if course materials are available. If course information is not available by August 20, students should contact the instructor. Assignments for these courses are normally due prior to the first class session and after the final session. Booklists will be available on the PTS website by clicking on the 'virtual bookstore' icon.

VI. TUITION AND FEES FALL 2010

Tuition:	\$500.00 per hour minus any tuition assistance	Community Life Fee:	\$ 20.00
Audit:	\$ 60.00 per credit hour	General Fee:	6 hours or more - \$120.00; 5½ hours or less - \$90.00
Matriculation Fee:	\$ 50.00	Late Enrollment Fee:	\$ 35.00
Technology Fee:	\$ 75.00	Change of Enrollment Fee:	\$ 25.00 (drop/add after the first day of the semester: per slip)

TUITION REFUND SCHEDULE FOR THE FALL 2010 SEMESTER

This tuition refund policy applies equally to students enrolled in all courses regardless of schedule configuration (e.g., weekly, weekend, concentrated, arranged, online). Students receiving federal financial aid may be subject to a different refund policy. The refund policy is subject to change upon notification.

The following tuition refund schedule applies to course drops and withdrawals:

First week	August 30 – September 4, 2010	100%
Second week	September 6 – September 11, 2010	80%
Third week	September 13 – September 18, 2010	50%
Fourth week	After September 18, 2010	None

All fees are non-refundable after the first week. No refund for auditors.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE YOU ATTEND CLASS

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Tuition and fees are due in full the first week of the semester, although a deferred payment plan may be arranged. Students will be informed of payment options before the beginning of the Fall 2010 term. Students with account balances may not enroll. Students will be responsible for any costs incurred by the seminary in collecting delinquent student accounts.

Please mail payments to:

Phillips Theological Seminary
PTS Student Accounts
901 North Mingo Road
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74116-5612

VII. DISABILITIES POLICIES

Consistent with its mission to educate women and men for varied Christian ministries in church and society, Phillips Theological Seminary is committed to providing equal access to its programs of graduate professional education for all qualified students with learning, physical, medical, or psychological disabilities. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities. Accordingly, the Seminary aims to provide reasonable accommodation for qualified individuals with a disability to ensure their access and participation in Seminary programs.

Once admitted to PTS, but at least 6 weeks prior to matriculation, entering students requesting accommodations should petition the Office of the Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services for consideration. Current students should petition as early as possible, but at least 6 weeks prior to the beginning of the semester in which accommodations are requested. Later submission of documentation may result in a delay in implementing any accommodation plan. No documentation will result in a waiver of PTS admissions policies, expectations regarding acceptable behavior, or course objectives and requirements, including the attendance policy. For details, see “Disabilities: Policies and Procedures” in the 2010 catalog on the PTS website (www.ptstulsa.edu).

VIII. EMAIL REQUIREMENTS

Students are expected to maintain a student.ptstulsa.edu email account in order to facilitate communication and to access course information and assignments via the Internet. Students should check regularly for email sent by PTS faculty and staff.

IX. CAMPUS INFORMATION

Security Issues

- When a crime has occurred, members of the PTS community should contact campus security or the seminary receptionist. The police or other authorities should also be contacted. Local authorities can be reached as shown below.
 - a. Campus security—(918) 852-4930.
 - b. Emergency—911
 - c. Tulsa Police non-emergency—(918) 596-9222
 - d. Crisis Intervention—(918) 583-4357
 - e. Rape Hotline—(918) 744-RAPE (7273)
- In all situations where a crime may have occurred, especially those involving violence, timely reporting may be critical.
- While crime is not a major problem on campus, all members of the community are wise to take normal precautions of locking cars, keeping valuables with them at all times, and staying in well-lit areas.

Regarding Sexual Assault

The seminary relies on community and denominational educational programs to promote student awareness of rape and other forcible and non-forcible sex offenses. Additional information is available in the chaplain's office.

Should a sex offense occur on campus, seminary personnel will assist the student in notifying the proper authorities listed above, if requested by the student. Students should contact the Chaplain, Susanna Southard, at 918-270-6446 (office), or the Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services, Belva Brown Jordan, at 918-270-6420 (office). Counseling is available for victims of sex offenses.

X. STUDENT DIRECTORIES

Phillips Theological Seminary publishes an electronic directory of students every semester. In addition to name, home address, telephone numbers, email address, and degree information, PTS publishes a student's denomination in the student directory. Students must notify the registrar by September 7, 2010, if they do not wish to have any or all of this information, including denomination, listed in the directory. Changes in contact information must be reported immediately to the office of the registrar.

PTS does not provide the directory to individuals or organizations outside the seminary. Likewise, PTS students should respect the fact that directories and the information they contain are only intended to facilitate appropriate communication within the PTS community.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. Notification of these rights is printed annually in the PTS handbook which can be accessed at the seminary website www.ptstulsa.edu. Please contact Toni Wine Imbler, registrar, if you have questions about these rights or the PTS student directory.

XI. LOOKING AHEAD

In an effort to help students plan their course selections, we include below the following information on Spring 2011 offerings. While all advanced listings are subject to change, we hope this information assists students in looking ahead in their various courses of study.

Online Offerings will include

NT 650.05 Resurrection In Early Christianity

HS 550 Introduction to a Christian Theology of Religions (counts as upper-level theology)

PT 500 Introduction to Preaching

PT 520 Care in the Christian Community

CD 600 History of Christian Spirituality

SM 500 Reflections on Ministry Experiences

On Campus

Upper level Hebrew Bible

CD 620 Spirituality and Social Action

NT 510.01 The Synoptic Tradition, Scott (concentrated course week)

HS 502 History of Christianity I: Early to Medieval, Blue (4 weekends or concentrated)

Upper level theology

TE 500 Introduction to Theology

TE 512 Ethics, Culture, and the Mission of the Church

HS 532 United Methodist Doctrine

PT 571 Art and Practices of Ministry

The following courses will not be offered in the Spring 2011 semester:

TE 621: Vocation and Theology III: Constructive Theology

PT 550: Educational Dimensions of Ministry

NT 500: Introduction to New Testament

SPRING SEMESTER 2011

M-F	Jan 3-7	January Concentrated Course
Th	Jan 13	Orientation and registration
M	Jan 17	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Tu	Jan 25	First day of classes
Tu	Feb 1	Last day to add courses
W	Mar 9	Ash Wednesday service
M-F	Mar 14-18	Reading Week (OK spring break)
F	Mar 18	Last day for course withdrawals
M-F	Mar 21-25	Concentrated Course Week
M-F	Apr 18-22	Holy Week recess
Su	Apr 17	Palm Sunday
Su	Apr 24	Easter
M	Apr 25	Easter Holiday: no classes seminary closed
F	May 6	Grades due for graduating seniors
		Deadline for incomplete requests
Tu	May 10	Awards luncheon
F	May 13	Last day of classes
Sa	May 14	Commencement
F	May 20	Grades due for all students

PHILLIPS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Fall Semester 2010
Academic Course Offerings: Master's Level

Notations: Superscript number (shows credit hours); “r” (fulfills a requirement in some academic program); “o” (open to entering students); “p” (has prerequisites); “l” (limited enrollment); “s” (signature of instructor required)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
	8:00 – 8:20 a.m. Gathering of Community and Morning Prayer	8:00 – 8:20 a.m. Gathering of Community and Morning Prayer	8:00 – 8:20 a.m. Gathering of Community and Morning Prayer	<p style="text-align: center;">ONLINE COURSES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NT 500³ Introduction to the New Testament (ro) -Scott • CD 502A^{1.5} Vocation and Theology I: Introduction to Theological Education (ro) -Southard • HS 502³ History of Christianity I: Early and Medieval (ro) -Thompson • TE 500³ Introduction to Theology (rp) -Morice Brubaker • HS 530³ History and Polity of the Disciples of Christ (ro) -Imbler • SM 502¹ Leadership in Ministry (rpl) -Brewer • HS 673.08³ Makers of Christianity – 20th Century (p) -Blue • PT 696.06¹ Money, Faith, and Ministry (o) -Peluso-Verdend <p style="text-align: center;">CONCENTRATED COURSE F-F. OCT. 15-22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC 554³ Borderlinks (rols) -D. Pittman <p style="text-align: center;">CONCENTRATED COURSE M-F OCT. 11-15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NT 523³ Book of Revelation (rp) -N. Pittman <p style="text-align: center;">CONCENTRATED COURSE M-F OCT. 18-22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HS 673.07³ History of Preaching in the Black Church Tradition (ro) -Thomas
	8:30 – 11:15 a.m. HB 500 ³ Hebrew Bible (ro) -Davison	8:30 – 11:15 a.m. PT 550 ³ Educational Dimensions of Ministry (ro) -Kunz PT 500 ³ Introduction to Preaching (rpl) -Ward	8:30 – 11:15 a.m. PT 540 ³ Theology and Practice of Public Worship (rp) -Ward TE 600 ³ Doctrine of God (rp) -Morice Brubaker	
	11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Chapel and Lunch	11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Chapel and Lunch	11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Chapel and Lunch	
1:15 – 4:00 p.m. SM 500 ¹ Reflections on Ministry (rpl) (9/13, 10/18; 10/25, 11/15) -Penrose	1:15 – 4:00 p.m. PT 520 ³ Care in the Christian Community (ro) -Sharp	1:15 – 4:00 p.m. HB 650.07 ³ Contemporary Issues and Biblical Interpretation (rp) -Davison CD 640 ³ Celtic Christian Culture and Spirituality (o) -Fraser	1:15 – 4:00 p.m. HS 533 ³ United Methodist Polity (ro) -Lucky HS 538 ³ Presbyterian Polity (ro) -Freeman	
	4:15 – 5:15 p.m. PT 649 ⁵ Worship Practicum (o) -Curry CD 501 ⁵ Orientation to Theological Research (ol) -Powers, Southard	4:15 – 5:15 p.m. PT 649 ⁵ Worship Practicum (o) -Curry PT 684 ¹ Preaching the Lectionary (o) -N. Pittman	4:15 – 5:15 p.m. SM 503 ¹ Integrating Theory and Practice of Ministry (rpl) -Thomas CD 610.13 ¹ Spirituality: Fixed-Hour Prayer—Praying the Psalms (rol) -Curry	
	5:45 p.m. – 6:05 p.m. Evening Prayer	5:45 p.m. – 6:05 p.m. Evening Prayer	5:45 p.m. – 6:05 p.m. Evening Prayer	
	6:15 – 9:00 p.m. CD 502 ³ Theology and Vocation I: Intro. to Theological Education (ro) -Jordan	NO CLASSES	6:15 – 9:00 p.m. TE 621 ³ Vocation and Theology III: Constructive Theology (rp) -Bessler	

FALL 2010 COURSE OFFERINGS: Master's Level

Division I: Biblical Studies

Hebrew Bible

HB 500³ Introduction to the Hebrew Bible

Lisa Davison

HB 650.07³ Contemporary Issues and Biblical Interpretation

Lisa Davison

New Testament

NT 500³ Introduction to the New Testament

Brandon Scott

NT 523³ Book of Revelation

Nancy Claire Pittman

Division II: Historical Studies

HS 502³ History of Christianity I: Early and Medieval

Mike Thompson

HS 530³ History and Polity of the Disciples of Christ

John Imbler

HS 533³ United Methodist Polity

Grayson Lucky

HS 538³ Presbyterian Polity

Todd Freeman

HS 673.07³ History of Preaching in the Black Church Tradition

John L. Thomas

HS 673.08³ Makers of Christianity – 20th Century

Ellen Blue

Division III: Theology and Ethics

TE 500³ Introduction to Theology

Sarah Morice Brubaker

TE 600³ Doctrine of God

Sarah Morice Brubaker

TE 621³ Vocation and Theology III: Constructive Theology

Joe Bessler

Division IV: Christianity and Culture

CC 554³ Borderlinks

Don A. Pittman

Division V: Practical Theology

Preaching

PT 500³ Introduction to Preaching

Richard F. Ward

PT 684¹ Preaching the Lectionary

Nancy Claire Pittman

Christian Education

PT 550³ Educational Dimensions of Ministry

Sandra Costen Kunz

Pastoral Care and Counseling

PT 520³ Care in the Christian Community

Mindy McGarrah Sharp

Pastoral Leadership

PT 696.06¹ Money, Faith, and Ministry

Gary Peluso-Verdend

Worship

PT 540³ Theology and Practice of Public Worship

Richard F. Ward

PT 649⁵ Worship Practicum

Sheri Curry

Supervised Ministries

SM 500¹ Reflections on Ministry Experiences

Leslie Penrose

SM 502¹ Leadership in Ministry
SM 503¹ Integrating the Theory and Practice of Ministry

Rick Brewer
John Thomas

Division VI: Cross Disciplinary Studies

CD 501⁵ Introduction to Theological Research
CD 502³ Vocation and Theology I: I.T.E.
CD 502A^{1,5} Vocation and Theology I: I.T.E.
CD 610.13¹ Seminar in Spirituality: Fixed-Hour Prayer—Praying the Psalms
CD 640³ Celtic Christian Culture and Spirituality

Clair Powers
Belva Brown Jordan
Susanna Weslie Southard
Sheri Curry
Mady Fraser

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS FOR FALL 2010 COURSES

Biblical Studies

Hebrew Bible

HB 500: Introduction to the Hebrew Bible (3 hrs.)

An introduction to the literature and thought of the Hebrew scriptures set within the social worlds of Israel and the ancient Near East. The survey primarily covers Genesis-Kings and emphasizes social-scientific and narrative analysis of biblical texts.

Instructor: Lisa W. Davison, Johnnie Eargle Cadieux Professor of Hebrew Bible, PTS.

HB 650.07: Contemporary Issues and Biblical Interpretation (3 hrs.)

This course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to develop skills that will be useful in leading their congregations/constituents in the study and discussion of difficult issues facing the Church in the 21st century. Students will learn about new exegetical and hermeneutical approaches to the study of the Bible. They will sharpen their exegetical abilities and develop their own hermeneutical approach for reading/interpreting biblical texts. This knowledge, along with an understanding of Christian ethics, will be applied to a variety of contemporary issues (e.g., Creationism/Evolution/Intelligent Design, Stem Cell Research, Immigration, Human Sexuality, etc.). Prerequisite: HB 500. This course satisfies an advanced HB requirement.

Instructor: Lisa W. Davison, Johnnie Eargle Cadieux Professor of Hebrew Bible, PTS.

New Testament

NT 500: Introduction to New Testament (3 hrs.)

A basic introduction to the content and theology of the New Testament. An online course. Class size is limited.

Instructor: Brandon Scott, the Darbeth Distinguished Professor of New Testament, PTS.

NT 523: 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. The course meets M-F Oct. 11-15, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 1:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Instructor: Nancy Claire Pittman, Associate Professor of the Practice of Ministry and Director of the Doctor of Ministry program, PTS.

Historical Studies

Church History

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. An online course. Class size is limited.

Instructor: Mike Thompson, Adjunct Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK.

HS 673.07: History of Preaching in the Black Church Tradition (3 hrs.)

A survey course of Black Preaching in its historical, social, and religious context. Attention will be given to defining within such preaching a specific “Black Hermeneutic” that explains its unique style, methodology, theology, and contribution to the general practice of preaching. Through special readings, listening, and experiencing Black preaching, students should be able to identify its essential distinguishing characteristics, describe its historical context, and learn to appreciate its socio-theological methodology. The course meets M-F Oct. 18-22, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 1:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Satisfies a CC requirement.

Instructor: John Thomas, Assistant Professor of Practical Theology, Associate Dean for Contextual Education and Church Relations, and Director of Supervised Ministries at PTS.

HS 673.08: Makers of Christianity – 20th Century (3 hrs.)

Students will examine the lives and contributions of some of the people in the history of 20th century Christianity, primarily through the medium of biographies and/or autobiographies. Prerequisites: HS 504. An online course. Class size is limited.

Instructor: Ellen Blue, Mouzon Biggs, Jr. Associate Professor of the History of Christianity and United Methodist Studies, PTS.

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. An online course. Class size is limited.

Instructor: John Imbler, the Stephen J. England Associate Professor of the History of Christianity and Disciples Studies, PTS.

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.

Instructor: Grayson Lucky, Senior Minister, Nichols Hills United Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, OK.

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).

Instructor: Todd Freeman, Minister, College Hill Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, OK.

Theology and Ethics

TE 500: Introduction to 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. Prerequisites: Either HB 500, NT 500, HS 502, or HS 504. An online course. Class size is limited.

Instructor: Sarah Morice Brubaker, Instructor in Theology, PTS.

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 M.Div. or M.T.S. students. Prerequisite: NT 500 and TE 500.

Instructor: Sarah Morice Brubaker, Instructor in Theology, PTS.

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 the basic doctrines of the faith. Prerequisite: NT 500, TE 500, PT 571, plus an additional advanced course in Theology approved by the division.

Instructor: Joe Bessler, the Robert Travis Peake Associate Professor of Theology, PTS.

Christianity and Culture

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. This course is offered in cooperation with BorderLinks of Tucson, Arizona. The seminary pays program fees and subsidizes roundtrip airfare, which must be negotiated with airlines each fall. However, students will be responsible for a portion of the transportation expenses. Pre-trip assignments and a post-trip meeting will be arranged. The group will depart from Tulsa on Oct. 15 and return Oct. 22. Satisfies a CC requirement. Class size is limited to 9 students.

Instructor: Don A. Pittman, Dean and the William Tabbernee Professor of the History of Religions, PTS

Practical Theology

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. Prerequisites: HB 500, NT 500, and TE 500. Class size is limited.

Instructor: Richard F. Ward, the Fred B. Craddock Associate Professor of Homiletics and Worship, PTS.

PT 684: Preaching the Lectionary (1 hr.)

Practical experience in developing exegetical skills and sermon ideas based on lectionary texts. May be repeated up to three times. Each time contributes one semester hour toward a 3 semester hour advanced PT course requirement for students matriculating July 1, 2007 or after.

Instructor: Nancy Claire Pittman, Associate Professor of the Practice of Ministry and Director of the Doctor of Ministry program, PTS.

Christian Education

PT 550: Educational Dimensions of Ministry (3 hrs.)

A basic course that provides an opportunity to explore educational aspects of ministry. Attention will be given to teaching/learning, particular models of education, and the assumptions of these models. Students will be encouraged to reflect on, analyze, and develop a vision of educational practice in ministry.

Instructor: Sandra Costen Kunz, Assistant Professor of Educational Ministries, PTS.

Pastoral Care and Counseling

PT 520: Care in the Christian Community (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.

Instructor: Mindy McGarrh Sharp, Assistant Professor of Congregational Care and Ethics, PTS.

Pastoral Leadership

PT 696.06: Money, Faith, and Ministry (1 hr.)

Everyone has a relationship with money. Every religious leader, congregation, and non-profit has a relationship with money. How should we think about, talk about, and act within that relationship? This course will help students to reflect critically upon their relationship with money and to build conversation skills on talking about money in faith-based communities.

Instructor: Gary Peluso-Verdend, President and Associate Professor of Practical Theology, PTS.

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.

Instructor: Richard F. Ward, the Fred B. Craddock Associate Professor of Homiletics and Worship, PTS.

PT 649: Worship Practicum (.5 hr.)

Students in this class are responsible for planning and evaluating the weekly seminary community worship. Regular attendance of class and worship are required. This class is offered tuition free, is graded pass/fail, and may be repeated. A total of no more than three hours may be applied toward the M.Div. or M.A.M.C. degree program.

Instructor: Sheri Curry, (M.Div. PTS), Director of Seminary Worship and Chapel, PTS.

Supervised Ministries**SM 500: Reflections on Ministry Experiences (1 hr.)**

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 the required paperwork to the director of supervised ministries. The course meets four Mondays, (9/13, 10/18, 10/25, & 11/15), 1:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Leslie Penrose is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and director of ministerial formation for UCC students at PTS.

SM 502: Leadership in Ministry (1 hr.)

Students serving in ministry sites will consider the personal, social, and ecclesial dynamics of assuming their roles as pastoral leaders. Class size is limited. Prerequisites: CD 502, TE 500, and submission of the required paperwork to the director of supervised ministries. An online course. Class size is limited.

Instructor: Rick Brewer, Minister, Christ Church, Tulsa.

SM 503: Integrating the Theory and Practice of Ministry (1 hr.)

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: two semesters of supervised ministries for M.Div. students, one semester for M.A.M.C. students, and submission of the required paperwork to the director of supervised ministries.

Instructor: John Thomas, Assistant Professor of Practical Theology, Associate Dean for Contextual Education and Church Relations and Director of Supervised Ministries at PTS.

Cross Disciplinary**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.

Instructors: Clair Powers, Technical Services/Reference Librarian, PTS and Susanna Southard, Instructor of Hebrew Bible, PTS.

CD 502: Vocation and Theology I: Introduction to Theological Education (3 hrs. on campus version)

A “rite of passage” course that provides an orientation for new M.Div., M.A.M.C., and M.T.S. students to the culture, values, and people of the seminary community. The course is required for these students within the first 13 hours of their academic programs and before enrollment in supervised ministries. On campus 3 credit hour version.

Instructor: Belva Brown Jordan, Instructor in Ministry Studies and Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services, PTS.

CD 502A: Vocation and Theology I: Introduction to Theological Education (1.5 hrs. online version)

A “rite of passage” course that provides an orientation for new M.Div., M.A.M.C., and M.T.S. students to the culture, values, and people of the seminary community. The course is required for all these students within the first 13 hours of their academic programs and before enrollment in supervised ministries. Online 1.5 credit hour version. Students must also complete CD 502B in order to satisfy the required 3 semester hours in Vocation and Theology I. An online course. Class size is limited.

Instructor: Susanna Southard, Instructor of Hebrew Bible, PTS.

CD 610.13: Spirituality: Fixed-Hour Prayer—Praying the Psalms (1 hr.)

This course explores the rhythm, history, and spiritual discipline of the most ancient of Christian traditions as it applies to both congregational and personal ministry in the 21st century. Enrollment is limited to 10 students.

Instructor: Sheri Curry, (M.Div. PTS), Director of Seminary Worship and Chapel, PTS.

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. Satisfies a CC requirement.

Instructor: Mady Fraser, Assistant Professor of Spirituality, PTS.

FALL SEMESTER 2010

Th	Aug 26	Orientation and registration for master's level students
M	Aug 30	First day of classes
M	Sep 6	Labor Day Holiday
Tu	Sep 7	Last day to add courses
M-F	Oct 11-15	Concentrated Course Week
F-F	Oct 15-22	BorderLinks Study Trip
M-F	Oct 18-22	Concentrated Course Week
F	Oct 22	Last day for course withdrawals
Tu	Oct 26	Registration for Spring 2011 begins
F	Nov 12	Registration for Spring 2011 ends
Sa-Tu	Oct 30-Nov 2	AAR / Atlanta
Sa-Tu	Nov 20-23	SBL
M-F	Nov 22-26	Thanksgiving recess (seminary closed Wed-Fri)
W	Dec 1	Deadline for applications for admission for Spring 2011 Deadline for new student financial aid applications
F	Dec 10	Deadline for incomplete requests
F	Dec 17	Last day of classes
Th	Dec 23	Term grades due