



Phillips Theological Seminary

Course Schedule  
Fall 2008

(06-09-08)

## 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](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) by May 30, 2008 (June 6, 2008 with a \$50.00 late fee). **No FAFSAs from continuing students will be accepted after June 30, 2008.**

- 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 retakes a course in which s/he previously received a grade of F, no seminary tuition assistance will be provided for the course and the student will be billed full tuition for the course. Hours of F received in any course(s) which the student chooses not to retake will still count toward the student's allowable number of hours of seminary tuition assistance.
- 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 Fall 2008 between March 31 – April 11, 2008.** Continuing students who fail to register for Fall 2008 by the April 11 deadline may inconvenience their advisers and delay their own graduation. Having missed the primary registration period, they must wait until August 19-20, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 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 Linda Ashlock 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.
- Supervised Ministry Courses: Students **must** get the approval of the Director of Supervised Ministries to enroll in **any** supervised ministry course.
- 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 \$90.00 per credit hour. Auditors are allowed in most courses, with permission of the instructor and the dean, if space permits. See PTS catalog for audit policies.

### **Adding and Dropping Classes**

- Forms for adding and dropping courses are available in the registrar's office 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.
- Drop 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 drop request to the registrar, 918-270-6411 or Email your request to the registrar, [linda.ashlock@ptstulsa.edu](mailto:linda.ashlock@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.

#### 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.

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

Students who register for weekend, concentrated, and online courses in the Fall 2008 semester should begin looking at the PTS Blackboard (<http://fishersnet.blackboard.com>) site in early August to see if course materials are available. If course information is not available by August 15, students should contact the instructor. Assignments for these courses are normally due prior to the first class session and after the final session.

#### VI. TUITION AND FEES FALL 2008

<b>Tuition:</b>	\$485.00 per hour minus any tuition assistance	<b>Community Life Fee:</b>	\$ 8.00 per hour, max. \$20.00
<b>Audit:</b>	\$ 90.00 per hour	<b>General Fee:</b>	6 hours or more - \$120.00; 5½ hours or less - \$90.00
<b>Matriculation Fee:</b>	\$ 25.00	<b>Late Enrollment Fee:</b>	\$ 25.00
<b>Technology Fee:</b>	\$ 50.00 per semester	<b>Background Check Fee:</b>	\$ 35.00 (one time fee)

**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.**

#### TUITION REFUND SCHEDULE FOR THE SPRING 2008 SEMESTER (includes weekend and concentrated courses)

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

First week	August 25 – September 2, 2008	100% (less \$25.00 withdrawal fee)
Second week	September 3 – September 9, 2008	80%
Third week	September 10 – September 16, 2008	50%
Fourth week	After September 16, 2008	None

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

#### **FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE BEFORE YOU ATTEND CLASS**

#### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Tuition and fees are due in full at the time of enrollment, although a deferred payment plan may be arranged. Under the terms of the deferred payment plan, a minimum of 25% of the tuition, less seminary tuition assistance, plus fees for the current term, plus any past-due balance must be paid at the time of enrollment. The balance must be paid in full during the semester or summer term, according to a specified schedule. No service charge will accrue on accounts paid in compliance with deferred payment schedules. However, A finance charge of 1.5% (18% annual percentage rate) on past due accounts will be assessed monthly. Students will be responsible for any costs incurred by the seminary in collecting delinquent accounts.

Students with delinquent accounts may not enroll, nor may they receive a diploma or a transcript until the account is paid in full.

**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 2007-2008 catalog on the PTS website ([www.ptstulsa.edu](http://www.ptstulsa.edu)).

## **VIII. EMAIL REQUIREMENTS**

Students are expected to maintain an 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. Moreover, they should immediately report changes in contact information to the office of the registrar.

## **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, Mady Fraser, at 918-270-6447 (office) or 918-493-5023 (home), 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**

PTS publishes a directory of students every semester. Directory information includes name, home address, home and work phone numbers, email, fax number, and degree program. Students must notify the registrar by September 2, 2008 if they do not wish to have any or all of this information listed in the directory. Changes in contact information must be reported immediately to the office of the registrar.

Students must sign a mandatory release form giving permission for their denominations to be listed in the student directory and for the registrar to release specific information to appropriate denominational representatives. The release form must be returned to the registrar no later than September 2, 2008. 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.

**PHILLIPS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**  
**Fall Semester 2008**  
**Academic Course Offerings: Master's Level**

**Notations:** Superscript number (shows credit hours); “r” (fulfills a requirement in some academic programs; consult course descriptions and degree requirements); “o” (open to entering students); “p” (has prerequisites); “l” (limited enrollment); “s” (signature of instructor required).

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL COURSES</b>
	<b>8:00 – 8:20 a.m.</b> Gathering of Community and Morning Prayer	<b>8:00 – 8:20 a.m.</b> Gathering of Community and Morning Prayer	<b>8:00 – 8:20 a.m.</b> Gathering of Community and Morning Prayer	<b>Online Courses</b>
	<b>8:30 – 11:15 a.m.</b> PT 520 <sup>3</sup> Care in the Christian Community (ro) -Bidwell	<b>8:30 – 11:15 a.m.</b> PT 500 <sup>3</sup> Introduction to Preaching (rpls) -Northcutt  NT 512 <sup>3</sup> The Gospel of Luke (rp) -Smith	<b>8:30 – 11:15 a.m.</b> PT 540 <sup>3</sup> Theology and Practice of Public Worship (rpls) -Northcutt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NT 500<sup>3</sup> Introduction to the New Testament (rols) (on-campus evening session: 8/21) -Scott</li> <li>• TE 500<sup>3</sup> Introduction to Theology (rpls) (on-campus evening sessions: 8/25 &amp; 9/8) -Joh</li> </ul>
	<b>11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b> Chapel and Lunch	<b>11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b> Chapel and Lunch	<b>11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b> Chapel and Lunch	<b>Weekend Courses</b>
	<b>1:00 – 2:15 p.m.</b> PT 649 <sup>5</sup> Worship Practicum (o) -Curry  HB 645 <sup>1</sup> Hebrew Readings (p) -Southard  PT 689.20 <sup>1</sup> Practicum in Listening For Ministry (p) -Bidwell  CD 501 <sup>5</sup> Orientation to Theological Research (ol) -Powers, Smith	<b>1:00 – 2:15 p.m.</b> PT 649 <sup>5</sup> Worship Practicum (o) -Curry  NT 645 <sup>1</sup> Greek Readings (p) -Smith  CD 610.11 <sup>1</sup> Spirituality: Women’s Perspectives (ol) -Fraser	<b>1:00 – 2:15 p.m.</b> PT 649 <sup>5</sup> Worship Practicum (o) -Curry  SM 503 <sup>1</sup> Integrating Theory and Practice of Min. (rpls) -Thomas  PT 684 <sup>1</sup> Preaching the Lectionary (o) -N. Pittman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HS 502<sup>3</sup> History of Christianity I: Early and Medieval (ro) (9/5-6, 10/10-11, 11/14-15 &amp; 12/5-6) -Thompson</li> <li>• TE 688.07<sup>3</sup> The Christian Ethics of Reinhold Niebuhr and H. Richard Niebuhr (p) (9/5-6, 10/3-4, 11/14-15 &amp; 12/12-13) -Owens</li> </ul>
<b>2:30 – 5:15 p.m.</b> SM 500 <sup>1</sup> Reflections on Ministry & SM 504-1 <sup>1</sup> MAMC Supervision in Ministry (rpls) (9/8, 9/29, 10/13, & 11/17) -Penrose	<b>2:30 – 5:15 p.m.</b> PT 550 <sup>3</sup> Educational Dimensions of Ministries (ro) -Kunz  NT 642 <sup>3</sup> New Testament Greek I (o) -Smith	<b>2:30 – 5:15 p.m.</b> PT 671 <sup>3</sup> Practices in Congregational Leadership (rp) -N. Pittman  PT 656 <sup>3</sup> Transforming Adults Through Christian Education (ro) -Kunz	<b>2:30 – 5:15 p.m.</b> HS 531 <sup>3</sup> United Methodist History (ro) -Lucky  NT 650.05 <sup>3</sup> Resurrection in Early Christianity (rp) -Scott	<b>Saturday Only Course</b>
	<b>5:45 p.m. – 6:05 p.m.</b> Evening Prayer	<b>5:45 p.m. – 6:05 p.m.</b> Evening Prayer	<b>5:45 p.m. – 6:05 p.m.</b> Evening Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CD 610.06<sup>1</sup> Spirituality: The Labyrinth (ol) (9/27 &amp; 11/22) -Fraser</li> </ul>
<b>6:15 – 9:00 p.m.</b> CD 502 <sup>3</sup> Vocation and Theology I: Intro. to Theological Education for Ministry (ro) -Fraser	<b>6:15 – 9:00 p.m.</b> HB 500 <sup>3</sup> Introduction to the Hebrew Bible (ro) -Southard	<b>6:15 – 9:00 p.m.</b> SM 502 <sup>1</sup> Leadership in Ministry & SM 504-2 <sup>1</sup> MAMC Supervision in Ministry (rpls) (8/27, 9/17, 10/15 & 11/19) -Brewer  TE 642.15 <sup>3</sup> Religion and Politics (rp) -Bessler	<b>6:15 – 9:00 p.m.</b> TE 621 <sup>3</sup> Vocation and Theology III: Constructive Theology (rp) -Bessler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CC 554<sup>3</sup> Borderlinks (rols) D. Pittman</li> <li>• <b>Concentrated Courses M-F Oct. 27-31</b></li> <li>• PT 689.19<sup>3</sup> Pastoral Responses to Suicide (rpl) -Bidwell</li> </ul>
				<b>OKC Friday Only Course</b>
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CC 683<sup>3</sup> Ministry in Urban Contexts (ro) (9/5, 9/26, 10/3, 11/14, &amp; 12/5) -Young</li> </ul>
				<b>OKC Weekend Course</b>
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HS 518<sup>3</sup> Christianity in the United States (ro) (9/12-13, 10/10-11, 11/7-8 &amp; 12/12-13) -Imbler</li> </ul>

## **FALL 2008 COURSE OFFERINGS: Master's Level**

### **Division I: Biblical Studies**

#### ***Hebrew Bible***

**HB 500<sup>3</sup>** Introduction to the Hebrew Bible

Susanna Southard

**HB 645<sup>1</sup>** Hebrew Readings

Susanna Southard

#### ***New Testament***

**NT 500<sup>3</sup>** Introduction to the New Testament

Brandon Scott

**NT 512<sup>3</sup>** The Gospel of Luke

Dennis Smith

**NT 650.05<sup>3</sup>** Resurrection in Early Christianity

Brandon Scott

**NT 642<sup>3</sup>** New Testament Greek I

Dennis Smith

**NT 645<sup>1</sup>** Greek Readings

Dennis Smith

### **Division II: Historical Studies**

**HS 502<sup>3</sup>** History of Christianity I: Early and Medieval

Mike Thompson

**HS 518<sup>3</sup>** Christianity in the United States

John Imbler

**HS 531<sup>3</sup>** United Methodist History

Grayson Lucky

### **Division III: Theology and Ethics**

**TE 500<sup>3</sup>** Introduction to Theology

Anne Joh

**TE 621<sup>3</sup>** Vocation and Theology III: Constructive Theology

Joe Bessler

**TE 642.15<sup>3</sup>** Religion and Politics

Joe Bessler

**TE 688.07<sup>3</sup>** The Christian Ethics of Reinhold Niebuhr and H. Richard Niebuhr

Ray Owens

### **Division IV: Christianity and Culture**

**CC 554<sup>3</sup>** Borderlinks

Don A. Pittman

**CC 683<sup>3</sup>** Ministry in Urban Contexts

George Young

### **Division V: Practical Theology**

#### ***Preaching***

**PT 500<sup>3</sup>** Introduction to Preaching

Kay Northcutt

**PT 684<sup>1</sup>** Preaching the Lectionary

Nancy Claire Pittman

#### ***Christian Education***

**PT 550<sup>3</sup>** Educational Dimensions of Ministry

Sandra Costen Kunz

**PT 656<sup>3</sup>** Transforming Adults Through Christian Education

Sandra Costen Kunz

#### ***Pastoral Care and Counseling***

**PT 520<sup>3</sup>** Care in the Christian Community

Duane Bidwell

**PT 689.19<sup>3</sup>** Pastoral Responses to Suicide

Duane Bidwell

**PT 689.20<sup>1</sup>** Practicum in Listening for Ministry

Duane Bidwell

#### ***Pastoral Leadership***

**PT 671<sup>3</sup>** Practices in Congregational Leadership

Nancy Claire Pittman

### *Worship*

**PT 540<sup>3</sup>** Theology and Practice of Public Worship

**PT 649<sup>5</sup>** Worship Practicum

Kay Northcutt

Sheri Curry

### **Supervised Ministries**

**SM 500<sup>1</sup>** Reflections on Ministry Experiences

**SM 502<sup>1</sup>** Leadership in Ministry

**SM 503<sup>1</sup>** Integrating the Theory and Practice of Ministry

**SM 504-01<sup>1</sup>** MAMC Supervision in Ministry

**SM 504-02<sup>1</sup>** MAMC Supervision in Ministry

Leslie Penrose

Rick Brewer

John Thomas

Leslie Penrose

Rick Brewer

### **Division VI: Cross Disciplinary Studies**

**CD 501<sup>5</sup>** Introduction to Theological Research

**CD 502<sup>3</sup>** Vocation and Theology I: I.T.E.M.

**CD 610.06<sup>1</sup>** Seminar in Spirituality: The Labyrinth

**CD 610.11<sup>1</sup>** Seminar in Spirituality: Women's Perspectives

Clair Powers and Dennis Smith

Mady Fraser

Mady Fraser

Mady Fraser

## **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS FOR FALL 2008 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. Class size is limited.

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

**HB 645: Hebrew Readings** (1 hr.)

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.

Instructor: Susanna Southard, Instructor 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 requiring one on-campus session 8/21, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Class size is limited to 20.

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

**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. Satisfies an advanced NT requirement.

Instructor: Dennis Smith, the LaDonna Kramer Meinders Professor of New Testament, PTS.

**NT 650.05: Resurrection in Early Christianity** (3 hrs.)

The term resurrection has come to stand for what Christianity is about. But when examined critically, its meaning is not monolithic but pluralistic and diverse. Even more, early Christian communities employed multiple metaphors to elaborate their conviction that Rome had not defeated Jesus when they crucified him. Discovering the elaboration of these various metaphors in Early Christianity is the topic of this seminar. We will follow the chronological order to discover the emergence of resurrection in early Christianity. In the final section of the course we will ask what this data might mean or how it can be used in contemporary life. Prerequisite: NT 500. Satisfies an advanced NT requirement.

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

**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.

Instructor: Dennis Smith, the LaDonna Kramer Meinders Professor of New Testament, PTS.

**NT 645: Greek Readings** (1 hr.)

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.

Instructor: Dennis Smith, the LaDonna Kramer Meinders Professor of New Testament, 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. The course meets 9/5-6, 10/10-11, 11/14-15 & 12/5-6, (Fridays 6:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. and Saturdays 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.)

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

**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. This course satisfies a 3 semester-hour denominational studies course requirement for students affiliated with non-denominational or interdenominational churches. The course meets in Norman, OK at a facility to be announced, 9/12-13, 10/10-11, 11/7-8 & 12/12-13, (Fridays 6:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. and Saturdays 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.)

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

*Denominational and Ecumenical Studies*

**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. Satisfies a denominational studies requirement.

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

**Theology and Ethics**

**TE 500: Introduction to Theology** (3 hrs.)

An online introduction to the vocabulary of theology, the thematic structure of its master narrative, and various contextual methods and approaches to the discipline. This online course meets on campus 8/25 & 9/8, 6:15 – 9:00 p.m. Prerequisite: HB 500 or NT 500, plus HS 502 or HS 504. This online class is limited to twenty students.

Instructor: Anne Joh, Assistant Professor of 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. **This course will not be offered again until the Fall of 2009.**

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

**TE 642.15: Religion and Politics** (3 hrs.)

This hybrid online course focuses on the 2008 presidential election providing 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. On the following four dates the class will not meet on campus: 9/10, 10/2, 11/5, & 12/3 but will meet online as arranged by the instructor. Prerequisite: TE 500. Satisfies an advanced requirement in theology or a CC requirement.

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

**TE 688.07: Seminar: The Christian Ethics of Reinhold Niebuhr and H. Richard Niebuhr** (3 hrs.)

This course will examine both the writings and the legacy of two prominent Protestant theological ethicists, Reinhold Niebuhr and H. Richard Niebuhr. The course meets 9/5-6, 10/3-4, 11/14-15 & 12/5-6, (Fridays 6:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. and Saturdays 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.) Prerequisite: TE 500.

Instructor: Ray A. Owens, Senior Minister, Metropolitan Baptist Church, Tulsa; Affiliate Assistant Professor of Social Ethics and Black Church Studies, 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. 17 and return Oct. 24. 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

**CC 683: Ministry in Urban Contexts** (3 hrs.)

The approach of this course is an alternation of classroom 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. This course meets at Langston University-OKC, 4205 N. Lincoln Blvd. Oklahoma City, OK, 73105, 9/5, 9/26, 10/3, 11/14, & 12/5 (Fridays, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 1:00 – 4:45 p.m.) Satisfies a CC requirement.

Instructor: George E. Young, Senior Pastor, Holy Temple Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, OK.

**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: NT 500 and TE 500, or permission of instructor. Class size is limited.

Instructor: Kay Northcutt, the Fred B. Craddock Associate Professor of Preaching 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, Assistant 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.

**PT 656: Transforming Adults Through Christian Education** (3 hrs.)

Congregations are learning communities. Adult education theories of development, culture, learning, and teaching offer strategies for meeting the religious needs of adults. Participants will identify, experience, and practice strategies that create opportunities for adults to transform their understanding of self in ministry. Satisfies advanced PT course requirement for students matriculating July 1, 2007 or after.

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: Duane Bidwell, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, Care, and Counseling, PTS.

#### **PT 689.19: Pastoral Response to Suicide** (3 hrs.)

As an introduction to suicide prevention, intervention, and post-vention from a pastoral perspective, this course explores the roles of pastors and congregations in establishing “suicide-safer” communities. It provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary for intervention with persons considering suicide. The course emphasizes skills development and self awareness. Care for survivors of a completed suicide is also explored. Satisfies advanced PT course requirement for students matriculating July 1, 2007 or after. Prerequisite: PT 520. The course meets M-F October 27-31, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Instructor: Duane Bidwell, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, Care, and Counseling, PTS.

#### **PT 689.20: Seminar: Practicum in Listening for Ministry** (1 hr.)

A one-hour course that allows students to practice and improve the relational and listening skills that contribute toward effective ministry leadership. The course builds on the introductory listening skills taught in PT 520 “Care in the Christian Community.” It emphasizes advanced empathy skills, awareness of types of listening, self awareness and self management, relational flexibility, and pastoral power in ministry relationships. The course addresses the individual and communal dimensions of listening and reflection on the theological significance of listening and relating. Each week, students participate in skills-building exercises, including role playing. The course is approximately 75 percent participatory and 25 percent lecture. Prerequisites: PT 520 or concurrent enrollment.

Instructor: Duane Bidwell, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, Care, and Counseling, PTS.

### ***Pastoral Leadership***

#### **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, for handling administrative tasks (i.e., those dealing with financial matters, legal concerns facing both the pastor and the church, conflict management, staffing issues, volunteer coordination, etc.), and for carrying out the ongoing integrative work in which these practices are shaped by theology and Christian tradition. Satisfies advanced PT course requirement for students matriculating July 1, 2007 or after. Prerequisite: PT 571 and completion of or concurrent enrollment in one unit of Supervised Ministries.

Instructor: Nancy Claire Pittman, Assistant Professor of the Practice of Ministry and Director of the Doctor of Ministry program, 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: Kay Northcutt, the Fred B. Craddock Associate Professor of Preaching 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. Prerequisites: basic introductory courses and permission of the director of supervised ministries. Class size is limited. The course meets 9/8, 9/29, 10/13 & 11/17.

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. Prerequisites: basic introductory courses and permission of the director of supervised ministries. Class size is limited. The course meets 8/27, 9/17, 10/15 & 11/19.

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. Students enrolled in Constructive Theology may have additional assignments toward the integration of theology and ministry. Prerequisites: two semesters of supervised ministries for M.Div. students, SM 504 for M.A.M.C. students, and permission of the director of supervised ministries. Class size is limited.

Instructor: John Thomas, Assistant Professor of Practical Theology and Director of Supervised Ministries, PTS.

**SM 504-01: M.A.M.C. Supervision in Ministry (1 hr.)**

M.A.M.C. students will investigate the personal, social, and ecclesial issues present in the ministry settings in which they serve. Prerequisites: basic introductory courses and permission of the director of supervised ministries. Class size is limited. The course meets 9/8, 9/29, 10/13 & 11/17.

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

**SM 504-02: M.A.M.C. Supervision in Ministry (1 hr.)**

M.A.M.C. students will investigate the personal, social, and ecclesial issues present in the ministry settings in which they serve. Prerequisites: basic introductory courses and permission of the director of supervised ministries. Class size is limited. The course meets 8/27, 9/17, 10/15 & 11/19.

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

**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 Dennis Smith, [LaDonna Kramer Meinders Professor of New Testament](#), PTS.

**CD 502: Vocation and Theology I: Introduction to Theological Education for Ministry (3 hrs.)**

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

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

**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 to 10 students. Meets two Saturdays, 9/27 & 11/22 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

**CD 610.11 Spirituality: Women’s Perspective (1 hr.)**

A small group experience with a focus on personal spiritual practices from a woman’s perspective. Enrollment is limited to 10 students.

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

**FALL SEMESTER 2008**

Tu	Jul 29	Deadline for applications for admission Deadline for new student financial aid applications
F	Aug 8	Summer class assignment deadline
Th	Aug 21	Orientation and registration for master's level students
F	Aug 22	Summer grades due
M	Aug 25	First day of classes
M	Sep 1	Labor Day Holiday
Tu	Sep 2	Last day to add courses
F	Oct 17	Last day for course withdrawals
F-F	Oct 17-24	BorderLinks Study Trip
M-F	Oct 20-24	Reading Week
M-F	Oct 27-31	Concentrated Course Week
Sa-M	Nov 1-3	AAR Chicago
M-F	Nov 4	Registration begins
F	Nov 14	Registration deadline
Fr-Tu	Nov 21-25	SBL Boston Academy of Homiletics
M-F	Nov 24-28	Thanksgiving recess (seminary closed W-F)
F	Dec 5	Last day for incomplete requests
F	Dec 12	Last day of classes
F	Dec 19	Term grades due

**SPRING SEMESTER 2009**

M	Jan 5	Deadline for admissions applications Deadline for new student financial aid applications
M-F	Jan 5-9	January Concentrated Course
M	Jan 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Tu-Th	Jan 20-22	Ministers' Week
M	Jan 26	Orientation and registration
M	Jan 26	First day of classes
Tu	Feb 3	Last day to add courses
W	Feb 25	Ash Wednesday service
M-F	Mar 9-13	Concentrated Course Week
M-F	Mar 16-20	Reading Week (OK spring break)
Tu	Mar 24	Preregistration begins
Su-Th	Mar 30-Apr 2	ATS/NCA accreditation visit
F	Apr 3	Preregistration deadline
F	Apr 3	Last day for course withdrawals
Su	Apr 5	Palm Sunday
M-F	Apr 6-10	Holy Week recess (seminary closed F)
Su	Apr 12	Easter
M	Apr 13	Easter Holiday (seminary closed)
F	May 8	Grades due for graduating seniors Last day for incomplete requests
Tu	May 12	Awards luncheon
F	May 15	Last day of classes
Sa	May 16	Commencement
F	May 22	Grades due for all students

**SUMMER 2009**

M	May 25	Summer Module I begins for master's level
M	Jul 6	Summer Module II begins for master's level
F	Aug 7	Summer master's level assignments due
F	Aug 21	Summer grades due