



Phillips Theological Seminary

Course Schedule
Spring 2008

(01-10-08)

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 by January 07, 2008 (January 14, 2008 with a \$50.00 late fee). **No FAFSAs from continuing students will be accepted after January 15, 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 Spring 2008 between October 29 – November 9, 2007. Continuing students who fail to register for Spring 2008 by the November 9 deadline may inconvenience their advisers and delay their own graduation. Having missed the primary registration period, they must wait until January 24, 2008, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 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. 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 J-TERM, WEEKEND, CONCENTRATED, AND ONLINE COURSES

Students registering for J-Term courses should begin looking at the PTS Blackboard (<http://fishersnet.blackboard.com>) site by December 1, to see if course materials are available. If course information is not available by December 15, students should contact the instructor. Assignments for these courses are normally due prior to the first class session and after the final session.

Students who register for weekend, concentrated, and online courses in the Spring 2008 semester should begin looking at the PTS Blackboard site in early January to see if course materials are available. If course information is not available by January 28, 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 SPRING 2008

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| Tuition: | \$465.00 per hour minus any tuition assistance | Community Life Fee: | \$ 8.00 per hour, max. \$20.00 |
| Audit: | \$ 90.00 per hour | General Fee: | 6 hours or more - \$120.00; 5½ hours or less - \$90.00 |
| Matriculation Fee: | \$ 25.00 | Late Enrollment Fee: | \$ 25.00 |
| Technology Fee: | \$ 50.00 per semester | Background Check Fee: | \$ 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 POLICY FOR JANUARY TERM 2008

If the completed drop slip is returned (Email and faxes are accepted) to the registrar's office, the refunds are as follows:

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| From end of registration through December 19 .. all but \$25 per drop slip | |
| From December 20 to day prior to the start of class | 80% |
| On the first day of the class | 50% |
| On or after the second day of the class | 0% |

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

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

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| First week | January 28 – February 5, 2008 | 100% (less \$25.00 withdrawal fee) |
| Second week | February 6 – February 12, 2008 | 80% |
| Third week | February 13 – February 19, 2008 | 50% |
| Fourth week | After February 19, 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).

VIII. EMAIL REQUIREMENTS

Students are expected to have and maintain an Email account in order to facilitate communication and to access course information and assignments via the Internet. Changes in contact information should be reported immediately 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 January 5, 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 January 5, 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
J-Term and Spring Semester 2008
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); “h” (hybrid online course)

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | ADDITIONAL COURSES |
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| | 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 | January Term |
| | 8:30 – 11:15 a.m. NT 500 ³ Introduction to the New Testament (ro) -Smith TE 500 ³ Introduction to Theology (rp) -Joh HB 650.06 ³ The Five Festival Scrolls (rp) -Southard | 8:30 – 11:15 a.m. PT 500 ³ Introduction to Preaching (rpls) -Northcutt CC 695.33 ³ Postcoloniality and Theological Reflection (rp) -Joh | 8:30 – 11:15 a.m. PT 604 ³ Advanced Preaching Workshop (rpl) -Northcutt TE 512 ³ Ethics, Culture, and the Mission of the Church (rp) -Owens PT 689.18 ³ Theology of the Cross and Pastoral Care (rp) -Bidwell | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HS 673.05³ Seminar in Church History: Songs, Prayers, and Sacred Space of the Stone-Campbell People (p) (M-F Jan. 7-11) -Imbler • HS 520³ Contemporary World Religions (ro) (M-F Jan. 14-18) -D. Pittman |
| | 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Chapel and Lunch | 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Chapel and Lunch | 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Chapel and Lunch | Hybrid Online Course |
| | 1:00 – 2:15 p.m. PT 649 ⁻⁵ Worship Practicum (o) -Curry CD 501 ⁻⁵ Orientation to Theological Research (ol) -Powers, Smith | 1:00 – 2:15 p.m. PT 649 ⁻⁵ Worship Practicum (o) -Curry NT 645 ¹ Greek Readings (p) -Smith | 1:00 – 2:15 p.m. PT 649 ⁻⁵ Worship Practicum (o) -Curry PT 696.05 ¹ Weddings, Funerals, and Other Special Occasions (o) -N. Pittman CD 503 ¹ Orientation to the Master’s Thesis (s) -Smith | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HS 550³ Introduction to a Christian Theology of Religions (hrp) (4 on-campus evening sessions: 2/14, 2/28, 3/27 & 4/17) -D. Pittman |
| | 2:30 – 5:15 p.m. SM 500 ¹ Reflections on Ministry & SM 504-1 ¹ MAMC Supervision in Ministry (rpls) (1/28, 2/11 4/7, & 5/5) -Penrose | 2:30 – 5:15 p.m. HS 504 ³ History of Christianity II: Reformation and Modern (ro) -Blue PT 520 ³ Care in the Christian Community (ro) -Bidwell | 2:30 – 5:15 p.m. HB 643 ³ Biblical Hebrew II (rp) -Southard CD 640 ³ Celtic Christian Culture and Spirituality (ro) -Fraser CC 695.34 ³ Symposium, Eucharist, and Other Ritual Meals in the Greco-Roman World (ro) -Smith | Weekend Courses |
| | 5:45 p.m. – 6:05 p.m. Evening Prayer | 5:25 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Evening Prayer | 2:30 – 5:15 p.m. TE 621 ³ Vocation and Theology III: Constructive Theology (rp) -Bessler HS 532 ³ United Methodist Doctrine (ro) -Blue | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC 686¹ Storytelling Practicum: Wintertales Festival (o) (2/15-16) -Smith • PT 610.05³ Interior Life of the Minister and Preacher (rpl) (2/1-2, 2/29-3/1, 4/4-5 & 5/2-3) -Northcutt • CD 620³ Spirituality and Social Action (ro) (2/15-16, 3/28-29, 4/18-19 & 5/9-10) -Kunz • SM 503¹ Integrating Theory and Practice of Ministry (rpls) (2/2, 3/1, 4/12, 5/3) -Thomas |
| 6:15 – 9:00 p.m. | 6:15 – 9:00 p.m. HS 530 ³ Disciples History and Polity (ro) -Imbler | 6:15 – 9:00 p.m. SM 502 ¹ Leadership in Ministry & SM 504-2 ¹ MAMC Supervision in Ministry (rpls) (1/30, 2/20, 3/26 & 4/23) -Brewer | 5:45 p.m. – 6:05 p.m. Evening Prayer 6:15 – 9:00 p.m. PT 571 ³ Vocation and Theology II: The Art and Practices of Ministry (rp) -N. Pittman | Concentrated Courses M-F Mar. 10-14 |
| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC 520³ Theological Issues in Films (ro) -Scott |

SPRING 2008 COURSE OFFERINGS: Master's Level

Division I: Biblical Studies

Hebrew Bible

HB 643³ Biblical Hebrew II

Susanna Southard

HB 650.06³ The Five Festival Scrolls

Susanna Southard

New Testament

NT 500³ Introduction to the New Testament

Dennis Smith

NT 645¹ Greek Readings

Dennis Smith

Division II: Historical Studies

HS 504³ History of Christianity II: Reformation and Modern

Ellen Blue

HS 520³ Contemporary World Religions

Don Pittman

HS 530³ Disciples History and Polity

John Imbler

HS 532³ United Methodist Doctrine

Ellen Blue

HS 550³ Introduction to a Christian Theology of Religions

Don Pittman

HS 673.05³ Stone Campbell Theology: Songs, Prayers, and Sacred Space

John Imbler

Division III: Theology and Ethics

TE 500³ Introduction to Theology

Anne Joh

TE 512³ Ethics, Culture and Mission of the Church

Ray Owens

TE 621³ Constructive Theology

Joe Bessler

Division IV: Christianity and Culture

CC 520³ Theological Issues in Films

Brandon Scott

CC 686¹ Storytelling Practicum: Wintertales Festival

Dennis Smith

CC 695.34³ Symposium, Eucharist, and Other Ritual Meals in the Greco-Roman World

Dennis Smith

CC 695.33³ Postcoloniality and Theological Reflection

Anne Joh

Division IV: Practical Theology

Preaching

PT 500³ Introduction to Preaching

Kay Lynn Northcutt

PT 610.05³ Interior Life of the Minister and Preacher

Kay Lynn Northcutt

PT 604³ Advanced Preaching Workshop

Kay Lynn Northcutt

Pastoral Leadership

PT 571³ The Art and Practices of Ministry

Nancy Claire Pittman

PT 696.05¹ Seminar: Weddings, Funerals, and Other Special Occasions

Nancy Claire Pittman

Pastoral Care and Counseling

PT 520³ Care in the Christian Community

Duane Bidwell

PT 689.18³ Theology of the Cross and Pastoral Care

Duane Bidwell

Worship

PT 649⁵ Worship Practicum

Sheri Curry

Supervised Ministries

SM 500¹ Reflections on Ministry Experiences

SM 502¹ Leadership in Ministry

SM 503¹ Integrating the Theory and Practice of Ministry

SM 504-01¹ MAMC Supervision in Ministry

SM 504-02¹ MAMC Supervision in Ministry

Leslie Penrose

Rick Brewer

John Thomas

Leslie Penrose

Rick Brewer

Division VI: Cross Disciplinary Studies

CD 501⁵ Orientation to Theological Research

CD 503³ Orientation to the Master's Thesis

CD 620³ Spirituality and Social Action

CD 640³ Celtic Christian Culture and Spirituality

Clair Powers and Dennis Smith

Dennis Smith

Sandra Costen Kunz

Mady Fraser

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS FOR SPRING 2008 COURSES

Biblical Studies

Hebrew Bible

HB 642: Biblical Hebrew II (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.

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

HB 650.06: The Five Festival Scrolls (3 hrs.)

A study of Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, and Esther—the five biblical books liturgically associated with traditional Jewish holidays. The course will focus on close reading of the biblical texts, especially but not exclusively in terms of their liturgical context. Passover, Shavuot (Feast of Weeks), ninth of Av, Sukkot (Feast of Booths), and Purim will receive attention in terms of historical development with a nod to modern practice. Successful completion of this course will fulfill the Hebrew Bible exegesis requirement. Prerequisite: HB 500.

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.

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

Historical Studies

Church History

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.

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.

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

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.

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

HS 673.05: Seminar in Church History: Songs, Prayers, and Sacred Space of the Stone-Campbell People (3 hrs.)

This is a survey of church hymns, elders' prayers, and sanctuary designs representative of the Restoration movement in its different manifestations. Through theological themes and architectural configurations, the purpose of the course is to analyze specific components in the progression of Disciples liturgical life from the days of Alexander Campbell and Barton Warren Stone to the present. The focus is to discover what helps make Disciples worship uniquely Disciples in form and content. Meets M-F January 7-11, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 1:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Prerequisite: HS 530 or a Disciples History and Polity course from any ATS seminary.

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

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 (Hinduism, Buddhism, Chinese religions, Judaism, and Islam). Satisfies a CC requirement for M.Div. students or a Track I.b. specialized requirement for M.A.M.C. students. Meets M-F January 14-18, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 1:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

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

Global Christianity, Christian Mission, and Interreligious Dialogue

HS 550: Introduction to a Christian Theology of Religions (3 hrs.)

An introduction of contemporary options for a Christian theology of religions (i.e., different answers to the question, "Is there salvation outside of the church?"), contrasting understandings of global mission, past and present, and critical issues in interreligious dialogue. A hybrid online course which blends online and on-campus engagement. Meets 4 Thursdays on campus, 2/14, 2/28, 3/27 & 4/17 from 6:15 - 9:00 p.m. Prerequisite: TE 500. Satisfies an advanced requirement in theology or a CC requirement.

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

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.

Prerequisite: HB 500 or NT 500, plus HS 502 or HS 504.

Instructor: Anne Joh, Assistant Professor of Theology, PTS.

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 others. Prerequisite: TE 500.

Instructor: Ray A. Owens, Senior Minister, Metropolitan Baptist Church, Tulsa; Affiliate Assistant Professor of Social Ethics and Black Church Studies, 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, Robert Travis Peake Associate Professor of Theology, PTS.

Christianity and Culture

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. Meets M-F March 10-14, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 1:15 – 4:45 p.m.

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

CC 686: Storytelling Practicum: Wintertales Festival (1 hr.)

Students will attend 12 hours of this annual event, Friday and Saturday, February 15-16, day and evening sessions, in Oklahoma City during the Spring semester and will present written evaluations of the event in order to receive credit for the course. Involves a fee for the festival in addition to tuition. Grading is pass/fail. May be repeated.

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

CC 695.33: Postcoloniality and Theological Reflection (3 hrs.)

Diaspora subjectivity, globalization, cultural hybridity, colonization, and creolization are just several concepts examined within postcolonial theory. This course examines critical postcolonial concepts that help better understand the complex dynamics of colonizing effects of major imperial projects of the West that were also frequently sustained through religious power and theological justifications. Prerequisite: TE 500. Satisfies a CC requirement.

Instructor: Anne Joh, Assistant Professor of Theology, PTS.

CC 695.34: Symposium, Eucharist, and Other Ritual Meals in the Greco-Roman World (3 hrs.)

The banquet was a social institution of the first order in the Greco-Roman world. Everybody ate formal meals in similar ways and with similar meanings, but they interpreted the parts of the banquet according to their specific social contexts. In this course, we will study the ancient sources that describe meals and their meanings in a variety of Greco-Roman contexts, including the meals of early Christian communities. This study will illuminate the function of the meal in early Christian community formation and the complex origins of the Christian eucharist. Prerequisite: NT 500 or permission of instructor. Satisfies a CC requirement.

Instructor: Dennis Smith, LaDonna Kramer Meinders Professor of New Testament, 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: NT 500 and TE 500, and permission of instructor. Class size is limited.

Instructor: Kay Lynn Northcutt, Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship, PTS.

PT 604: Advanced Preaching Workshop (3 hrs.)

Advanced preaching workshop's aim is that of guiding students toward mastery of various homiletic models and methods including preaching without notes, crisis preaching, preaching in the midst of suffering, and preaching as spiritual direction. Emphasis will be placed upon student preaching *within* each student's contextual setting. Consequently students enrolled in the course will need technical means to record and reproduce three representative samples of their weekly preachings during the semester; e.g., D.V.D., podcast, and/or videotape. Prerequisites: PT 500. Class size is limited. Satisfies an advanced PT course requirement for students matriculating July 1, 2007 or after.

Instructor: Kay Lynn Northcutt, Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship, PTS.

PT 610.05: Interior Life of the Minister and Preacher (3 hrs.)

This course will investigate the classics of spirituality, including primary texts written by the Desert Fathers and Mothers, mystics, reformers, and non-violent activists such as Thich Nhat Hahn and M. L. King. Students will become familiar with these classic texts, searching among and within them to find sustenance, wisdom, and companionship for a lifetime of preaching and ministry. Careful attention will be paid to the role human temperament plays in spiritual development. The methods, curriculum, and practices of spiritual direction (and group spiritual direction) will be studied including key interdependent pairs of spiritual intelligence such as: activity/receptivity, consolation/desolation, attachment/detachment, self-knowledge/dis-illusionment, prayer, meditation, iconography, labyrinth walking, and *lectio divina*. Participants in this course will pray the daily office together though separated by miles. The final requirement of the course is a group silent retreat led by the professor. This course meets 2/1-2, 2/29-3/1, 4/4-5 & 5/2-3 (Fridays 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 1:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.) Prerequisites: PT 500 and TE 500, or permission of instructor. Class size is limited. Satisfies an advanced PT course requirement for students matriculating July 1, 2007 or after.

Instructor: Kay Lynn Northcutt, Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship, PTS.

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: One Supervised Ministry course or concurrent SM registration.

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

PT 696.05: Seminar: Weddings, Funerals, and Other Special Occasions (1 hr.)

A consideration of issues surrounding the minister's role in planning and carrying out weddings, funerals, and other special 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.

Instructor: Nancy Claire Pittman, Assistant Professor of the Practice of Ministry and Director of the Doctor of Ministry program, 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 689.18: Theology of the Cross and Pastoral Care (3 hrs.)

Recent pastoral theologies have turned to Luther's theology of the cross to engage and make sense of human suffering, systemic sin, and spiritual consolation. This course invites students to correlate Luther's theology of the cross and its contemporary reinterpretations with the art and practices of pastoral care, especially as informed by postmodern narrative therapy. Special attention is placed on feminist and liberationist theologies of the cross as hermeneutic strategies for pastoral assessment, intervention, and relationship. Satisfies an advanced PT course requirement for students matriculating July 1, 2007 or after. Prerequisite: TE 500 and PT 520.

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

Worship

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), Interim 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 1/28, 2/11, 4/7 & 5/5, (Mondays 2:30 – 5:15 p.m.)

Instructor: Leslie Penrose, Minister, United Church of Christ.

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 1/30, 2/20, 3/26 & 4/23, (Wednesdays 6:15 – 9:00 p.m.)

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. The course meets 2/2, 3/1, 4/12 & 5/3, (Saturdays 1:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

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 1/28, 2/11, 4/7 & 5/5, (Mondays 2:30 – 5:15 p.m.)

Instructor: Leslie Penrose, Minister, United Church of Christ.

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 1/30, 2/20, 3/26 & 4/23, (Wednesdays 6:15 – 9:00 p.m.)

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 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 M.Div. or M.T.S.). 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 fall of 2008 or otherwise in the near future. May also be taken by students who 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.

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

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. This course meets 2/15-16, 3/28-29, 4/18-19 & 5/9-10 (Fridays 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 1:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.) Fulfills a requirement in M.A.M.C. Track IV.

Instructor: Sandra Costen Kunz, Assistant Professor of Educational Ministries, 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. Fulfills a requirement in M.A.M.C. Track IV.

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

SPRING SEMESTER 2008

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| W | Jan 2 | Deadline for master's level applications for admission and financial aid |
| M-F | Jan 7-18 | January Concentrated Course Weeks |
| M-Sa | Jan 7-19 | D.Min. Fortnight |
| M | Jan 21 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (seminary closed) |
| Tu-Th | Jan 22-24 | Ministers' Week/Homecoming |
| Th | Jan 24 | D.Min. Specialization phase classes begin for PC track at CMC in Wichita |
| M | Jan 28 | Master's level Orientation and registration and first day of master's level classes |
| F | Feb 1 | D.Min. second draft of Project Report due |
| Tu | Feb 5 | Last day to add master's level courses |
| W | Feb 6 | Ash Wednesday service |
| Th | Feb 28 | D.Min. deadline for Oral Presentations |
| M-F | Mar 3-7 | Master's level Reading Week |
| M-F | Mar 10-14 | Master's level Concentrated Course Week |
| Su | Mar 16 | Palm Sunday |
| M-F | Mar 17-21 | Holy Week recess |
| Su | Mar 23 | Easter |
| M | Mar 24 | Easter Holiday: no classes, seminary closed |
| F | Mar 28 | Last day for master's level course withdrawals |
| M | Mar 31 | Master's level registration for Summer/Fall 2008 begins |
| F | Apr 11 | Master's level registration deadline |
| Tu | Apr 15 | Deadline for applications for admission for all D.Min. tracks |
| F | May 2 | D.Min. Project Reports due |
| F | May 9 | Grades and exit interviews due for graduating seniors |
| | | Last day for incomplete requests |
| | | All D.Min. Project phase work due |
| Tu | May 13 | Awards luncheon |
| F | May 16 | Last day of classes |
| Sa | May 17 | Commencement |
| F | May 23 | Grades due for all students |

SUMMER 2008

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| M | May 26 | Summer Module I begins for master's level |
| W | May 28 | D.Min. enrollment deadline for Summer |
| M-Fr | June 16-27 | D.Min. Fortnight |
| M | Jul 7 | Summer Module II begins for master's level |
| F | Aug 8 | Summer master's level assignments due |
| | | All D.Min. Project phases work due |
| F | Aug 22 | Summer grades due |