

Phillips Theological Seminary

Summer 2011 Courses and Summer - Fall Registration Information

All PTS students should read carefully the following information concerning the Summer 2011 course schedule and registration procedures for the Summer and Fall semesters.

When should I register for summer and fall 2011 courses? You should register during the period of Monday, March 28 – Friday, April 15, 2011. Prior to or during this limited period of time, all continuing students should contact their advisers by email or phone concerning an appointment to discuss course selection for the Summer and Fall 2011 terms. It is very important to register by the deadline of April 15.

Why is it important to register during this period? Registering not only helps continuing students reserve places in courses with limited enrollment and provides priorities for those approaching graduation, but it also prevents the unnecessary cancellation of courses that appear after April 15 to be under-enrolled.

If I fail to register for summer courses by the April 15 deadline, can I register later? The final registration possibility for any particular summer term course closes, without exception, three weeks prior to the module in which the course is offered.

If I don't register for fall courses by the April 15 deadline, can I register later? Continuing students who fail to register by the April 15 deadline may inconvenience their advisers and delay their own graduation. Having missed the primary registration period, they must wait until August 1, 2011 to register. However, at that point, seniors in program have no special priority in limited enrollment courses. *Please note: In all cases, students whose accounts are in arrears must see Toni Imbler before they may begin the registration process.*

Do PTS summer courses require coursework before and after the actual class sessions? Yes. Because summer courses normally focus contact hours in a short period of time, faculty members will expect students to begin reading and working on assignments long before the first class session. Therefore, students must be responsible for checking Blackboard to obtain course booklists, syllabi, and all necessary materials. If this information is not posted at least three weeks prior to the first class session, please contact the instructor. Booklists are also available on the PTS website under the 'Virtual Bookstore' icon. Instructors will normally expect students to complete final research and writing assignments after the last class session and by the deadline of August 5, 2011.

If I register for a fall semester course, how do I obtain a booklist and syllabus? Students who register for fall courses, including online courses, should begin looking at the PTS Blackboard site in early August to see if course materials are available. If information is not available by August 8, students should contact the instructor. Those students registering for weekend and concentrated courses normally have assignments due prior to the first class session and after the final session. Booklists are also available on the PTS website under the 'Virtual Bookstore' icon. Obtaining the appropriate materials well in advance is important.

What if I have questions about procedures? Students who have questions about these procedures should contact Staci Copenhaver, assistant to the deans, Toni Imbler, registrar, or Don A. Pittman, dean.

Summer Modules I and II General Information

It is only necessary to complete one enrollment form for both summer modules.

Requests to undertake independent study courses must be filed in the registrar's office with all required signatures by the first day of the appropriate summer module. Enrollment forms and Independent Research forms must include the complete course number and title. Enrollment forms will not be processed without the Independent Research form.

How do I drop a course? To drop a course before classes start, you may fax your drop request to the registrar, Toni Imbler, (918-270-6411) or email your request to toni.imbler@ptstulsa.edu. Please include the reason for dropping the course. Requests to drop a course will not be taken over the telephone. Within the first 7 contact hours of a summer course, courses may be dropped for any reason. No record appears on the transcript. Between 7 and 14 class contact hours courses may be dropped for any reason. The dropped courses will be listed on the transcript with a "WD" indicating withdrawal. After 14 class contact hours courses may be dropped with a grade of "WD" only for verified extenuating circumstances of a non-academic nature. A written petition must be presented to the dean.

How do I audit a 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 \$60.00 per credit hour. Auditors are allowed in most courses, with permission of the instructor, if space permits. See PTS catalog for audit policies.

Tuition: Summer 2011 Modules I and II: \$500 per credit hour minus any financial assistance.

Student Fees:

Student Life Fee:	\$ 10 per module
General Fee:	\$ 60 per module
Technology Fee:	\$ 35 per module
Matriculation Fee:	\$ 50
Late Enrollment Fee:	\$ 35

Module I

Payments: Students are expected to pay their tuition and fees in full by June 1, 2011. If a two-payment plan is desired, one-half of the tuition and all of the fees for summer are expected by June 1, 2011 and the balance by June 30, 2011.

Tuition Refund Schedule: If the completed drop slip is returned (email and faxes are accepted) to the Registrar's Office, the refunds are as follows:

From end of registration through June 1	all but \$25
From June 2 to the day prior to start of the class	80%
On the first day of class	50%
On or after the second day of class	0%

Module II

Payments:

Students are expected to pay their tuition and fees in full by July 5, 2011. If a two-payment plan is desired, one-half of the tuition and all of the fees for summer are expected by July 5, 2011, and the balance by August 1, 2011.

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- From end of registration through July 1..... all but \$25
- From July 2 to the day prior to start of the class.....80%
- On the first day of class 50%
- On or after the second day of class.....0%

Summer 2011 Courses

Master's Level Programs

(Please note: The superscript number indicates credit hours.)

Summer Module I:

1) PT 661.05¹ Nurturing Christian Discernment With Children

Dates: June 1 - 30 (An online course)

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

Course Description: Students will review summaries of biological research on empathy, altruism and decision-making in children and study practical theological reflections on this research. After studying the models of three Christian educators, each student will design a program for learning Christian spiritual discernment with children in a specific ministry context.

2) HB 517³ Women in the Bible

Dates: June 6 – 10 (8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon, 1:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.)

Instructor: Lisa Wilson Davison is the Johnnie Eargle Cadieux Professor of Hebrew Bible at PTS.

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

3) NT 540³ The Historical Jesus

Dates: June 13 – 17 (8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon, 1:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.)

Instructor: Bernard Brandon Scott is the Darbeth Distinguished Professor of New Testament at PTS.

Course Description: The quest for the historical Jesus has been one of the defining trajectories of biblical scholarship in the modern era. Students in this course will engage in a conversation regarding the most recent quest and its importance for faith and Christian communities today. Prerequisite: NT 500. Satisfies an advanced NT requirement.

4) TE 606³ Ecclesiologies: Models and Practices of Church

Dates: June 20 – 24 (8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon, 1:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.)

Instructor: Sarah Morice Brubaker is an Instructor in Theology at PTS.

Course Description: This course will focus on different models and practices of Christian communities throughout history and in various cultural, social, and economic contexts. Prerequisite: TE 500. Satisfies an advanced theology requirement.

5) CC 695.31³ Seminar: The Black Church in America

Dates: June 27 – July 1 (8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon, 1:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.)

Instructor: Ray A. Owens is Senior Minister at Metropolitan Baptist Church in Tulsa and Affiliate Assistant Professor of Social Ethics and Black Church Studies at PTS.

Course Description: Issues of faith, race, and identity are deeply intertwined in the African American experience. This course seeks to explore the dynamics of these interactive issues through an interdisciplinary study of the development of the Black Churches in America. Our study will focus on the moral and religious traditions of African American churches and the ways that these traditions have influenced life in America. Particular attention will be given to the prominent role that the Black Church has played as a social,

political and cultural center in the African American community. Over the course of this semester we will trace this creative development, identifying the richness and breadth of African American religious life.

A principle presupposition underlying the course content is the view that the term “Black Church” is employed as a shorthand designation for the thick diversity and complexity of Black Christian Traditions that comprise African American Christian experience. Satisfies a CC requirement.

6) SM 502¹ Supervised Ministries: Leadership in Ministry

Dates:

Thursday, June 9 (6:15 – 9:00 p.m.)
Thursday, June 23 (6:15 – 9:00 p.m.)
Thursday, July 7 (6:15 – 9:00 p.m.)
Thursday, August 4 (6:15 – 9:00 p.m.)

Instructor: Rick Brewer is the minister at Christ Church in Tulsa.

Course Description: 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 submission of the required paperwork to the director of supervised ministries, John L. Thomas, Jr. Class size is limited.

7) SM 503¹ Integrating the Theory and Practice of Ministry

Dates:

Thursday, June 9 (6:15 – 9:00 p.m.)
Thursday, June 23 (6:15 – 9:00 p.m.)
Thursday, July 7 (6:15 – 9:00 p.m.)
Thursday, August 4 (6:15 – 9:00 p.m.)

Instructor: John L. Thomas, Jr. is Assistant Professor of Practical Theology and Associate Dean for Contextual Education and Church Relations and Director of the Supervised Ministry Program at PTS.

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

Summer Module II

1) PT 611³ Storytelling in Ministry

Dates: July 5 – 8 (8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Before class begins: 6-7 hours on digital project)

Instructor: Barbara McBride Smith

Guest Lecturer: Corrine Stavish

Course Description: An introduction to the art of storytelling as it applies to the preaching and teaching ministries. Students will learn how to create and tell Biblical midrashim and personal narratives. Grading is pass/fail.

2) TE 516³ Ministry and Medical Ethics

Dates: July 18 – 22 (8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon, 1:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.)

Instructor: Mindy McGarrah Sharp is Assistant Professor of Congregational Care and Ethics at PTS.

Course Description: When facing important decisions in clinical settings, patients and their families often turn to religious leaders for advice and support. This course will help students prepare for responding to such requests. We will study theories and critical issues in medical ethics in relation to theological themes such as suffering, healing, hope, finitude, vulnerability, responsibility, community, moral reasoning, moral uncertainty, and issues of accessibility and justice in relation to a systemic understanding of care. Prerequisite: TE 512. This course can be taken to satisfy an advanced PT requirement.

3) CC 554³ BorderLinks

Dates: July 22 – 29

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

Course Description: A study trip that investigates the situation along the border between the United States and Mexico, the only place where the first world meets the third world. The course is offered in cooperation with BorderLinks of Tucson, Arizona and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. Transportation fee, passport, and instructor signature is required. The next Borderlinks trip will be October 2012. Satisfies a CC requirement for MDiv or MTS students.