



Course Descriptions

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Course Numbering System

- 100 Continuing Education course (not available for graduate credit)
- 200* MA Core and Electives (not generally available for MDiv or ThM credit)
- 300 MDiv and MA Core Courses (not generally available for ThM credit)
- 400 MDiv and MA Electives (not generally available for ThM credit)
- 500 MDiv and MA Electives (with additional work, may be taken for ThM credit)
- 600 MDiv and MA Exegetical Electives (courses have language prerequisites; with additional work, may be taken for ThM credit)
- 700 ThM Courses (may generally be taken for DMin credit)
- 800 DMin Courses (DMin students only)

* With permission, students may complete additional work to apply a limited number of these courses for MDiv credit.

Contemporary Culture

CC210 Outreach to Contemporary Culture

Communication of Christian truth in today's world. Analysis of humanism, existentialism, Marxism, and other non-Christian systems, and development of strategies for approaching others with the gospel message. (Not available for MDiv credit; see CC 310.)
Credit: three units.

CC310 Apologetics and Outreach

An analysis of the philosophical, religious, and scientific beliefs and ideas (deism, humanism, existentialism, Marxism, mysticism, and Christianity) which have shaped different cultures and which are now reshaping our multicultural and pluralistic society. Differences in attitudes concerning the value and purpose of life, sexual identity and roles, racial and cultural differences, God, good, evil, superstition, etc., are discussed. *Credit: three units.*

CC500 Special Lectures from the Francis A. Schaeffer Institute

The Francis A. Schaeffer Institute invites noted Christian leaders from around the world to the Seminary campus for special lectures focusing on Christian outreach to the contemporary world. Three of these special lecture series must be attended and analyzed for completion of the MDiv concentration in Christianity and Contemporary Culture. Lecturers have included Richard Keyes on "The Crisis of Heroism in Western Culture," Vishal Mangalwadi on "Hinduism and New Age Influences," Os Guinness on "The American Hour: America Toward the Close of the American Century," and Jerram Barrs on "Justice at Home, Justice Abroad: Christian Responsibility in a World of Change." May be repeated. *Credit: 1 unit.*

CC521 Common Objections to the Christian Faith

Examines some of the most commonly raised objections to biblical Christianity, and some of the areas where the Bible and the views of our time come into sharp conflict. Some of the areas studied will be: the problem of evil and suffering; the nature of human persons; hypocrisy in the church; legalism among Christians; evolution and creation. *Credit: three units.*

CC545 Christianity and Imagination

A study of the works of Erasmus, Herbert, Bunyan, Rembrandt, Kierkegaard, and Flannery O'Connor. Readings, class presentations, and discussions. An original work of Christian imagination—short story, essay, imaginative sermon or lecture, poetry, or art—will be produced. *Credit: three units.*

CC546 Christianity and Literature

Study of two of the greatest Christian novelists, their worldviews, and what they have to teach us today through reading two of their deeply religious works and reference to various others. *Credit: three units.*

CC547 Children's Literature

The course introduces students to a wide range of children's books, surveying both classics and newer additions from such authors as Beatrix Potter, Laura Ingalls Wilder, E. Nesbitt, Frances Hodgson Burnett, Meindert DeJong, C. S. Lewis, J. R. R. Tolkien, and J. K. Rowling. The class examines writing and illustrations that have enduring appeal and thinks about the task of choosing good books to read to children and for them to read for their own pleasure. The course also discusses the communication of biblical truth in children's books. *Credit: three units.*

CC 549 Film and Theology

Film has become the premier storytelling medium of our postmodern culture, so, like Paul in the Athenian culture, Christians must develop discernment regarding this medium. By watching and discussing several films, students explore ways in which film can be used as a window of insight into those who do not share Christian convictions and values, and as a point of contact to begin conversations about the gospel. *Credit: two units.*

CC550 Movies and Madness

Through movies we gain access to other people's worlds. This course enters the inner fantasies, dreams, longings, fears, delusions, and hallucinations of four people experiencing "madness" (in *A Beautiful Mind*, *The Madness of King George*, *Away From Her*, and *Good Will Hunting*), observing its effect on their families and friends. Students will identify the disorders using the DSM IV-R, discussing relevant causes and appropriate therapy. The course also explores how artistic license

may give wrong impressions of disorders and their treatment. *Credit one unit.*

CC555 Music and Theology

This course offers a theological framework for understanding the role of popular music in western culture, with an emphasis upon exegesis of music, texts, and biblical/theological material. *Credit: one unit.*

CC560 Christian Responsibility in Society

Focus on the individual Christian's need to develop biblical attitudes and lifestyles (possessions, work, family life, etc.) and consideration of the call of Christians to bring biblical principles to bear on the governmental, social, legal, and ethical issues of our time, relating evangelism to social action. (Offered alternate years.) *Credit: three units.*

CC561 Calling, Vocation, and Work

Because God's redemptive sovereignty is creation-wide, all aspects of life have eternal significance. This course will address the implications of this revealed truth for life and ministry by examining biblical, theological, historical, and case study resources. Topics will include worldview formation, image of God, salvation and mission, church and culture, vocational discipleship, and work and rest. *Credit: three units.*

CC566 Revisiting Christ and Culture

Jesus Christ's earthly ministry has been viewed by some as programmatic to the way ministry needs to be done in today's context. This course will re-examine Christ's involvement and influence in the culture of his day, drawing from it principles that can be applied in contemporary culture. *Credit: one unit.*

CC572 C. S. Lewis

A study of the life and writings of C. S. Lewis, aimed at critical appreciation of his work in literature, apologetics, and theology, and appropriating his contributions in these areas. Requirements include extensive reading of his best works. *Credit: three units.*

CC578 Francis Schaeffer: The Early Years

Identification of the biblical emphases in the thought and life of Francis A. Schaeffer with focus on the development of his early ministry in the U. S. and

Europe, the founding of L'Abri, and his first two books. *Credit: two units.*

CC579 Francis Schaeffer: The Later Years

Continuation of the course material described in the elective above, with focus on the developments in Schaeffer's theological thought and social concerns during his later years. *Credit: two units.*

CC591 Independent Study in Christianity and Contemporary Culture

Approved independent study under an appropriate faculty member's direction. May be repeated. May be taken for DMin credit. Units of credit individually arranged. As a guideline, each credit unit requires 1,000 pages of reading. See academic regulations concerning Independent Study Courses. *Credit: varies.*

Church Growth/Church Planting

CG510 Urban Church Planting in North America

With help from an expert in urban church planting, this course focuses on urban church planting that connects word and deed in ministry, offering the whole gospel to the city and including the priestly and kingly aspects of leadership in ministry. The Course challenges God's people to respond to the gospel call to care for the poor through ministries of mercy in the context of new churches being planted in urban North America. *Credit: one unit.*

CG514 Strategies for Urban and Center City Church Planting

This course challenges God's people to plant churches where the full giftedness and diversity of the members are brought to bear on the fabric of urban and center cities, the needs and blemishes of cities are addressed and served, and the culture and beauty of cities is engaged and redeemed. *Credit: one unit.*

CG515 Church Planting Field Trip

This course focuses on the variety of church-planting efforts being conducted by the PCA. Students travel to a church plant for a series of seminars conducted by church planters, pastors, and lay leaders on the topics of church planting, pastoral ministry, outreach,

assimilation, and lay leadership development. *Credit: one unit.*

CG516 Church Planting Demographics

This course will instruct students in demographic methods to identify communities, both geographic and ethnic, not being reached by the Presbyterian Church in America. Students will learn how to build relational bridges to better appreciate these communities by being salt and light to the people in them while also learning and growing by receiving God's gifts as represented in these communities. *Credit: one unit.*

CG517 Church Planting

This course explores a variety of issues related to church planting. May be repeated. *Credit: one unit.*

CG531 Discipleship in the Ministry of the Church

The basic priorities and strategies of discipleship in the local church are studied. Topics include: developing a vision and philosophy of ministry, equipping and delegation, orienting and assimilating new members, small groups, leadership development, motivation and accountability, conflict management, long- and short-range planning, priorities and people time. *Credit: three units.*

CG550 Developing Lay Leaders in the Church

Surveys indicate that pastors find that their greatest challenge in the practical ministry of the church is developing strong, godly lay leaders who are able to minister effectively in their areas of giftedness and passion, both in the church and in the community. This course presents a lay-equipping model illustrated by *The Church of Irresistible Influence* by Robert Lewis. *Credit: one unit.*

CG551 Discovering the Personality of a Church

This course will help students analyze their ministry styles and the ministry style of prospective churches as they consider placement possibilities to determine the potential degree of fit and fruitfulness in ministry. *Credit: one unit.*

CG552 Your Unique Ministry Style

This course will help students identify and develop a personal ministry style through observing local pastors

with differing ministry styles. Interview opportunities will explore preaching/teaching styles, conflict resolution, leadership styles, ministry priorities, etc.

Credit: one unit.

CG560 Church-Based Community Ministry

Christ commissioned the church to be salt and light in the world's cultures. This course investigates the church's role in justice and mercy issues connected with community development as gospel outreach. *Credit: one unit.*

CG591 Independent Study in Church Growth, Planting, and Renewal

Approved independent study under an appropriate faculty member's direction. May be taken for DMin credit. May be repeated. Units of credit individually arranged. As a guideline, each credit unit requires 1,000 pages of reading. See academic regulations concerning Independent Study Courses. *Credit: varies.*

CG592 Church Planting Practicum

Students may earn up to six hours of ministry practicum credit for service in the area of church planting. See details and restrictions under Ministry Practicum in the Student Handbook. *Credit: variable, up to six units.*

Church History

CH200 The Story of Christianity

Survey of church history from the apostles to the twenty-first century. This course includes the main topics of church history in order to understand our Christian heritage and to gather lessons that can be applied to the church today. *Credit: three units.*

CH310 Ancient and Medieval Church History

Christianity from the early church to the dawn of the Reformation, with source material readings. Emphasis on the uses and applications of church history to life and ministry. *Credit: three units.*

CH320 Reformation and Modern Church History

Christianity from the Reformation to the present, with source material readings. Emphasis on the uses and applications of church history to life and ministry. *Credit: three units.*

CH523 Calvin's Institutes

Reading and analysis of the *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, emphasizing Calvin's method, material arrangement, and biblical-theological content. Offered in alternate years. *Credit: three units.*

CH524 Reformed Confessions of the 16th Century

A study of confessions in the formative period of the Reformed tradition, utilizing primary and secondary sources. Emphasis on historical context, theological development, and pastoral application. *Credit: two units.*

CH528 Luther: Life and Teaching

An introduction to Martin Luther's life and thought, emphasizing the great Reformer's writings. *Credit: two units.*

CH531 Abraham Kuyper

This course will engage with the life and thought of Abraham Kuyper utilizing primary and secondary source readings. Special attention will be paid to historical context and the continuing influence of Kuyper and neo-Calvinism. *Credit: one unit.*

CH542 American Presbyterianism

A survey of American Presbyterian history from the coming of Presbyterians to the New World to the "Broadening Church" of the early twentieth century. Students will read the two-volume history of *Princeton Seminary* by David B. Calhoun. *Credit: two units.*

CH543 Jonathan Edwards

This class offers a detailed study of the life, writings, and sermons of this extraordinary Christian pastor and scholar and examines his contribution to Reformed soteriology. Students explore how Edwards' intellect pushed beyond the traditional Reformed paradigms of thought on the initial reception of salvation, the act of regeneration, and the identifiable fruit of a regenerated life. Attention will be given to Edwards' practical, pastoral, and scholarly contributions to these topics and his model of maintaining an active ministry with people while engaging in the life of the mind. *Credit: three units.*

CH546 African-American Church History

A survey of the black church in America from the coming of the slaves to the dawn of the twenty-first century. The class will combine historical information with analysis of the origins of the black church, its characteristics, its endurance, and its prospects. *Credit: one unit.*

CH547 Puritans

In the development of the North American church, the Puritans have had a tremendous influence over theology and practice. This course will study the history and the legacy of the Puritans from their beginnings in the UK through their presence in North America. *Credit: two units.*

CH551 Westminster Confession of Faith

A historical, theological, and practical study of the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms. The course will emphasize devotional and pastoral uses of the great standards of the Presbyterian church. Offered in alternate years. *Credit: three units.*

CH555 Presbyterian History: Scotland, Ireland, America

Survey of five hundred years of Presbyterian history as it unfolded in three major centers: Scotland, Northern Ireland, and the United States. The course will explore persons and events, theology and polity, and similarities and differences in Scottish, Irish, and American Presbyterianism. *Credit: three units.*

CH560 Introduction to Non-Western Church History

This course explores the development of the church over the ages up to the present in specifically non-western areas, giving the student a broader understanding of the spread of and challenges faced by the gospel worldwide. *Credit: one unit.*

CH574 Revival and Renewal in Global Perspective

Most scholars trace the beginnings of modern evangelicalism to the Christian revivals of the 1740s. Such revivals have played a formative role in the emergence of the evangelical movement all around the world, though they raise issues related to the role of the emotions in the spiritual life, charismatic phenomena, clerical and lay authority, the status of creeds and

doctrinal standards, and the dangers of church divisions. This course will offer a brief overview of global Christian revivals, focusing on the role of cultural differences in shaping the forms that revival has taken; the respective roles of Word, Spirit, and community in revivals; and the need for an openness to the Spirit's work combined with a cautious and discerning attitude. *Credit: one unit.*

CH591 Independent Study in Church History

Approved independent study under an appropriate faculty member's direction. May be taken for DMin credit. As a guideline, each credit unit requires 1,000 pages of reading. Units of credit individually arranged. See academic regulations concerning Independent Study Courses. *Credit: varies.*

Communication/Homiletics

CM300 Communicating the Gospel

Explores the motive, manner, and methods of gospel communication, as well as principles for interpreting and developing messages based on biblical texts. Students will practice communicating messages in a group setting. *Credit: three units.*

CM301 Communication Practicum

This course reinforces the communication principles learned in CM300 and teaches students how to speak in retreat settings. *Note:* This class is for women only. Prerequisite CM300. *Credit: two units.*

CM310 Preparation and Delivery of Sermons

Presents the basic principles of homiletics; the structure of various sermon types; and practice in composition, delivery, and voice methods. *Credit: three units.*

CM320 Elementary Homiletics Practicum

Laboratory course in which students practice homiletical principles taught in CM310 as they preach two sermons. Two hours of class attendance required weekly. Prerequisite: CM310. *Credit: two units.*

CM330 Christ-Centered Preaching

Preaching practicum with special emphasis on the place and uniqueness of the atonement in Christian preaching. Students preach two sermons. Prerequisite: CM320. *Credit: two units.*

CM340 Advanced Homiletics Practicum

Preparation and presentation of sermons for the life and special occasions of the church. Instruction will include how to prepare sermons for weddings, funerals, and evangelistic services, as well as topics of social concern. Students preach two sermons. Prerequisite: CM330.

Credit: two units.

CM500 Covenant Seminary Preaching Lectures

Covenant Seminary invites some of the finest preachers and teachers in the Reformed community to present special lectures addressing effective ministry of the Word of God. May be repeated. *Credit: one unit.*

CM510 Preaching Through the Psalms

This seminar-style class explores practical ways of preaching the Psalms effectively. Students work with the psalmists' literary techniques and themes. These techniques, combined with the student's basic understanding of expository preaching and the professor's practical experience, will help the student craft two sermons from the Psalms. Skills learned in this class are helpful in preaching from the other poetical and prophetic genres of Scripture. *Credit: two units.*

CM524 Preaching the Johannine Gospel

How does the preacher fully communicate the wonderful truths of John's gospel? This course will guide students through this process to a final sermon manuscript.

Credit: one unit.

CM525 Preaching from Acts

This seminar-style class will explore practical ways of preaching the book of Acts effectively. The student will learn to work with Luke's literary techniques and theological themes. A basic orientation to Luke's history, the student's skills gained in homiletics, and the instructor's practical experience will help the student craft two sermons from Acts as well as develop a plan for preaching the whole book. Skills learned in this class will also be helpful in preaching from the other narrative portions of Scripture. *Credit: one unit.*

CM591 Independent Study in Homiletics

Approved independent study under an appropriate faculty member's direction. May be repeated. May be taken for DMin credit. Units of credit individually

arranged. See academic regulation concerning Independent Study Courses. *Credit: varies*

Counseling

CO310 Introduction to Counseling

Surveys the main emotional and behavioral problems encountered in counseling and the theoretical frameworks for counseling. Examines principles of care and counseling, with strong emphasis on basic counseling skills and the ability to relate to others. Concentration on areas such as assertiveness and anger, guilt, forgiveness, perfectionism, depression, sexual orientation, pastoral care, etc. Class format includes lecture, role play, video, and discussion. *Credit: three units.*

CO320 Marriage and Family Counseling

Designed to equip pastors for marriage and family counseling in the local church, this course surveys the biblical, conceptual, and practical issues involved. The importance of a healthy marriage relationship is stressed. Prerequisite: CO310. *Credit: two units.*

CO360 Ethics and Counseling

This course provides an ethical framework for pastoral and professional counselors and deals with such issues as confidentiality, professionalism, legal responsibilities, and common ethical dilemmas in counseling. Prerequisite: MAC candidacy or permission of the MAC Director. *Credit: three units.*

CO370 Cross-Cultural Communication

An analysis of the philosophical, religious, and scientific beliefs and ideas (deism, humanism, existentialism, Marxism, mysticism, and Christianity) which have shaped different cultures and which are now reshaping our multicultural and pluralistic society. Explores differences in attitudes concerning the value and purpose of life, sexual identity and roles, racial and cultural differences. God, good and evil, superstition, etc., are discussed. MAC only. Formerly titled Understanding Contemporary Culture. *Credit: three units.*

CO502 Career Counseling

Survey of approaches to counseling about career choices, as well as issues involved in career and other career-related choices (i.e., issues such as view of work, principles of decision-making). Designed to familiarize the student with theory, materials, and techniques that focus on helping individuals in their relationships to the world of work. *Credit: three units.*

CO503 Educational and Psychological Measurements

Study of formal and informal assessment of personality and intelligence and the application of this assessment to counseling. Areas of discussion include conceptualization of personality and intelligence, ethical considerations, and theories driving assessment tools. *Credit: three units.*

CO520 Marriage and Family Counseling

Christian foundations of marriage, dynamics of dysfunctional marriage and family relationships, approaches to marriage and family counseling, and importance of a healthy, growing marriage relationship. Lectures, case studies, and role-play. *Credit: three units.*

CO531 Crisis and Transition Through the Life Cycle

Examines the major transitions and crises of the life cycle in the context of the family and culture, including infancy, childhood, adolescence, singleness, marriage, parenthood, mid-life, retirement, aging, and death. Discussion of racial, ethnic, and cultural differences in counseling. The tension between individual responsibility and reaction within the system of the family will be a recurrent theme. The course will cover stages and disorders of childhood, adolescence, marriage transitions, domestic violence, mid-life, aging, and cultural differences. Prerequisite: CO310. *Credit: three units.*

CO540 Counseling Internship

Counseling experience with clients for approximately five hours weekly. Students also meet weekly for individual supervision and twice each week for group supervision, case review, evaluation, and interaction. Observation of counseling, role play, and video. Provides a forum for structuring a cohesive model from previous curriculum experience. This fall course continues with CO541 in spring. Total time commitment of

approximately 500 hours for the academic year (15–20 hours per week). Prerequisite: MAC candidacy or permission of instructor. Fall semester of practicum. *Credit: three units.*

CO541 Counseling Internship

Spring semester continuation of CO540. Prerequisite: CO540. *Credit: three units.*

CO542 Counseling Internship

Extension of CO540 or CO541 for students beginning or completing their practicum during the summer term. *No credit.*

CO543 Counseling Internship

Extension of CO540 for students continuing their practicum during the January term. *No credit.*

CO551 Theories and Techniques

Survey and critical evaluation of the major schools of counseling and psychotherapy, examining the theories, methodologies, and techniques of each. Advanced development of counseling skills based on this survey applied in practicum. Development of principles imperative to recasting secular materials into a distinctly biblical approach to counseling, as well as practical application of the doctrines of common grace and general revelation. Prerequisite: MAC Candidacy or permission of instructor. *Credit: three units.*

CO552 Research Methods

Social research design and interpretation with a view toward profitable interaction with professional literature. Guidelines for writing professional papers are presented. Prerequisites: CO310, CO520, CO570. *Credit: three units.*

CO555 Group Dynamics

Introduction to group formation and development stages, roles and norms, cohesion, deviance, conformity, problem-solving, leadership and verbal and nonverbal communication in different types of groups. Practical application of concepts to counseling, church-related, and corporate settings. *Credit: three units.*

CO560 Issues in Counseling

This course offers an in-depth look at topical issues in counseling. Topics will vary from semester to semester. *Credit: one unit.*

CO570 Psychological Disorders

Intensive study of main emotional and behavioral problems encountered by those counseling in a church or any context. Includes basic knowledge, evaluation and critique of commonly used categories, descriptions of mental illness (DSM-IV), and an awareness of both Christian and secular helping agencies, including their advantages, limitations, and place in the spectrum of care. Prerequisite: CO310 (CO310 in progress for MAC students only). *Credit: three units.*

CO591 Independent Study in Counseling

Approved independent study under an appropriate faculty member's direction. May be taken for DMin credit. May be repeated. Units of credit individually arranged. See academic regulations concerning Independent Study Courses. *Credit: varies.*

Doctor of Ministry (DMin)

DM801 Theology of Ministry

Designed to enhance the pastor's ability to draw upon biblical, historical, and theological ministry resources and to develop the capacity to refine and articulate one's own theory of ministry. Following the initial session, students prepare a paper that relates their theology of ministry to their active practice. The paper, written according to standard thesis form, will be presented at the following residency session. *Credit: three units.*

DM802 Church Worship

Detailed study of public corporate worship theology viewed from the Reformed perspective, with practical methods of structuring worship of present-day congregations to conform to biblical principles. History of worship both in the early church and in the Reformed churches from the time of Calvin and Knox to the present. Special section on hymnology. *Credit: three units.*

DM803 Biblical Theology and Preaching

Discusses how the Bible as redemption history relates to present preaching. Includes practicum in preaching with instruction in biblical-theological interpretation principles. *Credit: three units.*

DM804 Pastoral Counseling

Discusses biblical perspectives on the human condition and the implications for preaching and counseling. Integration with empirical research and clinical experience perspectives. The vital elements of relationship counseling, oriented toward practice are stressed. *Credit: three units.*

DM805 Leading Your Church to Renewal

Eight principles for revitalizing the small- and medium-sized church, including development of lay people (their spiritual growth, gifts, leadership skills, ministries, relationships, and outreach), corporate worship, and church structures. *Credit: three units.*

DM806 Grace-Centered Leadership

Biblical and theological foundations for ministry leadership. Particular issues facing ministry leaders. Principles of effective and ineffective leadership. Foundational principles will be applied to leadership issues of wisdom, motivation, facing criticism, risk, handling mistakes, as well as the practical issues of leading, such as committees, volunteers, daily character, and handling the antagonist. *Credit: three units.*

DM812 Spirit-Empowered Ministry

This course is designed for the pastor to become intentional and experimental with the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit in the context of the church community and ministry life. Includes discussions of Bible texts, historical debates, experimental Calvinistic testimonies, and journals of well-known revival leaders. Lectures focus on the nature of experimental Christianity that equips men to lead God's people. *Credit: three units.*

DM821 Issues of Ministry: Pastor as Change Agent

There are few ministry challenges more demanding than envisioning and implementing change in a congregation. Through reflection together on our own ministries, we will learn how to identify varied interests,

select negotiation strategies, navigate relational dynamics, and explore ethical issues involved in developing and managing ministry change. *Credit: three units.*

DM825 Educational Ministries of the Church

Overview of educational ministry in the local church. Topics include: biblical and theological foundations of educational ministry; children, youth, and adult discipleship; educational theories; models and methods; curriculum planning; educational administration; and educational leadership in the church. *Credit: three units.*

DM830 Covenant Seminary Preaching Lectures

Covenant Seminary invites some of the finest preachers and teachers in the Reformed community to present special lectures addressing effective ministry of the Word of God. May be repeated. *Credit: one unit.*

DM838 Preaching from the Old Testament

Inspires and prepares students to make rich use of the Old Testament in their preaching. Alerts students to the importance of “literary competence” for rightly interpreting and applying the various kinds of literature in the Old Testament (e.g., narrative, poetry, law, prophecy). Also explores how to preach the Old Testament creatively and redemptively. *Credit: three units.*

DM839 Preaching from the New Testament

Presents plans for interpreting and applying New Testament texts in order to enrich sermon content. Includes a plan for the step-by-step exegesis of the original meaning of a passage and applying it widely. Discussion of the importance of historical backgrounds and literary analysis for preaching. Focus on Christ-centered preaching from various types of New Testament texts. *Credit: three units.*

DM842 Marriage and Family Counseling

Topics include theology of marriage and family; psychology and theology integration; premarital, marital, sexual, and family counseling; divorce and remarriage; marriage and family enrichment. *Credit: three units.*

DM861 Apologetic Preaching and the Modern World

A study of apologetic preaching in the Scriptures leading to an examination of contemporary issues suitable for apologetic preaching. Students will be required to preach a short apologetic sermon to the class. *Credit: three units.*

DM869 Issues of Preservation and Apostasy

This course helps pastors explore theological and practical issues related to perseverance and apostasy. *Credit: one unit.*

DM874 Grace-Centered Discipleship

Discusses the theological and pastoral implications of the gospel of grace. Special attention is given to the “Sonship” model of World Harvest Mission. *Credit: three units.*

DM876 Cross-Cultural Ministry of the Church

Explores both theoretically and practically some of the cross-cultural facets of the church’s life and ministry. Topics include: the church’s identity; theological contextualization; church history and wider cultural history; church and society; local church ministries; multi-ethnic models and participation in global missions. *Credit: three units.*

DM891 Independent Study in Practical Theology

Approved independent study under an appropriate faculty member’s direction. May be repeated. Units of credit individually arranged. See academic regulations concerning Independent Study Courses. *Credit: varies.*

DM892 Ministry Practicum

Student proposes a practicum with course title, objectives, goals, and desired competencies to a faculty supervisor, along with a working bibliography. Units determined by Academic Dean and Director of DMin program. See DMin Handbook for detailed requirements. *Credit: varies.*

DM896 Ministry Project/Dissertation Preparation

Required of all DMin students prior to submission of Project/Dissertation proposal. *Credit: one or two units.*

DM897 Project Dissertation Supervision I

DMin students must register for this course in the semester following the approval of their proposal. *No academic credit, but the student is billed for two units.*

DM898 Project Dissertation Supervision II

DMin students must register for this course in the semester in which their project/dissertation is to be submitted for approval. *No academic credit, but the student is billed for two units.*

DM899 Project Dissertation Completion

Automatically awarded when project/dissertation is approved. (No billing.) *Credit: four units.*

Educational Ministry

EM301 Educational Ministry of the Church

How do the many and varied educational ministries of the church engage God's people in growth towards maturity in Christ? This course briefly explores the central issues involved, including biblical and theological foundations of educational ministry, discipleship, teaching and learning, curriculum development, administration, and team building. Specific applications will be made to a variety of ministries, including children's, youth, adult, intergenerational, senior adult, and small group. *Credit: two units.*

EM330 Christian Worship

A biblical, historical, and contemporary look at gospel-centered worship with emphasis on understanding, planning, and leading corporate public worship in a local congregation. *Credit: two units.*

EM501 Educational Foundations

An overview of the educational and training ministries of the local church, including biblical, theological, and psychological foundations; and the aims, methods, curriculum, organization, leadership, and evaluation of the teaching/learning process for various stages and age groups (Previously CE501). *Credit: three units.*

EM502 Teaching and Learning

This course examines how Christian teachers can deepen their conceptual understanding and educational

skills as they communicate gospel teaching as a complement to pulpit ministry. We investigate the role of both the teacher and the learner (of any age) and the variety of effective methods teachers can employ in the learning process in any ministry context. (Previously CE502) *Credit: three units.*

EM503 Educational Leadership/Administration in the Church

This course challenges the student to cast the vision for the church's educational program (working closely with the governing body of the church) and then create the plans to accomplish that vision. The course includes a study of curriculum. (Previously CE503) *Credit: three units.*

EM508 Curriculum Analysis and Design

What does the church need to account for in the evaluation and planning of a Christian curriculum that will help the church grow in maturity in Christ? This course explores the application of curriculum theory to the decisions educators make about what and why something should be taught, to whom and by whom it should be taught, and how it should be taught. Previous experience in EM courses recommended. (Previously CE508) Pre-requisite: EM301 or EM501. *Credit: two units.*

EM511 Children's Ministry

This course focuses on the church's ministry and covenant responsibility to children, laying the foundation for those who are called to pastor children (birth–sixth grade) or oversee others who serve in this nurturing ministry. Topics covered include the biblical foundation for ministry to children, philosophy and models of children's ministry, organization of children's ministry, recruiting and developing leadership, and programming. (Previously CE511) *Credit: one unit.*

EM521 Youth Ministry

This course offers a theological and practical approach to youth ministry in the church, including the place of youth ministry in the church's philosophy of ministry, and principles for overseeing a youth ministry program. *Credit: two units.*

EM526 Youth Ministry Across Culture

Designed to develop a conceptual framework and skills for youth ministry across culture, whether in a cross-culture context or with students from a variety of cultural backgrounds. Students are assisted in developing a theological foundation for cross-cultural ministry, learn to exegete culture and develop sensitivity to cultural issues affecting ministry, and evaluate youth ministry models to determine which will be most effective in various cultural contexts. (Previously CE526) *Credit: one unit.*

EM529 Issues in Youth Ministry

Students will investigate current topics in pertaining to youth ministry. *Credit: two units.*

EM531 Gospel-Centered Parenting

This course will present a biblical survey of parenting with a focus on the application of the gospel of grace to parents through the various stages of child-raising from birth to adulthood. (Previously CE571) *Credit: one unit.*

EM532 Gospel-Centered Marriage

This course will apply the principles of a Christ-centered approach to marriage and home, providing principles and guidance for how to live out the gospel with those individuals closest to the student. *Credit: one unit.*

EM533 Gospel-Centered Sexuality

God created men and women as sexual beings; thus, sexuality affects all areas of life. This course will consider the biblical texts that guide human sexuality and the implications of those texts to daily life in the image of God. *Credit: one unit.*

EM534 Gospel-Centered Spirituality

The transforming work of the gospel as applied by the Holy Spirit is central to our understanding of the Christian life. This course will examine the biblical call to a lifelong pursuit of being formed into the likeness of Christ. Attention will be given to historical teaching and models of spiritual theology and formation, particularly in our Reformed tradition. The course will also look at some contemporary models and resources for using the means of grace and spiritual disciplines with application to those in ministry leadership. *Credit: one unit.*

EM536 Worship in Today's Church

This course examines current models for worship in light of Reformed theology and the experience of a church known for its worship. *Credit: two units.*

EM537 Music for the Local Church

An overview of the variety of music used in worship by churches today, including sections on traditions of church music, hymnology, psalmody, instrumental music and contemporary Christian music. *Credit: two units.*

EM541 Campus Ministry

An investigation of the campus and the college mind. Explores principles and methods of ministry to students on college and university campuses. Topics include worldview identification and critique, skill building in communication and evangelism, young adult development, higher education trends and issues, and program planning. (Previously CE541) *Credit: two units.*

EM555 Women in Ministries

Principles for establishing and conducting ministry by and for women in the local church and in other contexts. *Credit: one unit.*

EM561 Small Group Ministry

Many Christian ministries continue to find small groups to be an effective tool that facilitates spiritual growth, fellowship, and outreach. This course will investigate small group elements such as models, structure, dynamics, leadership, and communication in addition to guiding the student in evaluating the effectiveness of this ministry form. *Credit: one unit.*

EM562 Getting Equipped to Teach the Bible

This course helps students bridge the gap between teaching the Bible to others and equipping others to understand and respond faithfully to the Bible themselves both personally and corporately. We will address topics such as utilizing Bible study tools and resources, employing sound interpretive principles, recognizing group dynamics, identifying biblical genres, communicating biblical themes, harnessing effective educational methods, and identifying creative teaching strategies. *Credit: two units.*

EM565 Disability Ministry

This course discusses the church's privilege and responsibility to minister to and alongside of individuals and families touched by disability. Students will cover the scriptural basis for disability ministry, have the opportunity to hear from people who are living with a disability, and come away with practical resources and creative ideas to effectively reach out and include people with differing abilities in congregational life. *Credit: one unit.*

EM571 History of Hymnody

Students will investigate the rich heritage of hymnody and its use in worship, including both classic and modern texts and music. *Credit: one unit.*

EM575 Introduction to Music and Worship

A biblical and theological introduction to music and aesthetics in the context of a biblical theology of worship; history of music with a special emphasis on the history of church music; guidelines for selecting music for the life and worship of the local church. Prerequisite: EM330 recommended. (Previously PT 535) *Credit: two units.*

EM583 Issues in Educational Ministry: Making Wise Schooling Choices

How does a church help its parents to discern among schooling options in light of scriptural guidance and children's needs and gifts? This course will discuss the decision-making process as well as examining the actual choices themselves. *Credit, one unit.*

EM592 Christian Education Practicum

Students may earn up to six hours of ministry practicum credit for service in the area of Christian education or youth ministry. See details and restrictions under Ministry Practicum in the Student Handbook. *Credit: variable, up to six units.*

Field Education**FE301 Field Education**

Students must complete 75 hours of fieldwork in an approved ministry context (church, life-care center, hospital, parachurch ministry, prison, camp, mission site, etc.). For more information, consult the Field Education

Information Packet available from the Director of Field Education. *Credit: one field education unit; no academic credit.*

FE302 Field Education

See FE301. *Credit: one field education unit; no academic credit.*

FE303 Field Education

See FE301. *Credit: one field education unit; no academic credit.*

FE304 Field Education

See FE301. *Credit: one field education unit; no academic credit.*

Master of Arts**MA296 Distance Education Orientation**

This course introduces distance education students to the institutional expectations and resources available to them. *No academic credit.*

MA297 Capstone Introduction

Students register for this course when they are ready to begin work on the capstone project (distance education MATS students must register for it after completing 30 hours of study). Students prepare a preliminary proposal for the capstone project. *Credit: one unit.*

MA298 Capstone Supervision

Students register for this course as they are working on the capstone project (distance education MATS students register for it as part of their final on-campus residency.) Students present the capstone project to a group of faculty and peers. *No academic credit, but the student is billed for two units.*

MA299 Capstone Completion

Credit: two units automatically granted upon project approval. (No billing.)

MA397 MA Thesis Supervision I

Students writing an MA thesis must register for this course in the semester following the approval of their proposal. *No academic credit, but the student is billed for two units.*

MA398 MA Thesis Supervision II

Students writing an MA thesis must register for this course in the semester in which they expect to complete their thesis. *No academic credit, but the student is billed for two units.*

MA399 MA Thesis Completion

Credit: 4 units, automatically granted upon thesis approval. (No billing.)

New Testament

NT200 New Testament History and Theology

Survey of the cultural context and major themes of New Testament teaching, with particular focus on the death and resurrection of Christ and its implications for the believer's faith and life. *Credit: three units.*

NT220 Life and Teachings of Jesus

A study of the life and teachings of Jesus, focusing on the work he accomplished in salvation. Examines the historical setting of his ministry and the special emphasis of each Gospel. *Credit: three units.*

NT230 Life and Letters of Paul

A study of Paul's theology and major epistles with emphasis on application to modern life. *Credit: three units.*

NT250 Hebrews to Revelation

A study of the general letters and Revelation with emphasis on application to contemporary concerns. *Credit: three units.*

NT301 Beginning Greek

Grammatical study of biblical Greek. Prescribed for entering MDiv and MAET students without previous Greek knowledge. Students seeking to complete the MDiv in three years or the MAET in two years must take these courses in the summer session prior to beginning their regular program in the fall semester. *Credit: four units.*

NT302 Beginning Greek

Grammatical study of biblical Greek. Prescribed for entering MDiv and MAET students without previous Greek knowledge. Students seeking to complete the

MDiv in three years or the MAET in two years must take these courses in the summer session prior to beginning their regular program in the fall semester. *Credit: two units.*

NT303 Greek in Exegesis

Rapid review of grammar and reading. Further study of morphology and syntax principles. Prerequisite: NT302. *Credit: three units.*

NT319 New Testament History

A study of the intertestamental period and the New Testament's Greek, Roman, and Jewish backgrounds. Also provides a survey of Christ's life, a study of Acts, and a reading of the New Testament epistles in their historical settings. *Credit: three units.*

NT320 Gospels

A study of the four Gospels' form and content as a distinct body of literature with exegesis of key passages. Prerequisite: NT303 in progress. *Credit: three units.*

NT330 Acts and Paul

This course looks at the purpose, theology, and chronology of Acts, with special emphasis on Paul's theology and major epistles. Includes exegesis of key passages. Prerequisite: NT303 in progress. *Credit: four units.*

NT350 Pastoral and General Epistles and Revelation

Continued study of the Pauline corpus through the pastoral epistles, along with exegetical study of the general epistles and Revelation, emphasizing the contribution each makes to the New Testament canon. Prerequisite: NT303 in progress. *Credit: three units.*

NT424 Gospel of John

Study of key themes and passages in the fourth Gospel. *Credit: three units.*

NT518 The World of the New Testament

A study of the intertestamental period and the New Testament's Greek, Roman and Jewish backgrounds, with application of this background to the study of the Gospels, Acts, and Epistles. *Credit: three units.*

NT524 Gospel of John

Study of key themes and passages in the fourth Gospel.
Credit: three units.

NT531 Romans

A verse-by-verse study of Romans, examining the book's theological themes. This course trains students to interpret the Bible for themselves. *Credit: three units.*

NT551 Letter to the Hebrews

A verse-by-verse study of Hebrews, examining the book's portrait of the Son of God, our great High Priest. This course trains students to interpret the Bible for themselves. *Credit: three units.*

NT560 The Book of Revelation

The Revelation of John is a popular biblical book, but many Christians find it difficult to understand, especially since there are wildly different interpretations of Revelation. This course considers some of the popular and less well known approaches to the book, but primarily researches what John was communicating to the Christians of Asia Minor, to whom the book was written, and asks how that message applies to the church today. The course will also challenge students to teach and preach on Revelation. *Credit: three units.*

NT577 Imitation of Christ

This course focuses on the New Testament's emphasis on Jesus as the paradigm for the believer's conduct. After exploring reasons for Protestantism's neglect of this emphasis, and ways in which the theme has been abused, this course will focus on New Testament texts which call believers to pattern their lives after Christ. *Credit: two units.*

NT588 Epistle to the Hebrews

Introduction to the context, content, major interpretive issues, and theological contribution of Hebrews. Emphasis on the superiority of Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant. This is an audiotape course (lectures by Dennis Johnson) taken by independent study under a supervising professor. *Credit: three units.*

NT591 Independent Study in New Testament

Approved independent study under an appropriate faculty member's direction. May be taken for DMin

credit. May be repeated. Units of credit individually arranged. See academic regulations concerning Independent Study Courses. *Credit: varies.*

NT600 Greek Reading

Assigned independent reading of the Greek New Testament, Septuagint, or related literature portions, involving the identification of certain verb forms. Approximately ten chapters are assigned for each credit unit. May be repeated. Prerequisite: NT303. *Credit: varies.*

NT616 Hermeneutical Principles

This course will enable students to learn hermeneutical principles and their application through the study of scriptural passages. *Credit: two units.*

NT618 Exegesis and Theology

This course will give the student principles for moving from textual data to theological positions, particularly when the data is limited and the topic is controversial. Students will also explore the theory of position development from Scripture, using the illustrative issues of gender, homosexuality, and slavery. *Credit: two units.*

NT624 Gospel of John

This course will examine the Greek/English text of the Gospel of John based on four aims: 1) to develop interpretative skills; 2) to achieve a better understanding of the argument, content, and various themes of the Gospel and Johannine letters; 3) to explore the use of the OT background for the fourth Gospel; and 4) to encourage the student to work from the exegetical process to the expository, that is, to develop a redemptive-historical framework that sees the biblical theological progression of christocentric themes. Prerequisite: NT 303. *Credit: three units.*

NT691 Independent Study in New Testament Exegesis

Approved Greek-based independent study under an appropriate faculty member's direction. May be taken for DMin credit. May be repeated. Prerequisite: NT303. Units of credit individually arranged. See academic regulations concerning Independent Study Courses. *Credit: varies.*

NT710 Graduate Seminar in New Testament

Topics selected by the New Testament faculty for their relevance in current debate and for their importance in understanding the New Testament message. Open to advanced MDiv and MAET students with permission of instructor. *Credit: three units.*

Old Testament**OT200 Old Testament History and Theology**

Survey of the cultural context and major themes of Old Testament teaching, with particular focus on the role of covenant and the mission of God. *Credit: three units.*

OT220 The Pentateuch

Examination of the history, faith, law, and worship of Israel in the first five books of the Old Testament. *Credit: three units.*

OT230 Old Testament Historical Books

Survey and analysis of the historical books of the Old Testament. *Credit: three units.*

OT231 Joshua

This course will consist of a close reading of selected portions (English Bible) of Joshua in historical and literary context. *Credit: three units.*

OT235 Job: On the Edge of Human Wisdom

Study of this ancient text confronts us with the limitations of human wisdom and the challenge of relating to God and one another in the face of severe, inexplicable suffering. Job models a different sort of wisdom which pushes beyond easy answers and spiritual clichés. *Credit: three units.*

OT240 Psalms and Wisdom Books

Introduction to Hebrew poetry and to each poetical book within its ancient Near Eastern and biblical context. Survey and content sampling of each book. (English-based.) *Credit: three units.*

OT250 Old Testament Prophetical Books

Overview of the message of the prophetical books, along with principles for interpreting biblical prophecy. Special attention will be given to the content and

themes of the major prophets, with exegesis of key texts. Survey of the minor prophets. *Credit: three units.*

OT301 Hebrew

Grammar fundamentals of biblical Hebrew. *Credit: four units.*

OT302 Hebrew

Grammar fundamentals of biblical Hebrew. *Credit: two units.*

OT303 Hebrew in Exegesis

Extensive reading with grammar review; further study of Hebrew philology and syntax with a goal of greater accuracy in Old Testament exegesis. Prerequisite: OT302 in progress. *Credit: three units.*

OT320 Pentateuch

Coverage of the Pentateuch: its authorship, theology, and place in the story of God's people. Prerequisites: OT303 completed or in process. *Credit: two units.*

OT330 Old Testament Historical Books

Survey and analysis of the historical books of the Old Testament in light of ancient Near Eastern history and historiography. Prerequisite: OT303 in progress. *Credit: three units.*

OT340 Psalms and Wisdom Books

Orientation to the nature of Hebrew poetry, with an introduction to each poetical book within its ancient Near Eastern and biblical context. Survey and content sampling of each book. Prerequisite: OT303. *Credit: three units.*

OT350 Prophetical Books

Content and themes of the prophetical books of the Old Testament, with a focus on sound principals of interpretation. Includes detailed exegesis of key texts. Prerequisite: OT303. *Credit: three units.*

OT410 Bible Content Overview (OT)

Survey of basic Old Testament Bible facts to provide a usable foundation for personal study, for ministry, and for other courses in biblical studies and in systematic and practical theology. OT410 and NT410 required of all MDiv and MAET students who do not score

satisfactorily on the entrance Bible Content Exam. Open to other students. Units do not apply toward an MDiv concentration in Biblical Studies. *Credit: one unit.*

OT511 Ancient Near Eastern Background of the Old Testament

The Old Testament was not revealed in a vacuum, but was given in the setting of the ancient Near East. It is important for students of the Bible to examine and become familiar with the cultures of the Levant, the area in which Israel settled. The three prime targets of such a study are Egypt, Mesopotamia, and Canaan. This course will examine these cultures by viewing the extant archaeological and linguistic materials of those areas. *Credit: one unit.*

OT550 Isaiah

This course helps students engage in exegetically responsible enjoyment of the text of Isaiah, with a view toward improving students' skills as interpreters of the biblical text, discerning the gospel in the Old Testament, lifting students' preaching to a more searching, liberating maturity, and delighting in God more thoughtfully and deeply. *Credit: two units.*

OT560 Understanding Prophecy Today

Prophecy has confused many Christians in today's world. How does it apply to today's Christians and how does the church understand and communicate these teachings? This course will discuss the biblical use of prophecy in today's world. *Credit: one unit.*

OT591 Independent Study in Old Testament

Approved independent study under an appropriate faculty member's direction. May be taken for DMin credit. May be repeated. Units of credit individually arranged. See academic regulations concerning Independent Study Courses. *Credit: varies.*

OT600 Hebrew Reading

Assigned independent reading of Hebrew Old Testament portions; verb form identification. Prerequisite: OT303. May be repeated. *Credit: one or two units.*

OT602 Hands-On Hebrew

Weekly translation and discussion of Old Testament texts in Hebrew to help students maintain and develop Hebrew skills. Prerequisite: OT 302. May be repeated. *Credit: one unit.*

OT691 Independent Study in Old Testament Exegesis

Approved Hebrew-based independent study under an appropriate faculty member's direction. May be taken for DMin credit. May be repeated. Prerequisite: OT303. Units of credit individually arranged. See academic regulations concerning Independent Study Courses. *Credit: varies.*

OT710 Graduate Seminar in Old Testament

Topics selected by the Old Testament faculty for their relevance in current debate and for their importance in understanding the Old Testament message. Open to advanced MDiv and MAET students with permission of instructor. *Credit: three units.*

OT715 Advanced Studies in Biblical Theology

Consideration of the progressive character of God's revelation. Specific themes studied in light of this overarching framework through exegesis of select biblical passages and other readings. Open to advanced MDiv and MAET students with permission of instructor. *Credit: three units.*

Practical Theology

PT310 Spiritual and Ministry Formation

Seminar instruction designed to help students understand, develop, and assess personal ministerial gifts, skills, and character. Focus on identifying strengths, weaknesses, and means of growth in the areas of being a disciple, servant/leader, and proclaimer of the gospel of grace. Couples are encouraged to attend together. *Credit: two units.*

PT330 Christian Worship

A biblical, historical, and contemporary look at gospel-centered worship, with emphasis on understanding, planning, and leading corporate public worship in a local congregation. *Credit: two units.*

PT340 Pastoral Theology

A theological and practical study of the operations of the church and the duties of the minister with special emphasis on the development and duties of the pastor as shepherd in the educational ministry, worship, organization, special services, and personal care of the church and its people. *Credit: two units.*

PT341 Ministry Leadership

This course helps students discern the mission of the church and develop appropriate ministries and programs to fulfill that mission. Topics include: leadership of self (personal management), church (developing lay leadership), staff (organization, management, working with volunteers) and finances (budgets). *Credit: two units.*

PT411 Preparing for Licensure and Ordination Exams

Designed to assist students in preparing for presbytery licensure and ordination exams. Review, memorization, and drill on commonly asked questions and answers. Fundamentals of PCA polity. Especially recommended for students seeking ministry opportunities in the PCA. *Note:* This course meets for 75 minutes once each week. The class is required for spring MDiv/PCA ordination track graduates. *Credit: one unit.*

PT412 Candidating and Transition into Ministry

This course will explore the how to's of the candidating process, the impact on and involvement of wives and children, and the transition into the first year of ministry. Content and assignments will have practical application to the student's own placement process. Couples are strongly encouraged to attend together. Some childcare is provided upon request. *Credit: one unit.*

PT501 Jesus the Evangelist

Jesus was the most powerful communicator of truth who ever lived. How did He communicate the gospel to unbelievers? Lectures focus on a detailed study of Jesus' encounters with people, which will give students principles for evangelistic communication today. The class includes two hours of lectures each week plus one hour of practicum. Elective credit for Christianity and Contemporary Culture. *Credit: three units.*

PT510 Sickness and Suffering

Sickness, suffering, and dying are universal human experiences and provide frequent pastoral opportunities. This interdisciplinary seminar will combine Bible study, literature (Christian and secular), pastoral theology (pastor and counselor), movies, and music. *Credit: three units.*

PT516 Masculine Spirituality

This course is specifically designed for those who will be teaching and discipling adult men, youth, and boys in the bestowal of Christ-centered masculinity from one generation to another. Special attention will be paid to masculine spirituality in the Bible, the masculine dimensions of the *imago dei*, masculine validation, father-son relationships, woundedness, healing, mission, and battle. *Credit: three units.*

PT543 Peacemaking in Practice

This course seeks to help participants understand and apply biblical principles for peacemaking in a variety of contexts. Special attention is given to managing church conflict. Includes seminar instruction by professional conciliators from a variety of backgrounds with experience in managing personal, marital, and church-related conflicts. *Credit: one unit.*

PT544 Politics of Ministry Practice

When political activity is viewed as the daily negotiation of ministry interests, one quickly sees that, in this sense, all ministry is political in nature. This course explores how to identify varied interests, select negotiation strategies, navigate formal and informal authority and power structures, and explore ethical issues of ministry life. *Credit: one unit.*

PT546 Eldership: A Servant Partnership

Based on Paul's epistles, this course will examine the role of the ruling and teaching elders as brothers in servant leadership in the church, exploring the nature of the partnership and the service to which the Scripture calls these leaders. *Credit: two units.*

PT548 Church-Based Community Ministry

Students will learn principles and practical tools for developing effective church-based community ministries. Students will think through the process of

developing a new ministry from start to finish, including articulation of its biblical basis, its rationale in light of the mission of the sponsoring organization, how to research the community, and specific steps required to implement the ministry. *Credit: one unit.*

PT562 Theology and Practice of Prayer

This course explores the dynamics of the spiritual life both as related to the student's own life of faith and prayer and to the pastor's role of spiritual leadership in the congregation. Includes such topics as: theology of spirituality, union with Christ and the identity of the Christian, intimacy with Christ, sinfulness, the lordship of Christ, the providences of God, prayer, holiness, and commitment in ministry. *Credit: three units.*

PT563 Disciplines of Grace

This course will seek to build a vision and strategy for gospel-centered discipleship that relies on the power of the gospel instead of self-effort and moral reformation. Students will study and practice the means of grace and many of the classic spiritual disciplines. Special attention is given to the "Sonship" model of World Harvest Mission. *Credit: three units.*

PT566 Relationship in God's Image

This course challenges students to be stewards of God's grace, particularly in relationships. The delights and demands of God's love transform a believer's life. Students explore the relationship between God's unceasing love for believers and the way in which believers live out their lives in service and obedience to Him. *Credit: two units.*

PT572 Fund-Raising as Ministry

Fundraising is usually thought of as a very unpleasant "sales" task. By helping individuals grasp a new vision for the Kingdom of God and personal stewardship, students realize that fundraising is ministry. This course will help the student understand this ministry and explore various methods of fundraising. *Credit: one unit.*

PT573 Pastoral Issues

Pastors face challenges in their ministry not specifically addressed in courses about theology or Bible. This course explores those issues. *Credit: one unit.*

PT574 The Church in Context

Every church is called to a unique context. This course helps students to identify that context and contextualize the gospel within it. Course may be repeated. *Credit: one unit.*

PT591 Independent Study in Practical Theology

Approved independent study under an appropriate faculty member's direction. May be taken for DMin credit. May be repeated. Units of credit individually arranged. See academic regulations concerning Independent Study Courses. *Credit: varies.*

PT592 Ministry Practicum

Students may earn up to six hours of ministry practicum credit for service in the areas of pastoral ministry, diaconal services, etc. See details and restrictions under the Ministry Practicum section in the Student Handbook. MDiv students must complete four units (300 hours) of field education as part of their degree requirements. Students who wish to receive academic credit for some or all of their field education work must register for PT 592 Ministry Practicum. *Credit: varies.*

Systematic Theology

ST200 God and His Word

Study of the doctrine of Scripture, including inspiration, inerrancy, and the principles of biblical interpretation, as well as the person, works, and attributes of God and his relation to the created order. *Credit: three units.*

ST220 Humanity, Christ, and Redemption

A study of the creation and nature of mankind, sin, the person and work of Christ, and the application of salvation. *Credit: three units.*

ST240 The Spirit, Church, and Last Things

A study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit, the nature and purpose of the church, the means of grace, the return of Christ, and the eternal state. *Credit: three units.*

ST300 Covenant Theology I

Interdisciplinary introduction to the study of Scripture as God's authoritative and inerrant Word for his covenant people and a normative guide for Kingdom

service. Emphasis upon theological method and the interpretation of Scripture; the interface between the gospel and contemporary cultures; God's self-revelation in the history of redemption, culminating in Christ and the Scriptures; the unity of Scripture in the unfolding of the covenant story; and the spiritual formation of the student. The course requires Covenant Group participation. Prerequisite: NT301 in progress. *Credit: three units.*

ST301 Covenant Theology II

Continuation of ST300. Course requires Covenant Group participation. Prerequisite: ST300. *Credit: three units.*

ST310 God and Humanity

A study of the doctrines of the triune God and his relation to the created order, the divine decrees, the creation and fall of man, and sin. Prerequisite: NT303 in progress. *Credit: three units.*

ST330 Christ and Salvation

A study of the person and work of Christ, the mediator of the covenant of grace, with emphasis on the doctrine of substitutionary atonement. Also explores the doctrine of election and union with Christ, with special attention to effectual calling, regeneration, justification by faith, and sanctification. Prerequisite: NT303 in progress. *Credit: three units.*

ST350 Ecclesiology and Eschatology

A study of the nature and purpose of the church; the means of grace, especially the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper; biblical-theological study of the kingdom of God; the second coming of Christ and the complex of events associated with it, including the resurrection of the dead, the consummation of the kingdom, and the final judgment. Prerequisite: NT303 in progress. *Credit: three units.*

ST360 Christian Ethics

Examines the structure and content of Christian ethics; the goal, motive, and norm of Christian life; with an analysis of ethical issues relating to authority, life, sexuality, property, and truthfulness. *Credit: three units.*

ST500 David C. Jones Theology Lectures

Annual series of lectures on varying topics in theology, presented by renowned speakers. May be repeated as topics change. *Credit: one unit.*

ST505 Biblical Theology

Overview of covenantal structure of the whole of biblical revelation, centering on the concepts of kingdom, covenant and mediator. *Credit: three units.*

ST508 Science and Christian Faith

This course explores the nature, benefits, and limitations of the scientific enterprise, and its interactions with the Christian faith. Topics include: defining science, science and biblical interpretation, a Christian philosophy of science, participation of Christians in science (in history and today), and how faith and science interact in some issues of key importance. *Credit: three units.*

ST515 Predestination and Free Will

A historical and biblical investigation of divine sovereignty and human responsibility. Explores how God's election and human freedom relate in salvation and in the Christian life. Also discusses the difference our understanding of these truths should make in life and ministry. *Credit: three units.*

ST545 Atonement

An exegetical investigation of the Bible's magnificent teaching concerning Christ's saving work. We will investigate the biblical words for the atonement, Christ's threefold office, his saving events, the biblical pictures of his saving work, and the different directions to which the cross points. Prerequisite: NT303 Greek in Exegesis. *Credit: three units.*

ST553 The Emerging Church in America

In this course students will become conversant with the ecclesiology and ethos of the emerging church movement. Students will interact with the major texts and short films of several well-known missional voices in the emerging church world. *Credit: two units.*

ST560 Ethics Seminar

Seminar format discussion of biblical and theological issues surrounding a particular ethical topic. Topics change from semester to semester and have included: the

civil use of the Law, divorce and remarriage, biomedical ethics, race relations, Christian virtue and the good society. May be repeated. *Credit: two units.*

ST562 Human Life Issues

Explores personal decision-making and public policy dilemmas relating to the beginning and end of the human life span, including contraception, prenatal health care, abortion, infanticide, terminal health care, suicide, assisted suicide, euthanasia. Includes critical interaction with opposing viewpoints. *Credit: three units.*

ST564 The Church and Social Responsibility

Examines contemporary and historical perspectives on the role of the church in helping communities in need. Principles for Christian and church involvement in influencing local communities and the broader culture are discussed, and consideration is given to the pastors' role in guiding congregations toward an effective, compassionate understanding of the relationship between economics, labor, the state, and the church. *Credit: two units.*

ST572 Contemporary Theology

Analysis of prominent people and movements in theology from the Enlightenment to the present with special attention to the role of modern hermeneutical theory in recent developments in theology. *Credit: two units.*

ST591 Independent Study in Theology

Approved independent study under an appropriate faculty member's direction. May be taken for DMin credit. May be repeated. Units of credit individually arranged. See academic regulations concerning Independent Study Courses. *Credit: varies.*

ST612 Holy Spirit: Person and Ministry

An exegetical study of New Testament passages dealing with the Holy Spirit with a view to constructing a theology of the Spirit. *Credit: two units.*

ST648 Perseverance and Apostasy

An exegetical investigation of the Bible's teaching concerning preservation, perseverance, assurance, and apostasy. Prerequisite: NT303. *Credit: three units.*

ST691 Independent Study in Theology and Exegesis

Approved Greek-based independent study under an appropriate faculty member's direction. May be repeated. May be taken for DMin credit. Prerequisite: NT303. Units of credit individually arranged. See academic regulations concerning Independent Study Courses. *Credit: varies.*

ST700 Advanced Studies in Hermeneutics

Advanced studies of the thought and methods underlying contemporary approaches to Bible interpretation with historical perspectives on how these approaches should be viewed by today's committed evangelical pastor and scholar. Open to MDiv and MAET students with permission of instructor. *Credit: three units.*

STS548 Perseverance and Apostasy

An investigation of the Bible's teaching concerning preservation, perseverance, assurance, and apostasy. *Credit: three units.*

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TM790 ThM Qualifying Exam

Credit: none.

TM791 ThM Foreign Language Exam

Credit: none.

TM795 ThM Comprehensive Exam

ThM students choosing a comprehensive exam instead of a thesis must register for this course in the semester in which they will be taking the exam. See degree program description for further details. *Credit: three units.*

TM797 ThM Thesis Supervision I

Students writing a ThM thesis must register for this course in the semester following the approval of their proposal. *No academic credit, but the student is billed for three units.*

TM798 ThM Thesis Supervision II

Students writing a ThM thesis must register for this course in the semester in which they expect to complete

their thesis. *No academic credit, but the student is billed for three units.*

TM799 ThM Thesis Completion

Credit: six units; automatically granted upon thesis approval. (No billing.)

World Mission

WM310 God's World Mission

A biblical, theological, and historical consideration of God's redemption of his world, including integration with other coursework and unavoidable personal involvement. *Credit: two units.*

WM500 God's World Mission II

Continuation of WM310 with additional depth in current world mission. Pre-requisite: WM310 in progress. *Credit: one unit.*

WM502 Leading Church Mission Programs

This course teaches students how to guide local churches in envisioning their roles and becoming involved in international missions. It also leads students through the process from the creation of a church vision for missions to the implementation of the church's mission plan. *Credit: one unit.*

WM511 Cultures and Contextualization

Critical examination of communicating the gospel with people, relative to their cultural context, including examination of the development of gospel-theological understandings among the world's various peoples. Prerequisite: WM310 in progress. *Credit: three units.*

WM513 Perspectives on the World Christian Movement

Fifteen-week course sponsored by the Perspectives Study Program of the U.S. Center for World Mission. Offers biblical, historical, cultural, and strategic perspectives on Christian Mission. May be repeated. *Credit: three units.*

WM515 Mission Issues

Special one- to two-day course or one-week courses on particular mission topics. May be repeated. *Credit: one unit.*

WM522 Church-Based Immigrant Refugee Ministry

This course explores ministering through, understanding the dynamics of, and communicating in church-based ministries intentionally directed towards immigrants and refugees. Topics include: the central place of hospitality, holistic advocacy, and English as a second language. *Credit: one unit.*

WM530 Kingdom and Empire: Worldwide Christians in the USA

This course will consider the following issues as components of a hermeneutical spiral: 1) How should we who are subjects of Jesus' international Kingdom approach life issues—both personal and civic—in the USA? 2) In what sense(s) can and should the early-twenty-first-century USA be called (and not be called) a global "empire"? 3) How does living in this imperial context affect Christian living? *Credit: one unit.*

WM534 World Mission Trip

Students will accompany the instructor on a project in which they will experience and critically reflect upon life and ministry in a cross-cultural setting. Students should begin plans for course participation four to six months in advance, keeping in contact with the instructor for travel procedures and costs. *Credit: varies.*

WM540 World Religions

An historical, theological, and socio-cultural survey of religious faiths throughout the world, considered in relation to God's world mission. *Credit: three units.*

WM541 Islam

This course surveys the history, doctrines, and growth of Islam and profiles of various American Islamic communities. It examines the reasons behind the rapid growth of Islam today among Americans without a Muslim background. In addition, this course examines Islam as one of the greatest challenges to the church in America and gives suggestions for appropriate responses. *Credit: two units.*

WM542 Muslim-Christian Relations

The purpose of this course is to help Christian leaders and local churches cultivate constructive relationships with Muslim people on personal, civic, and global levels. Besides facilitating individual acquaintances, the course

will analyze both good and bad examples of Muslim-Christian relations from around the world, including fresh eye-witness accounts from the instructor's recent sabbatical research. *Credit: one unit.*

WM551 China

An orientation to the religious movements and cultures of China, with a survey of the state of the church and current mission strategies, along with challenges and opportunities in the region. *Credit: one unit.*

WM552 Latin America

Latin America continues to contain the largest concentration of Roman Catholics in the world. This class analyzes the Roman Catholic Church's presence as well as the introduction and development of historical Protestantism and the rise of the Hispanic evangelicals. Special attention is given to the development of Presbyterian and Reformed churches and missions in the Caribbean, Mexico, South America, and among Hispanics in North America. *Credit: one unit.*

WM565 Partnering with African Christians

This course traces the history of Christianity in Africa, helping American Christians see the opportunities and the value in partnerships with indigenous Christians. The course will consider some of the many challenges facing the gospel ministry in Africa and how the gospel is advancing on that continent. *Note:* The course will count as an Educational Ministry elective. *Credit: two units.*

WM582 Missionary Encounter With World Religions

An introduction to the theology of religions. A biblical theology of religions is developed. Using major religious systems as examples, five characteristics of all religions

are sketched. Practical suggestions for an evangelistic approach are woven throughout the course. An audiotope course (lectures by Dr. Harvie M. Conn) taken by independent study under a supervising professor. May be taken for DMin credit. *Credit: three units.*

WM589 African Theology and Religions

An audiotope course taken by independent study under a supervising professor. May be taken for DMin credit. *Credit: two units.*

WM591 Independent Study in World Mission

Approved independent study under an appropriate faculty member's direction. May be repeated. May be taken for DMin credit. Units of credit individually arranged. See academic regulations concerning Independent Study courses. *Credit: varies.*

WM592 World Mission Practicum

Students may earn up to six hours of ministry practicum credit for service in the area of world mission. See details and restrictions under the Ministry Practicum section in the Student Handbook. *Credit: varies; to be arranged up to six units.*

WM593 Cross-Cultural Mission Trip

Participation in an approved mission trip, whether sponsored by MTW-Impact, a local church, or some other approved arrangement. Additional assignments and prior approval required. Students may earn a maximum of two credits for WM534 and WM593. *Credit: varies—one or two units.*

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