



COURSE OFFERINGS

2017 – 2018 Academic Year

This list shows all courses offered for the current academic year. Some information may be incomplete at the time of posting, but we will update the list as new information becomes available.

Auditing Courses: Most courses are available for audit by alumni and spouses—and anyone else—at the **reduced audit fee of \$48 per credit hour**. Alumni may audit some language courses in order to refresh their knowledge of these languages for ministry purposes, but in general language and homiletics courses, internships, practicums, independent studies, graduate seminars, and other courses highly specific to our degree programs are not available for audit. **Courses NOT eligible for audit are marked **.**

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SUMMER TERM 2017

On-campus courses for this term are listed **in order by start date, then by general category** ("Contemporary Culture," "Practical Theology," "Systematic Theology," etc.) and then by course number within each category. Online courses are listed in order by course number.

ON-CAMPUS COURSES

Advanced Studies in Hermeneutics (ST700-S)

Dates: May 22 – 26

Days/Times: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Bob Yarbrough, Professor of New Testament

Credit: 3 units

Description: 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.

Internship Site Lab III (CO544)**

Dates: May 29 – August 4

Days/Times: TBD

Instructor(s): Counseling Staff

Credit: 0 units

Description: Summer term internship before going into fall internship group.

MA Thesis Completion (MA399)**

Dates: May 29 – August 4

Days/Times: To be determined.

Instructor(s): To be determined.

Credit: 4 units

Description: Automatically granted upon thesis approval (no billing).

Spiritual Formation for Churches and Ministry Leaders (DM813)

Dates: June 5 – 9

Days/Times: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Instructor(s): Prof. Scotty Smith, Adjunct Professor of Applied Theology

Credit: 4 units

Description: Course description to follow.

Educational Foundations (EM301-S)

Dates: June 5 – 16

Days/Times: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Instructor(s): Prof. Timothy Baldwin, Visiting Professor of Educational Ministries, and Prof. Jeremy Main, Adjunct Professor of Educational Ministries

Credit: 3 units

Description: 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. Students must be involved in current field education work or active leadership in local ministry during this course. Students must have completed the first field education requirements to register for this course.

Greek I (NT301)**

Dates: June 5 – July 14

Days/Times: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 a.m. – noon
Instructor(s): Prof. Patrick Egan, Visiting Professor of New Testament

Credit: 4 units

Description: 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 fall program.

Hebrew I (OT301)**

Dates: June 5 – July 14

Days/Times/Instructor(s):

- **Section 1:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 a.m. – noon, Prof. Aaron Goldstein, Visiting Instructor of Old Testament
- **Section 2:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1 – 4 p.m., Prof. Aaron Goldstein, Visiting Instructor of Old Testament

Credit: 4 units

Description: Grammar fundamentals of biblical Hebrew.

Counseling Practicum (CO390)**

Dates: June 5 – August 11

Days/Times/Instructor(s):

- **Section 1:** Tuesday, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Prof. DeAnn Yount, Visiting Instructor of Applied Theology (Counseling)
- **Section 2:** Wednesday, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Prof. Randy McLaren, Visiting Instructor of Applied Theology (Counseling)
- **Section 3:** Thursday, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Prof. Ashley Watson, Visiting Instructor of Applied Theology (Counseling)

Credit: 3 units

Description: Supervised counseling practicum outside of the standard internship year.

Internship Site Lab I (CO540)**

Dates: June 5 – August 11

Days/Times: TBD

Instructor(s): Counseling Staff

Credit: 0 units

Description: Summer term internship before going into fall internship group.

Isaiah (OT550-S)

Dates: June 19 – 23

Days/Times: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Instructor(s): Prof. Seulgi Byun, Visiting Professor of New Testament

Credit: 2 units

Description: Using the English Bible, a study of the book of Isaiah, its context, and its themes.

Pastoral and General Epistles and Revelation (NT350-S)

Dates: June 19 – 30

Days/Times: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Greg Perry, Associate Professor of New Testament

Credit: 3 units

Description: Continued study of the Pauline corpus, through the pastoral epistles, with exegetical study of the general epistles and Revelation, emphasizing the contribution each makes to the New Testament canon.

Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on the Reformation (ST577-S)

Dates: June 26 – 30

Days/Times: Monday – Friday, TBD

Location: This will be a residential course with Christian Heritage in Cambridge, England

Instructor(s): Dr. Jack Collins, Professor of Old Testament, and Dr. Dan Doriani, Professor of Theology

Credit: 2 units

Description: Taught by Covenant professors Dr. Dan Doriani and Dr. Jack Collins, as well as Covenant graduate and Cambridge PhD student Arthur Keefer, the course will explore the theological significance of the Reformation from historical and contemporary perspectives. After building an understanding of the Reformation's social and theological setting and the lives and beliefs of key reformers, Dr. Collins will examine the hermeneutics of Scripture and Dr. Doriani will discuss expository preaching—two great inheritances of the Protestant Reformation—with additional reflections on the Lordship of Christ in science and social reform. Additionally, Mr. Keefer will discuss Islam's reformational values in the Koran, such as God's rule over all of life and missiology, and will discuss the differences between Christianity and Islam's application of such values. Mr. Keefer will also compare and contrast Christian and Islamic theologies of societal reformation with contemporary examples.

Calling, Vocation, and Work (CC561-S)

Dates: July 10 – 14

Days/Times: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Mark Dalbey, President and Associate Professor of Applied Theology; and Dr. Michael Williams, Professor of Systematic Theology

Credit: 2 units

Description: 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, the image of God, salvation and mission, church and culture, vocational discipleship, and work and rest.

Communicating Jesus with an Apologetic Sensitivity (CC526-S)

Dates: July 17 – 21

Days/Times: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Zack Eswine, Director of Homiletics and Adjunct Professor of Applied Theology, and Mrs. Jessica Eswine

Credit: 2 units

Description: Course description to follow.

Greek II (NT302)**

Dates: July 17 – August 4

Days/Times: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – noon

Instructor(s): **Prof. Patrick Egan**, Visiting Professor of New Testament

Credit: 2 units

Description: 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 fall program.

Hebrew II (OT302)**

Dates: July 17 – August 4

Days/Times/Instructor(s):

- **Section 1:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 a.m. – noon, **Prof. Aaron Goldstein**, Visiting Instructor of Old Testament
- **Section 2:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1 – 4 p.m., **Prof. Aaron Goldstein**, Visiting Instructor of Old Testament

Credit: 2 units

Description: Grammar fundamentals of biblical Hebrew.

Leading Your Church to Renewal (DM805)

Dates: July 31 – August 4

Days/Times: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Instructor(s): **Prof. Hugh Barlett**, Adjunct Professor of Applied Theology, and **Dr. Phil Douglass**, Professor of Applied Theology

Credit: 4 units

Description: Explores 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.

Advanced Studies in Biblical Theology (OT715-S)

Dates: August 7 – 11

Days/Times: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Instructor(s): **Dr. Brad Matthews**, Assistant Professor of New Testament

Credit: 3 units

Description: 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.

ONLINE COURSES

Ministry to Emerging Generations (EM528-C)

Dates: June 5 – August 11

Instructor(s): **Prof. Stephen Yates**, Visiting Instructor of Educational Ministries

Credit: 2 units

Description: Offered in partnership with Mission to the World's Next Institute, this course will consider the intersections of various perspectives regarding theological grounds for ministry in relation to the formation and execution of local, contextualized ministry goals. Participants will gain an overview of the various ideological, sociological, cultural, and developmental tools necessary to contextualize their own areas of ministry, and will interact with a variety of models, methodological examples, and real-world practitioners as they develop missiological imaginations for the emerging generations.

COVENANT NASHVILLE COURSES

Life and Theology of Martin Luther (CH528-S)

Dates: August 4 – 11

Days/Times: Monday – Friday, 6 – 9 p.m.; and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Location: Christ Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN

Instructor(s): **Rev. David Filson**, Adjunct Professor of Church History

Credit: 2 units

Description: An introduction to Martin Luther's life and thought, emphasizing the great Reformer's writings.

FALL TERM 2017

Unless otherwise noted, courses run **August 21 – December 13**. Courses are listed in order by general category ("Contemporary Culture," "Practical Theology," "Systematic Theology," etc.) and then by course number within each category. Online courses are listed in order by course number.

ON-CAMPUS COURSES

APPLIED THEOLGY COURSES (AT)

Spiritual and Ministry Formation (AT300)

Days/Times:

- **Daytime Section:** Wednesday, 1 – 3 p.m.
- **Evening Section:** Monday, 6:15 – 8:15 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Phil Douglass, Professor of Applied Theology; and Dr. Brad Matthews, Assistant Professor of New Testament

Credit: 2 units

Description: Instruction designed to help students understand, develop, and assess personal ministerial gifts, skills, and character development. Focus on identifying strengths, challenges, 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. There is a breakout session for women pertaining to being a wife/woman in ministry. Limited free childcare available when course is offered on campus.

Theology of Ministry (AT340)

Days/Times: Monday, 4 – 6 p.m.

Instructor(s): Prof. Jerram Barrs, Professor of Christian Studies and Contemporary Culture

Credit: 2 units

Description: A theological and practical study of the duties of the minister, with special emphasis on the development and duties of the pastor as shepherd and the personal care of the church and its people.

Ministry Leadership (AT341)

Days/Times: Tuesday, 4 – 6 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Phil Douglass, Professor of Applied Theology

Credit: 2 units

Description: Students will make significant progress in developing their Personal Philosophy of Ministry based upon the theological convictions that undergird their primary ministry calling, their divine design, and the values and principles that operationalize their vocational service. The course emphasizes helping students determine their optimal ministry fit upon graduation.

Mentored Ministry Practicum I (AT411)**

Days/Times:

- **Section 1:** Wednesday, 10 – 10:55 a.m.
- **Section 2:** Thursday, 10 – 10:55 a.m.

Instructor(s): To be determined.

Credit: 1 unit

Description: This is a discussion-oriented course intended to prepare students for pastoral leadership challenges in varied political and interpersonal environments. Students will work through case studies and reading assignments in their small groups alongside a faculty member and visiting ministry leaders (mentors) from the local community.

Preparing for Licensure and Ordination Exams (AT490)

Days/Times: Wednesday, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Instructor(s): Prof. Chris Polski, Visiting Instructor of Applied Theology

Credit: 1 unit

Description: Students will make significant progress in developing their Personal Philosophy of Ministry based upon the theological convictions that undergird their primary ministry calling, their divine design, and the values and principles that operationalize their vocational service. The course emphasizes helping students determine their optimal ministry fit upon graduation.

MDiv Capstone (AT499)**

Days/Times: Friday, 1 – 3 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Brian Aucker, Associate Professor of New Testament; Prof. Mark Ryan, Adjunct Professor of Religion and Culture; and Prof. Jessie Swigart, Adjunct Professor of Educational Ministries

Credit: 1 unit

Description: This course provides students a unique project at the end of their degree that requires them to review, reflect on, and integrate their work from the whole degree experience in light of the Seminary's mission-based learning outcomes. The portfolio revisiting work allows students time to connect courses and assignments in new ways, bringing closure to learning processes left undone.

Calling for Your Ministry (AT565-W)

Special Weekend Dates/Times: Friday, September 15, 7 – 9 p.m.; and Saturday, September 16, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Instructor(s): Prof. Mark Dawson, Visiting Instructor of Applied Theology

Credit: 1

Description: Course description to follow.

Candidating and Transitioning Into Ministry (AT580-W)

Special Weekend Dates/Times: Friday, September 8, 7 – 9 p.m.; and Saturday, September 9, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Instructor(s): Joel Hathaway, Visiting Instructor of Applied Theology

Credit: 1 unit

Description: 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.

CONTEMPORARY CULTURE COURSES (CC)

Apologetics and Outreach (CC310)

Days/Times: Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Instructor(s): Prof. Jerram Barrs, Professor of Christian Studies and Contemporary Culture; and Prof. Mark Ryan, Adjunct Professor of Religion and Culture

Credit: 3 units

Description: 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.

Cultural Apologetics Practicum I (CC311)**

Days/Times: Monday, 11 a.m. – noon

Instructor(s): Prof. Mark Ryan, Adjunct Professor of Religion and Culture

Credit: 1 unit

Description: This practicum is required for students in the MARC FSI Cultural Apologetics Track and is only open to those students.

Cultural Apologetics: Tolkien (CC521-E)

Days/Times: Tuesday, 6:15 – 8:15 p.m.

Instructor(s): Prof. Jerram Barrs, Professor of Christian Studies and Contemporary Culture

Credit: 2 units

Description: This course will examine the life and writings of popular author J. R. R. Tolkien, within an overview of a Christian doctrine of creativity and the calling of the Christian artist. (Please read Jerram Barrs's *Echoes of Eden* before class if you have doubts or questions on these matters.) We will seek to develop an understanding of how literature does its "work," examine the challenges facing writers of fiction (especially those whose work is often classed as "fantasy"), and look at the problems associated with fantasy in the minds of many Christians. Though Tolkien denied that his books are Christian allegories, it is clear that they are permeated with a Christian worldview and that particular Christian doctrines had a deep impact on the development of his story and characters. We will discuss this understanding of his books and why they have been so well received even outside Christian circles. Our primary purpose will be to deepen our joy of the Lord's and Tolkien's gift to us of these remarkable books.

CHURCH GROWTH AND PLANTING COURSES (CG)

Church Planting Field Trip (CG515-W)

Special Weekend Dates: October 6 – 8

Days/Times: To be arranged; involves group travel to other locations.

Instructor(s): Dr. Phil Douglass, Professor of Applied Theology

Credit: 1 unit

Description: A comprehensive on-site study of church planting efforts. The field trip location varies by term. The location for the fall 2017 term will be Nashville, TN.

CHURCH HISTORY COURSES (CH)

Ancient and Medieval Church History (CH310)

Days/Times: Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Timothy LeCroy, Visiting Instructor of Church History

Credit: 3 units

Description: A study of Christianity from the early church to the dawn of the Reformation, with source material readings and an emphasis on the uses and applications of church history to life and ministry.

COMMUNICATIONS COURSES (CM)

Communicating the Scriptures (CM310)

Special Dates: August 21 – September 29

Days/Times: Monday and Wednesday, 1 – 3:45 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Zack Eswine, Adjunct Professor of Applied Theology

Credit: 2 units

Description: Introduction to the basic principles of homiletics; the structure of various sermon types; and practice in composition, delivery, and voice methods.

Exegesis and Homiletics Lab I (CM320)**

Special Dates: October 2 – December 13

Days/Times/Instructor(s):

- **Section 1:** Monday, 1 – 4 p.m., TBD
- **Section 2:** Tuesday, 1:45 – 4:45 p.m., TBD
- **Section 3:** Wednesday, 1 – 4 p.m., TBD
- **Section 4:** Monday, 1 – 4 p.m., TBD

Credit: 1 unit

Description: Laboratory course in which students practice homiletical principles taught in CM310 as they preach two sermons.

Exegesis and Communication Lab I (CM321)**

Special Dates: October 2 – December 13

Days/Times: Monday, 1 – 4

Instructor(s): TBD

Credit: 1 unit

Description: Laboratory course in which students practice principles taught in CM310 as they prepare and deliver two presentations.

Exegesis and Homiletics Lab II (CM330)**

Special Dates: October 2 – December 13

Days/Times/Instructor(s):

- **Section 1:** Monday, 1 – 4 p.m., TBD
- **Section 2:** Monday, 1 – 4 p.m., TBD
- **Section 3:** Wednesday, 1 – 4 p.m., TBD
- **Section 4:** Wednesday, 1 – 4 p.m., TBD

Credit: 1 unit

Description: Preaching practicum with special emphasis on the place and uniqueness of the atonement in Christian preaching. Students preach two sermons.

Exegesis and Communication Lab II (CM331)**

Special Dates: October 2 – December 13

Days/Times: Monday, 1 – 4 p.m.

Instructor(s): TBD

Credit: 1 unit

Description: Laboratory course in which students practice principles taught in CM310 and CM321 as they prepare and deliver two presentations.

Advanced Homiletics (CM340)**

Special Dates: August 21 – November 6

Days/Times/instructor(s):

- **Section 1:** Wednesday, 1:45 – 4:45 p.m., **TBD**
- **Section 2:** Thursday, 1:45 – 4:45 p.m., **TBD**
- **Section 3:** Thursday, 1:45 – 4:45 p.m., **TBD**
- **Section 4:** Monday, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., **TBD**
- **Section 5:** Wednesday, 1 – 4 p.m., **TBD**

Credit: 1 unit

Description: 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.

COUNSELING COURSES (CO)

Counseling Intro and Theories I (CO310)

Days/Times: Thursday, 1:45 – 4:30 p.m.

Instructor(s): Prof. Mark Pfuetze, Assistant Professor of Applied Theology and Counseling

Credit: 3 units

Description: A survey of the main emotional and behavioral problems encountered in counseling. Includes examination of theoretical frameworks for counseling, principles of care and counseling. Emphasis on basic counseling skills and the ability to relate to others, with concentration on areas such as assertiveness and anger, guilt, forgiveness, perfectionism, depression, sexual orientation, and pastoral care. Format includes lecture, role-play, video, and discussion.

Counseling in the Church I (CO320)

Days/Times: Tuesday, 1:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Mark Pfuetze, Assistant Professor of Applied Theology and Counseling

Credit: 2 units

Description: 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.

Counseling in the Church II (CO330)

Days/Times: Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Brad Matthews, Assistant Professor of New Testament; and Dr. Richard Winter, Professor Emeritus of Applied Theology and Counseling

Credit: 3 units

Description: Provides some review of theory but more intense application in role-play, case studies, class discussion, reading geared to practice, and some real (peer) counseling experience. We will also hear from a few pastors in person about their experiences.

Social and Cultural Diversity in Counseling (CO370)

Days/Times: Wednesday, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Jeremy Ruckstaetter, Assistant Professor of Applied Theology and Counseling

Credit: 3 units

Description: "Multicultural," "pan-national," "global," and "diversity"—these are buzzwords in the secular and Christian communities. In a way, of course, all counseling is inter- or cross-cultural. We will be exploring this topic together and finding ways to learn and grow that will benefit you and your clients, help you to pass the state licensure exam, and ultimately to live more aware of being part of Christ's pan-national church—destined for a glorious intercultural future! We will be reading and hearing stories from many cultures and reflecting on the intercultural aspects of our own stories.

Foundations of Counseling: God and Humanity (CO380)

Days/Times: Tuesday and Thursday, 1:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Mike William, Professor of Systematic Theology; and Dr. Dan Zink, Associate Professor of Applied Theology and Counseling

Credit: 4 units

Description: 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.

Assessment in Counseling (CO503-E)

Days/Times: Thursday, 6:15 – 9 p.m.

Instructor(s): TBD

Credit: 3 units

Description: 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.

Marriage and Family Counseling (CO520)

Days/Times: Monday and Friday, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Dan Zink, Associate Professor of Applied Theology and Counseling

Credit: 3 units

Description: A study of the Christian foundations of marriage, the dynamics of dysfunctional marriage and family relationships, approaches to marriage and family counseling, and the importance of a healthy, growing marriage relationship. Includes lectures, case studies, and role-play.

Counseling Internship I (CO541)**

Days/Times: Monday and Friday, 1 – 3 p.m.

Instructor(s):

- **Section 1:** Prof. Suzanne Bates, Adjunct Professor of Applied Theology (Counseling)
- **Section 2:** Dr. Mark Pfuetze, Assistant Professor of Applied Theology and Counseling
- **Section 3:** TBD
- **Section 4:** Prof. Jeremy Ruckstaetter, Assistant Professor of Applied Theology and Counseling
- **Section 5:** Dr. Dan Zink, Associate Professor of Applied Theology and Counseling

Credit: 3 units

Description: Provides 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. Involves 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.

Counseling Theories II and Techniques (CO551)

Days/Times: Monday and Friday, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Instructor(s): **Dr. Richard Winter**, Professor of Applied Theology and Counseling

Credit: 3 units

Description: Students will explore one major school of counseling and psychotherapy each week and, in the process, learn to appreciate, evaluate, and critique the theory, methodology, and technique of each school. We will look at these in order of historical development over the last 100 years in order to understand the ideas that shape the confusing array of contemporary therapeutic models. Weekly reading assignments will be followed by class discussion and viewing videotaped examples of counseling by experts in each field. Students will have an excellent outlet for immediate practical application as this class runs in parallel with the Counseling Internship.

Group Dynamics (CO555)**

Days/Times: Thursday, 1:45 – 4:30 p.m.

Instructor(s): **Prof. Suzanne Bates**, Adjunct Professor of Applied Theology (Counseling)

Credit: 3 units

Description: 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 in church-related and corporate settings.

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES COURSES (EM)

Educational Foundations (EM301)

Days/Times: Tuesday, 1:45 – 4:30 p.m.

Instructor(s): **Prof. Jeremy Main**, Adjunct Professor of Educational Ministries; and **Prof. Jessie Swigart**, Adjunct Professor of Educational Ministries

Credit: 3 units

Description: How do the many and varied educational ministries of the church engage God's people in growth toward 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. Students must be involved in current field education work or active leadership in local ministry during this course. Students must have completed the first field education requirements to register for this course.

MASTER OF ARTS COURSES (MA)

MA Capstone (MA299)**

Days/Times: Friday, 1–3 p.m.

Instructor(s): **Dr. Brian Aucker**, Associate Professor of Old Testament; **Prof. Mark Ryan**, Adjunct Professor of Religion and Culture; and **Prof. Jessie Swigart**, Adjunct Professor of Educational Ministries

Credit: 2 units

Description: This course provides students a unique project at the end of their degree that requires them to review, reflect on, and integrate their work from the whole degree experience, in light of the Seminary's mission-based learning outcomes. The portfolio revisiting work allows students time to connect courses and assignments in new ways, bringing closure to learning processes left undone. This purposeful collection of assignments, reflective work, and synthesis writing provides both the students and the faculty summative and longitudinal learning assessment of the degree program. MA299 for two units will be awarded upon successful completion

MA Thesis Completion (MA399)**

Days/Times: TBD

Instructor(s): TBD

Credit: 4 units

Description: Automatically granted upon thesis approval (no billing).

NEW TESTAMENT COURSES (NT)

Greek I (NT301)**

Days/Times: Monday, 11 a.m. – noon; Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Instructor(s): **Dr. Robert Yarbrough**, Professor of New Testament

Credit: 4 units

Description: 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 fall program.

New Testament Exegesis and Communicating the Scriptures (NT303)**

Note Special Dates: August 21 – October 30

Days/Times: Monday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Instructor(s): **Dr. Dan Doriani**, Professor of Theology

Credit: 2 units

Description: Rapid review of grammar and reading. Further study of morphology and syntax principles.

Gospels (NT320)

Days/Times: Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Instructor(s): **Dr. Hans Bayer**, Professor of New Testament

Credit: 3 units

Description: A study of the four Gospels' form and content as a distinct body of literature, with exegesis of key passages.

Acts and Paul (NT330)

Days/Times: Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Robert Yarbrough, Professor of New Testament

Credit: 3 units

Description: An examination of the purpose, theology, and chronology of Acts, and study of Paul's theology and major epistles, with exegesis of key passages.

The New Testament in Contemporary Criticism (NT511)

Days/Times: Tuesday, 4 – 6 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Hans Bayer, Professor of New Testament

Credit: 2 units

Description: Study of the New Testament in the context of contemporary criticism. Questions regarding the history of canonization, textual transmission, as well as particular textual, literary, and historical phenomena of the NT will be analyzed and discussed.

OLD TESTAMENT COURSES (OT)

Hebrew I (OT301)**

Days/Times: Monday, 11 a.m. – noon; Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Instructor(s): Prof. Aaron Goldstein, Visiting Instructor of Old Testament

Credit: 4 units

Description: Grammar fundamentals of biblical Hebrew.

Old Testament Exegesis and Communicating the Scriptures (OT303)**

Note Special Dates: August 21 – November 2

Days/Times/Instructor(s):

- **Section 1:** Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Prof. Aaron Goldstein, Visiting Instructor of Old Testament
- **Section 2:** Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Dr. Brian Aucker, Associate Professor of Old Testament

Credit: 2 units

Description: Extensive reading with grammar review and further study of Hebrew philology and syntax, with a goal of greater accuracy in Old Testament exegesis.

Pentateuch (OT320)

Days/Times: Thursday, 1:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Jay Sklar, Professor of Old Testament

Credit: 2 units

Description: Coverage of the Pentateuch: its authorship, theology, and place in the story of God's people.

Prerequisites: OT303 completed or in process.

Psalms and Wisdom Literature and Worship (OT340)

Days/Times: Monday, 11 a.m. – noon; Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Mark Dalbey, President and Associate Professor of Applied Theology; and Dr. Jack Collins, Professor of Old Testament

Credit: 4 units

Description: An orientation to the nature of Hebrew poetry, with introduction to each poetical book within its ancient Near Eastern and biblical context, and a survey and content sampling of each book. Includes introduction to and application of the biblical principles of Christian worship.

Prophetic Books (OT350)

Days/Times: Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Instructors: Dr. Brian Aucker, Associate Professor of Old Testament

Credit: 3 units

Description: Content and themes of the prophetic books of the Old Testament, with a focus on sound principals of interpretation. Includes detailed exegesis of key texts.

Old Testament History and Theology (OT500)

Days/Times: Wednesday and Friday, 8 – 9:45 a.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Brian Aucker, Associate Professor of Old Testament; and Dr. Jack Collins, Professor of Old Testament

Credit: 3 units

Description: Survey of the cultural context and major themes of the Old Testament, with particular focus on the role of covenant, the mission of God, and methods of interpretation.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY COURSES (ST)

Covenant Theology I (ST300)

Days/Times:

- **Section 1:** Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- **Section 2:** Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. – noon

Instructor(s) – both sections: Dr. Jack Collins, Professor of Old Testament; and Dr. Michael Williams, Professor of Systematic Theology

Credit: 2 units

Description: 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 interpretation of Scripture; interface between the gospel and contemporary cultures; God's self-revelation in the history of redemption, culminating in Christ and the Scriptures; unity of Scripture in the unfolding of the covenant story; and spiritual formation of the student. Course requires Covenant Group participation. Prerequisite: NT301 in progress.

God and Humanity: Foundations of Counseling (ST310)

Days/Times: Tuesday and Thursday, 1:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Michael Williams, Professor of Systematic Theology, and Dr. Dan Zink, Associate Professor of Applied Theology and Counseling

Credit: 4 units

Description: 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.

Christ and Salvation (ST330)

Days/Times: Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Instructor(s): TBD

Credit: 3 units

Description: A study of the person of Christ, including his incarnation, deity, and humanity; his saving work, including his death and resurrection; election, including Calvinist and Arminian views; and the application of salvation, including union with Christ, regeneration, calling, repentance/faith, justification, adoption, sanctification, and perseverance.

Spirit, Church, and Last Things (ST350-E)

Days/Times: Thursday, 6:15 – 8:15 p.m.

Instructor(s): TBD

Credit: 2 units

Description: A study of the ministries of the Holy Spirit; the nature and purpose of the church; the means of grace, especially the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper; the second coming of Christ and the events associated with it, including the resurrection of the dead, the consummation of the Kingdom, and the final judgment.

WORLD MISSION COURSES (WM)

God's World Mission (WM310)

Days/Times: Thursday, 1:45 – 4:30 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Vince Bantu, Visiting Professor of Missiology

Credit: 3 units

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

City Ministry Practicum I (WM311)**

Days/Times: Monday, 11 a.m. – noon

Instructor(s): Dr. Vince Bantu, Visiting Professor of Missiology

Credit: 1 unit

Description: This practicum is required for students in the MARC CMI Missional Discipleship Track and is only open to those students.

People's Religious Traditions (WM540)

Days/Times: Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. – noon

Instructor(s): Dr. Vince Bantu, Visiting Professor of Missiology

Credit: 3 units

Description: An historical, theological, and sociocultural survey of religious faiths throughout the world, considered in relation to God's world mission.

ONLINE COURSES

Spiritual and Ministry Formation (AT300-C)

Instructor(s): Dr. Phil Douglas, Professor of Applied Theology

Credit: 2 units

Description: Instruction designed to help students understand, develop, and assess personal ministerial gifts, skills, and character development. Focus on identifying strengths, challenges, 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. There is a breakout session for women pertaining to being a wife/woman in ministry.

Calling, Vocation, and Work (CC561-C)

Instructor(s): Dr. Michael Williams, Professor of Systematic Theology, and Prof. Mark Ryan, Adjunct Professor of Religion and Culture

Credit: 2 units

Description: 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, the image of God, salvation and mission, church and culture, vocational discipleship, and work and rest.

Online Student Orientation (MA200-C)

Instructor(s): Prof. Jessie Swigart, Adjunct Professor of Educational Ministries

Credit: 0 units

Description: Introduces students taking online courses to Covenant Seminary's community, resources, and procedures. The semester-long course is divided into four modules: Learning in Seminary, Mastering the Tools, Using the Library, and Navigating the System. Special focus will be given to learning in community and becoming familiar with tools and resources such as the library's website and the tools on Covenant Seminary's learning management system, Sakai. A zero-credit, pass/fail course, students in this course should expect to devote one hour a week toward completion.

New Testament History and Theology (NT500-C)

Instructor(s): Dr. Brad Matthews, Assistant Professor of New Testament

Credit: 3 units

Description: A 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.

Covenant Theology I (ST300-C)

Instructor(s): TBD

Credit: 2 units

Description: 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 spiritual formation of the student.

Christian Ethics (ST360-C)

Instructor(s): Dr. Dan Doriani, Professor of Theology

Credit: 3 units

Description: Structure and content of Christian ethics; goal, motive, and norm of Christian life; analysis of ethical issues of authority, life, sexuality, property, and truthfulness. It is recommended that a student complete one of the following courses prior to taking Christian Ethics: NT303, OT303, NT500 or OT500. If one of these courses is not already completed, please consult with professor prior to registering.

COVENANT NASHVILLE COURSES

Apologetics and Outreach (CC310-N)

Days/Times: TBD

Location: West End Community Church, Nashville, TN

Instructor(s): Prof. Jerram Barrs, Professor of Christian Studies and Contemporary Culture; and Prof. Mark Ryan, Adjunct Professor of Religion and Culture

Credit: 3 units

Description: 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.

JANUARY TERM 2018

Courses for this term are listed in **order by start date, then by general category** ("Contemporary Culture," "Practical Theology," "Systematic Theology," etc.) and then by course number within each category. Unless otherwise indicated, all January term courses are held on the Covenant Seminary campus.

ON-CAMPUS COURSES

Greek II (NT302)**

Dates: January 2 – 12

Days/Times: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Instructor(s): **Dr. Robert Yarbrough**, Professor of New Testament

Credit: 2 units

Description: 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 fall program.

Hebrew II (OT302)**

Dates: January 2 – 12

Days/Times: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Instructor(s): **Prof. Aaron Goldstein**, Visiting Instructor of Old Testament

Credit: 2 units

Description: Grammar fundamentals of biblical Hebrew.

Literature for Ministerial Practice (CC551-S)

Dates: January 2 – 19

Days/Times: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Instructor(s): TBD

Credit: 2 units

Description: Course description to follow.

Internship Site Lab II (CO542)**

Dates: January 2 – 19

Days/Times: To be determined.

Instructor(s):

- **Section 1:** **Prof. Suzanne Bates**, Adjunct Professor of Applied Theology (Counseling)
- **Section 2:** **Dr. Mark Pfuetze**, Assistant Professor of Applied Theology and Counseling
- **Section 3:** **Dr. Diane Powell**, Visiting Instructor of Applied Theology (Counseling)
- **Section 4:** **Dr. Jeremy Ruckstaetter**, Assistant Professor of Applied Theology and Counseling
- **Section 5:** **Dr. Dan Zink**, Associate Professor of Applied Theology and Counseling

Credit: 0 units

Description: Continuation of Counseling Internship CO540.

Discipleship in Mark's Gospel (NT522-S)

Dates: January 2 – 19

Days/Times: TBD

Instructor(s): **Dr. Hans Bayer**, Professor of New Testament

Credit: 2 units

Description: This course will pursue the study and personal exploration of discipleship principles and

transformational characteristics as found through the careful exegesis of the English Gospel of Mark. Interwoven into the practice of interpretive skills will be principles and exercises for teaching Mark's Gospel and discipleship to others.

Sense and Sexuality (CO-561-S)

Dates: January 8 – 12

Days/Times: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Instructor(s): **Dr. Richard Winter**, Professor Emeritus of Applied Theology and Counseling

Credit: 3 units

Description: Sex is a powerful force for creativity, love, and goodness or for destructiveness, deceit, and evil. The Bible has a wonderfully high view of sexuality, which is designed to give us a taste of relationship with God. How are we brainwashed by the vivid and powerful cultural messages about sex and our bodies? What has the Bible to say about how we should care for our bodies? What has the Bible to say about sexuality in a world where "anything goes"? What is the relevance of the incarnation, resurrection, and union of Christ with the church to our sexuality? How can we move toward purity in singleness and marriage? Now that the overwhelming flood of pornography is so easily available on the Internet, most young men and women are learning about sex, love, and relationships in all the wrong places. How can we protect ourselves and help those caught in sexual compulsion and addiction? This course will explore the answers to these questions.

Pastoral Counseling (DM804)

Dates: January 8 – 12

Days/Times: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Instructor(s): **Dr. Mark Pfuetze**, Assistant Professor of Applied Theology and Counseling; and **Dr. Jeremy Ruckstaetter**, Assistant Professor of Applied Theology and Counseling

Credit: 4 units

Description: Discusses biblical perspectives on the human condition and the implications for preaching and counseling. Integrates empirical research and clinical experience perspectives. Stresses the vital elements of relationship counseling, oriented toward practice.

New Testament History and Theology (NT500-S)

Dates: January 8 – 12

Days/Times: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Instructor(s): **Dr. Brad Matthews**, Assistant Professor of New Testament

Credit: 3 units

Description: 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.

Disciplines of Grace (AT563-S)

Dates: January 16 – 19

Days/Times: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Instructor(s): Prof. Scotty Smith, Adjunct Professor of Applied Theology

Credit: 2 units

Description: 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.

Dissertation Preparation (DM896)

Dates: January 16 – 19

Days/Times: Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Tasha Chapman, Adjunct Associate Professor of Educational Ministries

Credit: 2 units

Description: Required of all DMin students prior to submission of a dissertation proposal. This one-week course is to be taken after the completion of the cohort year-two class and project.

SPRING TERM 2018

Unless otherwise noted, courses run **January 25 – May 16**. Courses are listed **in order by general category** ("Contemporary Culture," "Practical Theology," "Systematic Theology," etc.) and then by course number within each category. Online courses are listed in order by course number.

ON-CAMPUS COURSES

APPLIED THEOLOGY COURSES (AT)

Theology of Ministry (AT340)

Days/Times: Monday, 4 – 6 p.m.

Instructor(s): Prof. Jerram Barrs, Professor of Christian Studies and Contemporary Culture

Credit: 2 units

Description: A theological and practical study of the duties of the minister, with special emphasis on the development and duties of the pastor as shepherd and the personal care of the church and its people. Prerequisite: CC310.

Ministry Leadership (AT341-E)

Days/Times: Monday, 6:15 – 8:15 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Phil Douglass, Professor of Applied Theology

Credit: 2 units

Description: Students will make significant progress in developing their Personal Philosophy of Ministry based upon the theological convictions that undergird their primary ministry calling, their divine design, and the values and principles that operationalize their vocational service. The course emphasizes helping students determine their optimal ministry fit upon graduation. Student wives are encouraged to audit the spring class and attend "Ministry Matters: Practical Preparation for Ministry" (two-hour women's breakout session with this course). Limited free babysitting for the spring class only.

Mentored Ministry Practicum II (AT412)**

Days/Times:

- Section 1: Wednesday, 10 – 10:55 a.m.
- Section 2: Thursday, 10 – 10:55 a.m.

Instructor(s): TBD

Credit: 1 unit

Description: This is a small group, skill-oriented course intended to equip students with the experience of evaluating and engaging a particular community and its culture. Students will conduct an ethnographic study of a particular community under the guidance of an assigned faculty leader as well as a ministry practitioner in that community. The goal of the course is to cultivate the student's cultural intelligence and ability to address the gospel to a unique cultural context.

Preparing for Licensure and Ordination Exams (AT490)

Days/Times: Wednesday, 1 – 3 p.m.

Instructor(s): Prof. Chris Polski, Visiting Instructor of Applied Theology

Credit: 1 unit

Description: 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.

MDiv Capstone (AT499)**

Days/Times: Friday, 1 – 3 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Brian Aucker, Associate Professor of Old Testament; and Prof. Mark Ryan, Adjunct Professor of Religion and Culture

Credit: 1 unit

Description: This course provides students a unique project at the end of their degree that requires them to review, reflect on, and integrate their work from the whole degree experience in light of the Seminary's mission-based learning outcomes. The portfolio revisiting work allows students time to connect courses and assignments in new ways, bringing closure to learning processes left undone.

Politics of Ministry Practice (AT544)

Dates: Wednesday, 2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Tasha Chapman, Adjunct Associate Professor of Educational Ministries

Credit: 1 unit

Description: 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.

Candidating and Transitioning Into Ministry (AT580-W)

Special Weekend Dates: February 2 – 3

Days/Times: Friday, 7 – 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Instructor(s): Joel Hathaway, Visiting Instructor of Applied Theology

Credit: 1 unit

Description: 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.

CONTEMPORARY CULTURE COURSES (CC)

Apologetics and Outreach (CC310)

Days/Times: Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Instructor(s): Prof. Jerram Barrs, Professor of Christian Studies and Contemporary Culture; and Prof. Mark Ryan, Adjunct Professor of Religion and Culture

Credit: 3 units

Description: 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.

Cultural Apologetics Practicum II (CC312)**

Days/Times: Monday, 11 a.m. – noon

Instructor(s): Prof. Mark Ryan, Adjunct Professor of Religion and Culture

Credit: 1 unit

Description: This practicum is required for students in the MARC FSI Cultural Apologetics Track and is only open to those students.

Francis A. Schaeffer: Apologetics in Theory and Practice (CC577-E)

Days/Times: Tuesday, 6:15 – 8:15 p.m.

Instructor(s): Prof. Jerram Barrs, Professor of Christian Studies and Contemporary Culture

Credit: 3 units

Description: Course description to follow.

CHURCH HISTORY COURSES (CH)

The Story of Christianity (CH200)

Days/Times: Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Instructor(s): Prof. Mark Ryan, Adjunct Professor of Religion and Culture

Credit: 3 units

Description: A survey of church history from the apostles to the twenty-first century, focusing on the main topics of church history to understand our Christian heritage and to gather lessons that can be applied to the church today.

Reformation and Modern Church History (CH320)

Days/Times: Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Dan Doriani, Professor of Theology

Credit: 3 units

Description: A study of Christianity from the Reformation to the present, with readings in primary sources. Emphasizes the history of Protestant thought and the origins of contemporary issues, with application to life and ministry.

COMMUNICATION COURSES (CM)

Communicating the Scriptures (CM310)

Special Dates: January 25 – March 9

Days/Times: Monday and Wednesday, 1 – 3:45 p.m., and Friday, 1 – 3:45 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Zack Eswine, Adjunct Professor of Applied Theology

Credit: 2 units

Description: Introduction to the basic principles of homiletics; the structure of various sermon types; and practice in composition, delivery, and voice methods.

Exegesis and Homiletics Lab I (CM320)**

Special Dates: March 12 – May 16

Days/Times/Instructor(s):

- Section 1: Monday, 1 – 4 p.m., TBD
- Section 2: Wednesday, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m., TBD
- Section 3: Monday, 1 – 4 p.m., TBD
- Section 4: Wednesday, 1 – 4 p.m., TBD

Credit: 1 unit

Description: Laboratory course in which students practice homiletical principles taught in CM310 as they preach two sermons.

Exegesis and Communication Lab I (CM321)**

Special Dates: March 12 – May 16

Days/Times: Monday, 1 – 4 p.m.

Instructor(s): TBD

Credit: 1 unit

Description: Laboratory course in which students practice principles taught in CM310 as they prepare and deliver two presentations.

Exegesis and Homiletics Lab II (CM330)**

Special Dates: March 12 – May 16

Days/Times/Instructor(s):

- Section 1: Monday, 1 – 4 p.m., TBD
- Section 2: Wednesday, 1 – 4 p.m., TBD
- Section 3: Wednesday, 1 – 4 p.m., TBD

Credit: 1 unit

Description: Preaching practicum with special emphasis on the place and uniqueness of the atonement in Christian preaching. Students preach two sermons.

Exegesis and Communication Lab II (CM331)**

Special Dates: March 12 – May 16

Days/Times: Monday, 1 – 4 p.m.

Instructor(s): TBD

Credit: 1 unit

Description: Laboratory course in which students practice principles taught in CM310 and CM321 as they prepare and deliver two presentations.

COUNSELING COURSES (CM)

Ethics and Professional Development (CO360)

Days/Times: Monday and Friday, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Dan Zink, Associate Professor of Applied Theology and Counseling

Credit: 3 units

Description: 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.

Foundations of Counseling: God and Humanity (CO380)

Days/Times: Tuesday and Thursday, 1:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Instructor(s): **Dr. Mike William**, Professor of Systematic Theology; and **Dr. Dan Zink**, Associate Professor of Applied Theology and Counseling

Credit: 4 units

Description: 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.

Career Counseling (CO502-E)

Days/Times: Thursday, 6:15 – 9 p.m.

Instructor(s): **Prof. Mark Powers**, Visiting Instructor of Applied Theology (Counseling)

Credit: 3 units

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

Human Growth and Development (CO531)

Days/Times: Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Instructor(s): **Dr. Dan Zink**, Associate Professor of Applied Theology and Counseling

Credit: 3 units

Description: Explores 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. Prerequisite: CO310.

Counseling Internship II (CO543)**

Days/Times: Monday and Friday, 1 – 3 p.m.

Instructor(s):

- **Section 1:** **Prof. Suzanne Bates**, Adjunct Professor of Applied Theology (Counseling)
- **Section 2:** **Dr. Mark Pfuetze**, Assistant Professor of Applied Theology and Counseling
- **Section 3:** **Dr. Diane Powell**, Visiting Instructor of Applied Theology (Counseling)
- **Section 4:** **Dr. Jeremy Ruckstaetter**, Assistant Professor of Applied Theology and Counseling
- **Section 5:** **Dr. Dan Zink**, Associate Professor of Applied Theology and Counseling

Credit: 3 units

Description: Spring semester continuation of CO540. Prerequisites: CO540. Corequisite: CO360.

Research Methods (CO552)

Days/Times: Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Instructor(s): **Dr. Jeremy Ruckstaetter**, Assistant Professor of Applied Theology and Counseling

Credit: 3 units

Description: A study of social research design and interpretation, with a view toward profitable interaction with professional literature, including guidelines for writing professional papers. Prerequisites: CO310, CO520.

Group Dynamics (CO555)**

Days/Times: Thursday, 1:45 – 4:30 p.m.

Instructor(s): **Dr. Mark Pfuetze**, Associate Professor of Applied Theology and Counseling

Credit: 3 units

Description: 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 in church-related and corporate settings.

Psychological Disorders (CO570-E)

Days/Times: Tuesday, 6:15 – 9 p.m.

Instructor(s): **TBD**

Credit: 3 units

Description: An intensive study of the 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 and 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 (in progress for MAC students only).

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES COURSES (EM)

Educational Foundations (EM301)

Days/Times: Monday, 1 – 3:45 p.m.

Instructor(s): **Dr. Tasha Chapman**, Adjunct Associate Professor of Educational Ministries; and **Prof. Jeremy Main**, Adjunct Professor of Educational Ministries

Credit: 3 units

Description: How do the varied educational ministries of the church engage God's people in growth toward maturity in Christ? This course briefly explores the central issues involved, including biblical, theological, and historical foundations of educational ministry; teaching and learning theories and methods; human development; curriculum planning; administration; and team building. Makes specific applications to a variety of ministries, including children's, youth, adult, intergenerational, senior adult, and small group. Students must be involved in current field education work or active leadership in local ministry during this course. Students must have completed the first field education requirements to register for this course.

Teaching and Learning (EM502-E)

Days/Times: Monday, 6:15 – 9 p.m.

Instructor(s): **Prof. Jessie Swigart**, Adjunct Professor of Educational Ministries

Credit: 3 units

Description: 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. Students are given opportunities to explore teaching using various methods.

Leadership and Ministry Development (EM503)

Days/Times: Wednesday, 1 – 3:45 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Tasha Chapman, Adjunct Associate Professor of Educational Ministries

Credit: 3 units

Description: This course is designed to prepare ministry leaders for real ministry "in the trenches." Primary areas of focus and equipping are cultivating personal leadership qualities, navigating the politics of ministry, and developing ministry programs. The emphasis is on developing practical skills necessary for effective leadership across a broad spectrum of ministry contexts.

MASTER OF ARTS COURSES (MA)

MA Capstone (MA299)**

Days/Times: Friday, 1 – 3 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Brian Aucker, Associate Professor of Old Testament; and Prof. Mark Ryan, Adjunct Professor of Religion and Culture

Credit: 2 units

Description: This course provides students a unique project at the end of their degree that requires them to review, reflect on, and integrate their work from the whole degree experience, in light of the Seminary's mission-based learning outcomes. The portfolio revisiting work allows students time to connect courses and assignments in new ways, bringing closure to learning processes left undone. This purposeful collection of assignments, reflective work, and synthesis writing provides both the students and the faculty summative and longitudinal learning assessment of the degree program. MA299 for two units will be awarded upon successful completion.

MA Thesis Completion (MA399)**

Days/Times: TBD

Instructor(s): TBD

Credit: 4 units

Description: Automatically granted upon thesis approval (no billing).

NEW TESTAMENT COURSES (NT)

New Testament Exegesis and Communicating the Scriptures (NT303)

Days/Times/Instructor(s):

- **Section 1:** Monday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Dr. David Chapman, Professor of New Testament and Archaeology

- **Section 2:** Monday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Prof. Robbie Griggs, Adjunct Professor of Theology

Credit: 2 units

Description: Introduction to the exegetical analysis of the Greek New Testament, with emphasis on the interpretive principles and practices that form the basis of sound teaching and preaching. Further study of Greek vocabulary, morphology, and syntax.

Gospels (NT320)

Days/Times: Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Hans Bayer, Professor of New Testament

Credit: 3 units

Description: A study of the four Gospels' form and content as a distinct body of literature, with exegesis of key passages. Prerequisite: NT303.

Acts and Paul (NT330)

Days/Times: Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Brad Matthews, Assistant Professor of New Testament; and Dr. Greg Perry, Associate Professor of New Testament

Credit: 3 units

Description: Explores the purpose, theology, and chronology of Acts, including exegetical study of Paul's theology and major epistles, with exegesis of key passages.

Pastoral and General Epistles and Revelation (NT350)

Days/Times: Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. David Chapman, Professor of New Testament and Archaeology

Credit: 3 units

Description: Continued exegetical study of the Pauline corpus, through the Pastoral Epistles, with the general epistles and Revelation, emphasizing the contribution each makes to the NT canon. Prerequisite: NT303 in progress.

New Testament History and Theology (NT500)

Days/Times: Tuesday, 1 – 3:45 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Brad Matthews, Assistant Professor of New Testament

Credit: 3 units

Description: 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.

Graduate Seminar in New Testament (NT710-S)

Days/Times: To be determined.

Instructor(s): Dr. Hans Bayer, Professor of New Testament

Credit: 3 units

Description: 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.

OLD TESTAMENT COURSES (OT)

Old Testament Exegesis and Communicating the Scriptures (OT303)

Days/Times: Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Instructor(s): Prof. Aaron Goldstein, Visiting Instructor of Old Testament

Credit: 2 units

Description: Extensive reading with grammar review; further study of Hebrew philology and syntax with a goal of greater accuracy in Old Testament exegesis.

Pentateuch (OT320)

Days/Times: Thursday, 4 – 6 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Jay Sklar, Professor of Old Testament

Credit: 2 units

Description: Coverage of the Pentateuch: its authorship, theology, and place in the story of God's people.

Prerequisites: OT303 completed or in process.

Old Testament Historical Books (OT330)

Days/Times: Tuesday and Thursday, 1:45 – 3 p.m.

Instructor: Dr. Brian Aucker, Associate Professor of Old Testament

Credit: 3 units

Description: Survey and analysis of the historical books of the Old Testament in light of ancient Near Eastern history and historiography.

Psalms and Wisdom Literature and Worship (OT340)

Days/Times: Monday, 11 a.m. – noon; Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Mark Dalbey, President and Associate Professor of Applied Theology; and Dr. Jack Collins, Professor of Old Testament

Credit: 4 units

Description: An orientation to the nature of Hebrew poetry, with introduction to each poetical book within its ancient Near Eastern and biblical context, and a survey and content sampling of each book. Includes introduction to and application of the biblical principles of Christian worship.

Prophetical Books (OT350)

Days/Times: Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Instructors: Dr. Jack Collins, Professor of Old Testament

Credit: 3 units

Description: 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.

World of the Old Testament (OT518)

Days/Times: Tuesday, 4 – 6 p.m.

Instructors: Dr. Brian Aucker, Associate Professor of Old Testament; and Dr. David Chapman, Professor of New Testament and Archaeology

Credit: 3 units

Description: 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.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY COURSES (ST)

Covenant Theology II (ST301)

Days/Times:

- **Section 1:** Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- **Section 2:** Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. – noon.

Instructor(s) – both sections: Dr. David Chapman, Professor of New Testament and Archaeology; Dr. Michael Williams, Professor of Systematic Theology

Credit: 2 units

Description: Continuation of ST300. 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 interpretation of Scripture; interface between the gospel and contemporary cultures; God's self-revelation in the history of redemption, culminating in Christ and the Scriptures; unity of Scripture in the unfolding of the covenant story; and spiritual formation of the student. Course requires Covenant Group participation.

God and Humanity: Foundations of Counseling (ST310)

Days/Times: Tuesday and Thursday, 1:45– 3:45 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Michael Williams, Professor of Systematic Theology, and Dr. Dan Zink, Associate Professor of Applied Theology and Counseling

Credit: 4 units

Description: 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.

Christ and Salvation (ST330)

Days/Times: Wednesday and Friday, 1 – 2:15 p.m.

Instructor(s): TBD

Credit: 3 units

Description: A study of the person of Christ, including his incarnation, deity, and humanity; his saving work, including his death and resurrection; election, including Calvinist and Arminian views; and the application of salvation, including union with Christ, regeneration, calling, repentance/faith, justification, adoption, sanctification, and perseverance.

Spirit, Church, and Last Things (ST350)

Days/Times: Thursday, 1:45– 3:45 p.m.

Instructor(s): TBD

Credit: 2 units

Description: A study of the ministries of the Holy Spirit; the nature and purpose of the church; the means of grace, especially the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper; the second coming of Christ and the events associated with it, including the resurrection of the dead, the consummation of the Kingdom, and the final judgment.

Christian Ethics (ST360-E)

Days/Times: Monday, 6:15 – 9 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Dan Doriani, Professor of Theology

Credit: 3 units

Description: A study of the structure and content of Christian ethics; the goal, motive, and norm of Christian life; and an analysis of ethical issues of authority, life, sexuality, property, and truthfulness.

WORLD MISSION COURSES (WM)

God's World Mission (WM310)

Days/Times: Monday, 1 – 3:45 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Vince Bantu, Visiting Professor of Missiology

Credit: 3 units

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

City Ministry Practicum II (WM312)**

Days/Times: Monday, 11 a.m. – noon

Instructor(s): Dr. Vince Bantu, Visiting Professor of Missiology

Credit: 1 unit

Description: This practicum is required for students in the MARC CMI Missional Discipleship Track and is only open to those students.

Intercultural City Ministry (WM524-E)

Days/Times: Thursday, 6:15 – 9 p.m.

Instructor: Dr. Vince Bantu, Visiting Professor of Missiology

Credit: 3 units

Description: Through classroom interactions, readings, writing assignments, and service-learning projects, students will learn to help local churches and other Christian ministries serve faithfully and effectively in cross-cultural urban ministry. Topics include biblical-theological foundations for cross-cultural urban ministry, socio-economic-political realities (including international realities) related to cross-cultural urban ministry, and basic attitudes and skills for effective cross-cultural interaction.

Theologies of the Civil Rights Era (WM571-W)

Special Dates—Meets Over Two Weekends: Friday, February 24, 6:15 – 9 p.m.; Saturday, February 25, 8:30 a.m. – 4:40 p.m.; and Friday, March 10, 6:15 – 9 p.m.; Saturday, March 11, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Instructor(s): Dr. Mike Higgins, Dean of Students, and Dr. Greg Perry, Associate Professor of New Testament

Credit: 2 units

Description: Required for MARC CMI Fellows (but open to others as an elective), this course explores the professed and lived theologies of churches that fought to maintain racial segregation and of African American churches where the civil rights movement was born and nurtured. By examining the preaching and practices of these communities, students will engage critically the doctrine of the spirituality of the church and construct a public theology of evangelical renewal—not as a mere academic exercise, but as cultivated practices of personal and corporate discipleship in a gospel that teaches the unity of one faith in one body under one Lord.

ONLINE COURSES

Apologetics and Outreach (CC310-C)

Instructor(s): Prof. Jerram Barrs, Professor of Christian Studies and Contemporary Culture

Credit: 3 units

Description: 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.

The Story of Christianity (CH200-C)

Instructor(s): Prof. Mark Ryan, Adjunct Professor of Religion and Culture

Credit: 3 units

Description: A survey of church history from the apostles to the twenty-first century, focusing on the main topics of church history to understand our Christian heritage and to gather lessons that can be applied to the church today.

Online Student Orientation (MA200-C)

Instructor(s): Prof. Jessie Swigart, Adjunct Professor of Educational Ministries

Credit: 0 units

Description: Introduces students taking online courses to Covenant Seminary's community, resources, and procedures. The semester-long course is divided into four modules: Learning in Seminary, Mastering the Tools, Using the Library, and Navigating the System. Special focus will be given to learning in community and becoming familiar with tools and resources such as the library's website and the tools on Covenant Seminary's learning management system, Sakai. A zero-credit, pass/fail course, students in this course should expect to devote one hour a week toward completion.

MA Capstone (MA299-C)**

Instructor(s): Prof. Jessie Swigart, Adjunct Professor of Educational Ministries

Credit: 2 units

Description: This course provides students a unique project at the end of their degree that requires them to review, reflect on, and integrate their work from the whole degree experience, in light of the Seminary's mission-based learning outcomes. The portfolio revisiting work allows students time to connect courses and assignments in new ways, bringing closure to learning processes left undone. This purposeful collection of assignments, reflective work, and synthesis writing provides both the students and the faculty summative and longitudinal learning assessment of the degree program. MA299 for two units will be awarded upon successful completion.

Maturity in Christ: Grace and Community in Action (NT578-C)

Instructor(s): Dr. Brad Matthews, Assistant Professor of New Testament

Credit: 2 units

Description: A study of the purpose and pursuit of mature Christian experience. The class will study key biblical texts in detail. Topics will include the nature and goals of Christian maturity, its implications for community life, and its application to gender and social and vocational issues.

Old Testament History and Theology (OT500-C)

Instructor: Dr. Brian Aucker, Associate Professor of Old Testament

Credit: 3 units

Description: Survey of the cultural context and major themes of the Old Testament with particular focus on the role of covenant and the mission of God.

Covenant Theology II (ST301-C)

Instructor(s): TBD

Credit: 2 units

Description: Continuation of ST300. 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 interpretation of Scripture; interface between the gospel and contemporary cultures; God's self-revelation in the history of redemption, culminating in Christ and the Scriptures; unity of Scripture in the unfolding of the covenant story; and spiritual formation of the student. Course requires Covenant Group participation.

God's World Mission (WM310)

Instructor(s): Dr. Vince Bantu, Visiting Professor of Missiology

Credit: 3 units

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

Spiritual and Ministry Formation (AT300-N)

Dates: January 25 – May 16

Days/Times: TBD

Instructor(s): Dr. Phil Douglass, Professor of Applied Theology; and Dr. Brad Matthews, Assistant Professor of New Testament

Credit: 2 units

Description: Instruction designed to help students understand, develop, and assess personal ministerial gifts, skills, and character development. Focus on identifying strengths, challenges, 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. There is a breakout session for women pertaining to being a wife/woman in ministry. Limited free childcare available when course is offered on campus.