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MTS ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2013-2014

Fall Semester 2013

August 6-9	Youth Ministry Cohort's First Retreat
August 10	Fall Admission Deadline
August 16	MTS Faculty & Staff Retreat
August 19	Faculty Retreat
August 23	New Student Orientation
August 24	Classes Begin
August 28	Change of Fall Registration
September 2	Seminary Closed – Labor Day
September 3 - 6	Late Registration
September 4	Opening Convocation
September 13	Last day to Drop a Class
September 13	Last Day to Register or Add a Class
September 13	Essay (Midway & Senior) Distribution
September 19-21	Youth Ministry Cohort's Second Retreat
October 4	Board of Trustees
October 12 - 18	Mid-Term Exams
October 18	Doctor of Ministry Grades Due
October 18	Last Day to Withdraw from a Class
October 31	Essay (Midway & Senior) Submission Deadline
October 31	Doctor of Ministry Application Deadline
November (TBA)	Fall Lectures
November 1	Inquirer's Day
November 4 – 8	Advising Week
November 7-9	Youth Ministry Cohort's Third Retreat
November 11 – 15	Early Registration January/Spring
November 16-18	Youth Ministry Cohort's Travel Course
November 25 – 30	Fall Break
November 28 – 30	Seminary Closed – Thanksgiving
November 30 – December 6	Reading Week*
December 7 – 13	Final Exams
December 20	Grades Due
December 24 – January 1	Seminary Closed – Christmas, New Year's Day

January Term 2014

January 2	Seminary Opens
January 6	January Term Classes Begin
January 6 - 17	Doctor of Ministry Convocation & Residency
January 7	Last Day to Register Late
January 10	Spring Admission Deadline
January 17	Last Day of Classes
January 20	Seminary Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 23	January-Term Grades Due

Spring Semester 2014

January 23	Change of Spring Registration
January 24	New Student Orientation
January 25	Spring Classes Begin
January 27 – 31	Late Registration
January 29-February 1	Youth Ministry Cohort's First Retreat
January 31	Last Day to Register or Add a Class
<i>February</i>	<i>African American History Month</i>
February (TBA)	Barbara A. Holmes Lectures
February 7	Last Day to Drop a Class
February 7	Essay (Midway & Senior) Distribution
February 13	Henry Logan Starks Scholarship Dinner
February 14	Board of Trustees
<i>March</i>	<i>Women's History Month</i>
March 8 - 14	Mid-Term Exam Week
March 13-15	Youth Ministry Cohort's Second Retreat
March 14	Last Day to Withdraw from Classes
March 21	Essay (Midway & Senior) Submission
March 24 – 28	Advising Week
March 31 – April 4	Early Registration Summer/Fall
April 4	Inquirer's Day
April 14 – 18	Seminary Closed – Holy Week
April 18	Doctor of Ministry Grades Due
April 24-26	Youth Ministry Cohort's Third Retreat
May 3 – 9	Reading Days*
May 7	Summer Admission Deadline
May 10 – 16	Final Exams
May 16	Senior Grades Due
May 16	Board of Trustees
May 17	Closing Convocation & Graduation
May 17 – 19	Youth Ministry – Elective Weekend Intensives
May 23	Final Grades Due
May 26	Memorial Day

Summer Semester 2014

May 19	Summer Intensives Begin
May 20	Last Day to Register Late
June 27	Last Day of Classes
July 3	Grades Due
July 4	Seminary Closed – Independence Day
July 7	Doctor of Ministry Opening Convocation
July 7 - 18	Doctor of Ministry Residency
July 30	Early Doctor of Ministry Admissions Deadline

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September 2 - 5	Late Registration
September 3	Opening Convocation
September 12	Last day to Drop a Class
September 12	Last Day to Register or Add a Class
September 15	Essay (Midway & Senior) Distribution
September 18-20	Youth Ministry Cohort's Second Retreat
October 11 - 17	Mid-Term Exams
October 17	Doctor of Ministry Grades Due
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November 6-8	Youth Ministry Cohort's Third Retreat
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November 22-28	Fall Break
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March 30 – April 3	Early Registration Summer/Fall
April 4 – 10	Seminary Closed – Holy Week
April 17	Doctor of Ministry Grades Due
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May 2-8	Reading Days*
May 9-15	Final Exams
May (TBD)	Youth Ministry Cohort's Travel Course
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May	Memorial Day

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Dedication

In Memory of

Bro. Jeffrey Gros

Distinguished Service Professor of Historical and Ecumenical Theology

Brother Jeffrey Gros, a scholar whose work and spirit brought together Catholics, Protestants and Pentecostals, died in Chicago on August 12, 2013, after a long illness with cancer. He was 75.

Brother Jeffrey, who was born in Memphis in 1938, became a member of the order of Brothers of the Christian Schools (FSC) in 1955. He taught at Christian Brothers University and Memphis Theological Seminary, among other schools.

Two years ago, Brother Jeffrey became president of the Society for Pentecostal Studies after the organization's 40th annual meeting in Memphis. He wrote the keynote address for last year's SPS meeting in Virginia, but he was too ill to attend. A colleague read his speech for him.

"I can leave us with no better admonition as scholars," Brother Jeffrey wrote, "than that of the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin to his own Charismatic Catholics shortly before he died: 'My friends, always remember what you as a community continue to offer to the whole church of Jesus Christ and to a society so desperately in need of the fire of God's love.'"

Hundreds of scholars attended the meeting, including Dr. Lois E. Olena, a professor at Assemblies of God Theological Seminary at Evangel University. "It was a profound piece," she said. "I am thankful that he showed us not only how to travel through life well but how to end that journey in courage, peacefulness, and love."

Brother Jeffrey held a wide range of distinguished national positions over the years, including director of Faith and Order for the National Council of Churches, associate director of the Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and dean of the Catholic Institute for Ecumenical Leadership.

Brother Jeffrey taught at Memphis Theological Seminary from 1975-81 and again from 2005-11. During his second tenure, he was named the seminary's first Distinguished Professor of Ecumenical and Historical Theology.

"He had a passion for life evident in his intensity of purpose and his gentle manners," said Dr. Pete Gathje of MTS. "Every time we had a conversation I walked away with something new to think about ... He had a deep faith in the working of God in this ongoing work of reconciliation between believers."

Brother Jeffrey taught at CBU from 1968-69 and 1972-81, and was very involved in local ecumenical efforts.

"He truly was a great human being who leaves a lasting legacy in drawing others to the table of communion of peace, justice and harmony," said Janice Vanderhaar of Pax Christi Memphis.

In the fall of 2011, Brother Jeffrey returned to teach at Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill., where he chaired the theology department in 1967.

He is survived by his sister, Sister Joye Gros, OP, of St. Louis. A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted at Resurrection Cemetery in Romeoville, Ill. and a Memorial Mass was held at Christian Brothers University in Memphis. Memorials may be sent to De La Salle Christian Brothers Retirement Fund, 7650 S. County Line Road, Burr Ridge, IL 60527.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Mission Statement

The mission of Memphis Theological Seminary is to educate and sustain men and women for ordained and lay Christian ministry in the church and the world through shaping and inspiring lives devoted to scholarship, piety and justice.

History

Throughout its history, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church has supported theological education. As early as 1821, one of its founders, the Rev. Finis Ewing, established a school in his home at New Lebanon, Cooper County, Missouri, for candidates for the ministry in McGee Presbytery. This is believed to have been the first theological school west of the Mississippi River. In the early 1820s, the Rev. David McLin established a similar school for candidates for the ministry in Illinois.

In 1852, the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church established a Theological School at Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tennessee. The same year a Theological Department was established at Bethel College, a Cumberland Presbyterian college in the western part of the state. Both schools survived the disruption of the Civil War, and assets from both schools were combined following the partial reunion of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in 1906. In July 1908, the Theological Seminary was reorganized on the campus of Bethel College with Rev. P.F. Johnson elected as Dean.

In 1922, the three boards concerned with the educational interest of the Church, the Board of Education, the Board of Trustees of Bethel College, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, were merged into one board known as the Cumberland Presbyterian Board of Education. From 1923 until 1956, the seminary was a department of Bethel College. In 1956, the General Assembly incorporated the Cumberland Presbyterian Theological Seminary as a separate institution and placed it once again under its own Board of Trustees.

In 1962, the General Assembly approved a recommendation of the Board of Trustees to relocate the seminary to Memphis, Tennessee. In 1964, the Assembly changed the name of the seminary to Memphis Theological Seminary of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The seminary opened its doors in Memphis in September 1964, admitting students of any race and denomination. Over more than 45 years, the seminary has experienced remarkable growth in enrollment, size of faculty and staff, facilities, library holdings, and financial resources. Memphis Theological Seminary is gaining an increasingly wide recognition of its program of theological education with its practical focus and convenient delivery.

Location

The campus of seven acres is located in the heart of Memphis, Tennessee, at the corner of East Parkway and Union Avenue, in the area known as Midtown. Located on the banks of the Mississippi River, Memphis is by 2010 estimates the nineteenth largest city in the United States, and the hub of a major metropolitan area of 1.3 million people. Memphis occupies the geographic and economic center of the Mid-South region. Home to FedEx, its central location lends it one of its nicknames: America's Distribution Center. Memphis International Airport handles more air cargo annually than any other airport in the world. Other major corporations with headquarters in Memphis include International Paper, AutoZone and ServiceMaster.

From W.C. Handy to Elvis Presley to Jerry Lee Lewis to Isaac Hayes - from blues to rock 'n roll to gospel to rap - Memphis is a city that has a rich musical heritage. The Stax Museum of American Soul, the Graceland mansion and Sun Studios continue to attract tourists from around the world. Memphis Theological Seminary is committed to exploring the creative connections between Christian faith and the rich musical heritage of the Mid-South.

Accreditation

Memphis Theological Seminary is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS), and by the Commission on Colleges and Schools of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to award the Master of Divinity, Master of Arts (Religion), and Doctor of Ministry degrees. The seminary is also an approved seminary by the University Senate of the United Methodist Church.

Financial Support

Memphis Theological Seminary receives financial support from many sources including the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, its sponsoring denomination, which gives an annual allocation from denominational benevolences and income from endowments. Substantial support is also given by the larger Memphis community, other denominations that have a significant number of students in the seminary, various church groups, and individuals and groups interested in theological education. Added to these resources is the income from tuition and fees.

The seminary also benefits from early endowment funds established prior to the relocation of the seminary to Memphis, Tennessee in 1964. Records on the current endowment funds generally start with the presidency of Dr. William T. Ingram, Jr., who helped acquire a number of gifts for these purposes. Dr. E. Colvin Baird became President of the seminary in 1978 and secured a number of major contributions for the seminary. In 1984, Dr. J. David Hester became president of MTS, and the seminary's endowment fund continued to grow significantly. Since 2005, current president Dr. Jay Earheart-Brown has continued this trend.

The Board of Stewardship of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church invests endowment funds for Memphis Theological Seminary. Interest earned from these funds is directed for use by the seminary in accordance with the Endowment Fund instrument that is negotiated when an endowment fund is established. The principal of the endowment fund is always reinvested.

Governance

Memphis Theological Seminary is governed by a twenty-four member Board of Trustees elected by the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. This board holds title to property, collects and dispenses funds, elects administrative officers and faculty, and sets the policies governing the seminary.

The administration and faculty are charged by the Board with the responsibility of carrying out approved policies, recommending changes in policies, and leading the seminary in the task of theological education.

Students share in the government of the seminary through a Student Senate and through membership on committees. Alumni/ae and friends of the seminary have many opportunities to participate in the life of the community, serve on special committees and share ideas and suggestions concerning the programs of the seminary.

Ecumenical Relations

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the sponsoring denomination of Memphis Theological Seminary, is ecumenical in its outlook and practices. On the local, state, national and international levels, Cumberland Presbyterian ministers, congregations and judicatories participate in a variety of cooperative endeavors with other Christian churches. This ecumenical outlook and practice is reflected at Memphis Theological Seminary. Persons from over thirty denominations are found among the students, faculty and staff. Cooperative working relationships exist between the seminary and judicatories of several denominations. The richness of its ecumenical character is one of the seminary's strengths.

A. Community Life

Persons with various backgrounds, cultures and denominational traditions constitute the seminary community. The community values ecumenical cooperation in theological education, welcomes varied theological understandings and practices of the Christian faith, and affirms the contributions of all members of the community. While the community is residentially dispersed, its members are united by the common purpose of theological education carried out in the context of concern for the Christian church and its differing ministries. Though diverse in race, gender, tradition, and theological understanding, the common bond of love in Jesus Christ binds the community together.

The Seminary community carries out its life together in various ways. When class is in session, worship draws the community together every week for praise of God and celebration of Holy Communion. Classes meet on weekdays and nights to stimulate theological understanding. Fellowship occurs around the coffee-pot in the Great Hall, in the student center, and at various dinners and social events throughout the year. Annual lectureships bring leading scholars to the Seminary to affirm and challenge our Christian vision and witness. Student groups are organized to increase leadership and identity within the community, including Women in Ministry, the Student Senate, and various denominational groups. In these ways, MTS seeks to invite all participants to experience an inclusive and reconciling community.

B. Appalachian Ministries Educational Resource Center (AMERC)

Memphis Theological Seminary is a founding member of the AMERC Consortium. AMERC provides specialized training for students preparing for ministry in the Appalachian Church and other mission settings, with particular attention to small town and rural congregations. Through its two educational programs - two-week summer courses and three-week winter travel seminars - AMERC provides students with opportunities to learn about the Appalachian region, its people and history, its culture and religion, and its needs and issues for ministry. Students study models for ministry currently in use and those expected to be more effective in the future. During the summer course, in addition to the concentrated academic program, students are assigned to field placement sites as participant-observers. In the winter travel seminar, the classes visit various types of Appalachian ministries alternating between the northern, southern, and central portions of Appalachia (which covers parts of 13 states and 397 counties). Please contact the VPAA/Dean or Registrar for specific details about receiving credit and scholarship assistance.

C. Cooperative Agreement with the University of Memphis Department of Communication

Fall 2006 marked the beginning of a cooperative agreement with the Department of Communication at the University of Memphis to team-teach selected courses, to cross list selected faculty, and to allow students from both institutions to take elective courses in rhetoric and African American preaching. One or two members of each faculty will be appointed as adjunct or affiliate in the other institution. Affiliate faculty from MTS who qualify are permitted to sit on Ph.D. committees and direct theses and dissertations in the University of Memphis Department of Communications.

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

Memphis Theological Seminary is a graduate professional school that offers the following degree programs: Master of Divinity, Master of Arts (Religion) (M.A.R.), Master of Arts in South Ministry (MA M), and Doctor of Ministry.

The **Master of Divinity** (M.Div.) degree is regarded by most denominations as the standard route of educational preparation for ordination to the ministry.

The **Master of Arts (Religion)** (M.A.R.) degree is designed primarily for lay persons who want to broaden and deepen their theological understandings as a basis for further graduate study or application in other fields.

The **Doctor of Ministry** (D.Min.) degree is regarded as the highest degree in the practice of ministry and designed for full-time ministers who have an M.Div. degree from an accredited seminary and who desire a higher level of competence in the practice of ministry.

Pre-Seminary Study

It is recommended that students' pre-seminary education include the following studies. The number in parenthesis after the subject matter area indicates the semesters of work recommended: English (6), history (3), philosophy (3), natural sciences (2), religion (3), foreign languages (4) and social sciences (6). Of the possible areas of concentration in undergraduate study, English, philosophy, and history are regarded as most desirable. Other areas that may be considered are sociology and psychology.

In the event that a transcript of undergraduate study shows marked divergences from the guidelines recommended above, or if other academic deficiencies are indicated, the student may be admitted on probation provided some program is projected to remove the deficiencies. In that case, final approval of admission would be contingent upon the removal of the deficiencies.

Admission Requirements (master's level program)

A. Degree Seeking

Admission to the M.Div. or M.A.R. program normally will be based on:

- 1) Graduation with an appropriate bachelor's degree from a college or university accredited by an agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or holding membership in the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada. Applicants whose bachelor's degree is from a college not accredited by a recognized national or regional accrediting agency must have one complete academic year of work at an accredited institution before being considered for admission.
- 2) A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA of 2.50) for all undergraduate work. Any exceptions will be on the basis of demonstrated equivalency, and will require not less than a full semester of academic probation before the admission is finally approved.
- 3) Applicant's demonstrated willingness to participate in seminary life and study in a constructive manner. Admission is without regard to race, creed, ethnic origin or gender.

B. Non-Degree

Non-degree seeking students are those who are pursuing studies not directed toward graduation and who take a class for credit. Individuals wishing to take classes on a non-degree basis are expected to hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent and complete all admission procedures.

Letters of reference and the personal essay are not required of students holding the Master of Divinity degree who are enrolled only in denominational polity and history courses, or of students enrolled at MTS for the purpose of transferring credit to another seminary.

C. Auditors

Auditors are those students who take a course without receiving academic credit for that course. Students who take a course as an auditor may not receive credit for it later unless they retake the course for credit. Admission for auditors is granted for one semester only. A new application is required for each term. Applications for auditors are available from the Director of Admissions or online at www.MemphisSeminary.edu.

Permission of the instructor may be required before a student can audit a course. If the course to be audited has a prerequisite, the auditor must receive the permission of the instructor to be able to take the course. Auditing is permitted only if space is available after new student registration.

D. Continuing Education

Continuing Education at MTS is designed to provide opportunities for the personal enrichment of clergy and laity through classroom sessions, conferences, seminars, special lectures, and participation in workshops. One Continuing Education Unit (CEU) is equal to ten contact hours. Continuing Education programs do not award academic credit.

Admissions Procedures

Deadlines for application to the M.Div. and the M.A.R. programs of Memphis Theological Seminary are: August 10 for the fall semester; January 10 for the spring semester; and May 10 for the summer term. Each applicant for a degree program shall be required to furnish the Director of Admissions of the seminary with:

- 1) an application for admission on a form provided by the seminary;
- 2) official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work;
- 3) two copies of a personal essay;
- 4) a Goals of Theological Education form;
- 5) three Seminary Reference forms;
- 6) a recent photograph; and,
- 7) a \$35 application fee.

The following qualifications concerning academic competency should be noted carefully: (1) If application materials indicate academic weaknesses, especially in grammar and composition, the applicant may be required to come to the campus for an interview and preliminary reading/writing tests. (2) If significant academic deficiencies are revealed by the interview and the preliminary tests, further testing and remedial work may be required prior to admission.

Admission is by approval of the Admissions Committee. The committee meets periodically throughout the year. Before an application will be considered, the application materials listed above must be on file with the Director of Admissions.

A. International Student Admission Procedures

In addition to the procedures and documents outlined above, an international student must furnish the Director of Admissions of the seminary with: 1) a letter of approval from an appropriate official of the student's denomination or church; 2) a statement of plans for service or ministry in the country of origin; 3) certification of proficiency in the English language through the submission of a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score (minimum 550 on the written test, 213 on the computer test, or 85 on the Internet test), and a Test of Written English (TWE) score (minimum of 4.5); 4) evidence of financial resources for educational and living expenses for the period of study planned; 5) proof of adequate funds for travel to and from the U.S.; 6) proof of health insurance with a U.S. insurer. The TOEFL code number for MTS is 1462.

B. Readmission

A student who has been out of school for one semester or more for any reason must apply for readmission. Application must be in writing and sent to the Director of Admissions. Applications for former students can be obtained from Admissions or online at www.MemphisSeminary.edu.

Students whose credits were earned at Memphis Theological Seminary prior to 1990 will be subject to re-evaluation of all previously granted credits before readmission. A student under academic suspension, or who has been counseled or required to leave school for other reasons, must apply in writing to the VPAA/Dean. Readmission under these circumstances must be approved by the Admissions Committee.

C. Transfer Students

The number of credits transferred cannot exceed 42 semester hours toward the degree of Master of

Divinity or 21 semester hours toward the degree of Master of Arts (Religion). No transfer credits may be applied toward the Doctor of Ministry degree. Courses with a letter grade of C or better are considered for transfer credit and will not be calculated in a student's grade point average at Memphis Theological Seminary. Transfer credit will only be given for courses completed at institutions that are accredited by the Association of Theological Schools or by the appropriate regional accrediting agency.

Students with similar undergraduate coursework required in master's level programs may substitute advanced courses in the same field subject to approval of the VPAA/Dean in consultation with appropriate professors. When such a substitution is made, students must still complete the same number of hours in the corresponding field.

D. Second Degree

Each degree program has a specific intent. During the course of a degree program a student might determine that a change in program will better comply with career goals or a call in ministry. This change can take place prior to degree completion with permission of the VPAA/Dean. In the event that a second degree is sought, completed course work cannot be credited toward more than one degree, with the exception of 18 hours of 10000 or 20000 level courses transferred between those programs.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Goals of Theological Education

The following goals of theological education that support MTS' mission were established by the faculty. Each goal performs distinct roles in the curricular design of degree programs at Memphis Theological Seminary.

Scholarship

- To gain an enhanced body of knowledge and skills for theological research.
- To increase abilities to reflect theologically on the practice of ministry.
- To develop competent leaders who provide resources for the church's life and witness.

Piety

- To promote the knowledge and love of God.
- To increase awareness of Christian spirituality and the need for a balanced life.
- To cultivate a desire for the healing of the world.

Justice

- To expand ecumenical cooperation, awareness and experience.
- To support the ministries of persons of all genders, races and cultures.
- To increase a sense of interdependence in relation to human need.

Master of Divinity Program

The Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree at Memphis Theological Seminary is at minimum a three-year program of study. A certain concentration in a field may be achieved by selecting a number of courses in that particular discipline. The M.Div. curriculum acquaints students with the theological disciplines and encourages communal exploration in the life of the church so that graduates will serve the church as leaders in greater faithfulness to God.

The M.Div. degree curriculum objectives seek to accomplish the following:

1. Scripture: Students will be able to understand, appreciate, and use a critical approach to biblical studies, especially as those relate to the role of Scripture in the Christian community in worship, preaching, and teaching.
2. Interpretation: Students will acquire a foundation in theological analysis and reflection

grounded in the Christian tradition that recognizes the role of historical development in Christian belief and practice.

- 3. Context: Students will develop knowledge of the diverse cultural contexts in which the practice of ministry takes place and the ability to critically engage with those contexts, including the ability to do ethical analysis from within the Christian tradition.
- 4. Practice of Ministry: Students will acquire the knowledge and skills needed for a basic proficiency in practical skills for ministry and gain theological understanding of the ways in which Christian faith is expressed in the ministries of Christian churches.
- 5. Formation: Students will develop an informed sense of their ministerial vocation through discernment and formation so as to appreciate the vital connection between spiritual formation and ministry.

A. Master of Divinity Degree Requirements

Note: 6 of the first 9 hours taken must be 10000 courses; 9 of the first 18 hours taken must be 10000 courses; 15 of the first 35 hours taken must be 10000 courses; and 20000 courses may be taken concurrently with 10000 courses. Formation for Ministry classes must be taken the 1st, 2nd and last semesters while at MTS.

Area	Course Title	Concentration	Credit Hours
Introductory (13 courses)	PM 10000	Christian Ministry	3
	NT 10000	Introduction to Interpreting the New Testament	3
	OT 10000	Introduction to Interpreting the Old Testament	3
	TH 10000	Christian Beliefs	3
	CH 10000	Introduction to Church History	3
	EM 20000	Introduction to Educational Ministry	3
	WP 20000	Theology of Worship and Preaching	3
	PC 20000	Introduction to Pastoral Care	3
	ET 20000	Introduction to Christian Ethics	3
	CM 20000	Mission of the Church	3
	FM 10108	Formation for Ministry (1st Semester)	1
	FM 20108	Formation for Ministry (2nd Semester)	1
	FM 30108	Formation for Ministry (Last Semester)	1
Practica (3 courses)	PC 01151	Clinical Practicum	3
	PM 01100	Supervised Parish Practicum	3
	WP 01104	Worship and Preaching Practicum	3
Specified Electives			
(11 courses)	History (any course with a CH designation except CH03834, CH03735, CH03945)		3
	Theology (any course with a TH designation except TH03953 and TH01111)		3
	Biblical Studies (any courses with OT or NT prefixes)		6
	Ethics and Mission (any courses with the ET or CM prefixes)		6
	Practice of Ministry (at least one must be a preaching elective while others may bear EM, PC, WP and or PM prefixes)		9
	Cross Cultural Studies**		6
Free Electives (4 courses)	Free Electives	12	
Totals	31 courses		87

****Cross Cultural Studies** designates those courses that expose the student to the perspectives of diverse communities and aspects of cultures beyond or different from the student's own cultural, ethnic, social or ecclesial context. For this reason, students must select courses that differ from their own context to meet the requirement for cross-cultural studies. Courses counting toward fulfilling this requirement must be approved by the student's advisor or the VPAA/Dean.

Biblical Languages: 1st semester Greek or 1st semester Hebrew may only be counted as "free electives" toward the M.Div. degree. Either 2nd semester Greek or 2nd semester Hebrew-but not both may be counted as one of the two biblical electives required for the M.Div. degree.

Additional Graduation Requirements: M.Div. students are required to earn 8 Theological Colloquia credits, complete Stage II of Profiles of Ministry and earn no less than a 2.00 cumulative grade point average.

Theological Colloquia: The colloquia are intended to provide theological learning opportunities beyond the classroom through dialogue and exposure to scholarship, preaching, teaching, and the life work of scholars, practitioners, and leaders who exemplify the mission goals of MTS. A listing of "approved" events that will fulfill this requirement will be published on the electronic website bulletin board and postings on campus. Traditionally, these approved events have consisted of MTS-sponsored lecture series; however, students may obtain approval to attend a limited number of events not sponsored by MTS to earn colloquia credits.

It is expected that all Theological Colloquia credit will be earned by students attending the approved events; however, if a student is unable to attend the colloquia events in person, he/she may earn up to 50% of the colloquia credits by viewing video tapes of the missed lectures. Most lecture series tapes are available in the MTS library. Students may submit a one-page synopsis for each lecture missed to the Registrar's Office no later than one calendar month after the first date of the lecture series missed. All written documents are required to be written in compliance with the current version of the MLA Handbook.

B. Ordination Requirements

Many denominations require a course on polity, history or doctrine specific to their denomination. The Director of Academic Records and Registration can assist students in obtaining information about such courses that might be necessary for ordination, but which are not regularly offered as part of our curriculum. When necessary, special offerings of courses required for ordination might also be possible. Students seeking ordination from other denomination affiliations not listed below should consult their denominational officials to ascertain current requirements and procedures.

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

CH 03735 Disciples of Christ Polity, History and Doctrine 3 credit hours

Cumberland Presbyterian

CH 03834 Cumberland Presbyterian History and Doctrine 3 credit hours

PM 03111 Cumberland Presbyterian Polity and Program 3 credit hours

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Candidates from any PCUSA presbytery must successfully complete Greek, Hebrew and exegesis courses in both Old and New Testaments. It is recommended that all PCUSA students consult with their presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry. The Presbytery of the Mid-South requires candidates for ordination to complete successfully courses in Reformed Theology and PCUSA polity.

United Methodist

PM 03212 Early Methodism: History, Doctrine, and Polity 3 credit hours

PM 03213 American Methodism: History, Doctrine and Polity 3 credit hours

Master of Arts (Religion)(MAR) Program

The Master of Arts (Religion) (M.A.R.) at Memphis Theological Seminary is designed for lay persons who want to broaden and deepen their theological understanding as a basis for further graduate study or application in other fields.

The M.A.R. degree curriculum seeks to accomplish the following:

- 1) Students will be able to understand, appreciate, and use a critical approach to biblical studies.
- 2) Students will be able to understand the historical development of Christian doctrine and to incorporate its ongoing significance for the Christian ethical life.
- 3) Students will gain insight and skills in the practice of faith within particular cultural context.
- 4) Students will complete a thesis or project proposal that demonstrates the development of a methodology, bibliography, and the use of critical research skills.
- 5) Students will complete a thesis or project that demonstrates the integration of academic study, theological reflection and praxis.

Requirements

Area	Course Title	Concentration	Credit Hours
Biblical Studies	NT 10000	Introduction to Interpreting the New Testament	3
	OT 10000	Introduction to Interpreting the Old Testament	3
		Spiritual Formation for Ministry	3
		Theology and Social Context	3
	TH 10000	Christian Beliefs	3
	CH 10000	Introduction to Church History	3
	ET 20000	Introduction to Christian Ethics	3
			18 credits

Electives

24 hours Students must take at least nine hours in the area in which they seek to focus for their Thesis or Project.

Requirements

Integrative Seminars and Thesis or Project 6 credit hours
Two integrative seminars are required in addition to the thesis or project. In the second semester of course work, students will take Integrative Seminar I. In this seminar, students will develop their thesis or project proposal developing a methodology and bibliography, and the theological foundations for their thesis or project (2 credits). In the final semester of course work, students will take Integrative Seminar II. In this seminar, students will present their thesis research or project and further reflect upon how their thesis or project draws upon their coursework, research and/or practice, and prepares them for further theological reflection and practice (1 credit). In addition to the 3 credit hours for Integrative Seminar I and II, students will receive 3 credit hours for the work of the thesis or project.

Totals 48 Credit hours

Additional Graduation Requirements: M.A.R. students are required to earn 6 Theological Coloquia credits and earn a minimum 2.00 cumulative grade point average.

Sequencing of Courses

Note: 6 of the 9 hours taken must be 10000 courses; 9 of the 18 hours taken must be 10000 courses; 15 of the first 35 courses must be 10000 courses and 20000 courses may be taken concurrently with 10000 courses. Formation For Ministry classes must be taken the 1st, 2nd and last semesters while at MTS.

M.A.R. Thesis Requirements

The Thesis shall be between 50 and 75 pages, plus bibliography, and written in compliance with the current version of the MLA Handbook. If the thesis is in an area of biblical study, the student must take 6 hours in the appropriate biblical language. In developing a thesis topic, students should take 6-9 hours in the area in which they are writing the thesis. In addition to the presentation of thesis research in integrative Seminar II, there will be an oral defense of the thesis.

The VPAA/Dean will assign thesis advisors based on recommendations of the seminar professor and in consultation with the student and faculty. Readers will be approved by the VPAA/Dean in consultation with the student and faculty members. No faculty member may supervise more than one M.A.R. thesis per academic year.

The final draft of the thesis will be submitted to the reader no later than 45 days prior to the end of the semester. Upon receipt of the final draft, the date of the oral defense will be scheduled. Two corrected copies of the thesis will be submitted to the MTS library for binding no later than one week prior to graduation.

Students may change tracks prior to the final submission of the thesis. Thereafter, changes must be approved by the VPAA/Dean.

Doctor of Ministry Program

A. Purpose and Objectives of the Program

The Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degree is a terminal degree in the practice of ministry. It is offered to persons who are engaged in ministry and who wish to develop excellence in the practice of ministry. This is not a research degree preparing candidates for academic careers; its purpose is to help candidates become excellent practitioners of ministry.

The Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degree arises out of the purpose and mission of Memphis Theological Seminary. This educational community shares in the mission of the Church in the world by contributing to the formation of persons for service in the Church. Within the body of Christ, some are called to be formed as pastoral ministers to serve and guide the Church in its formation as the people of God, to order the Church for ministry to the world, and to prepare God's people for works of service.

Formation for pastoral ministry is not merely personal development, but a process of formation in and with a community of believers. Because formation for ministry is a process, the D.Min. degree is in continuity and coherence with the basic M.Div. degree and with experience in the practice of ministry. Also because formation is a process, the D.Min. degree is designed to continue the formation of pastors in order to amplify at a doctoral level their theological skills, analytical and integrative proficiency, spirituality, knowledge and competence for ministry.

In light of the Seminary's commitment to formation of persons for service and leadership in ministry, the image that shapes the D.Min. degree at Memphis Theological Seminary is servant leadership. This image derives from the biblical concept of diakonia. A pastoral minister is one who serves in and with a community of believers and one who leads a community of believers in service. In and with a community, a servant/leader nurtures faith, identifies the context, scope, and shape of ministry in the world, and enables the development of skills and commitment for ministry.

The Doctor of Ministry curriculum seeks to accomplish the following:

1. Students will refine the theological basis for ministry in their area of specialization and will contribute to the body of knowledge as it relates to the practice of ministry by completing a

ministry project reflecting their theological basis for ministry and their understanding of sound research.

2. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the concepts and attitudes on issues related to the student's context of ministry.

3. Students will demonstrate ministry skills at an advanced level of professional competency and demonstrate new skills in leadership, vision, conflict management, care systems, and/or other strategies for accomplishing effective ministry.

4. Student will think, plan, and act creatively in transcending traditional approaches to ministry by the use of innovative concepts and methods.

The Doctor of Ministry degree requires at least three years of study after admission and must be completed within six years.

B. Admission

The early admission deadline is July 31. Applications completed by the early admission deadline will be reviewed by August 31. The regular deadline for application for admission is October 1. Applications completed by October 1 will be reviewed by October 30.

Requirements for admission:

- 1) participation in full-time practice of ministry for a minimum of three years after receiving the M.Div. degree;
- 2) an M.Div. degree or its equivalent from an accredited seminary with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; however, if there are strong recommendations and a demonstrated promise of success, a candidate may be accepted whose GPA is not lower than 2.75. Each entering class is limited to no more than 20 percent of participants whose GPA is lower than 3.00;
- 3) recommendations from at least three persons evaluating the applicant's qualifications for admission;
- 4) assessment of the applicant's theology of ministry and an assessment of her or his practice of ministry through a reflection paper;
- 5) endorsement by the appropriate supervising body indicating that the applicant is engaged in the full-time practice of ministry and showing the congregation's or constituency's support for applicant's pursuit of the D.Min. degree, such as granting the necessary time for the program and a willingness to be involved as a setting for field study;
- 6) assessments of the applicant's ministry by selected constituents among whom the applicant ministers;
- 7) interviews with the Associate Dean and members of the D.Min. Committee at Memphis Theological Seminary.

The process of admission to the D.Min. degree program at MTS begins with submitting a completed Application for Admission form with the \$50.00 application fee. The Application for Admission and other application forms must be completed and the transcripts and all required materials must be received by October 1 prior to the January entering date. The D.Min. Committee approves admission. Persons who skip a seminar or are terminated from the program for any reason must be re-admitted.

C. Enrollment and Registration

The schedule for enrollment and participation in the D.Min. seminars does not correspond to the schedule of the Master's level courses nor the fiscal/academic year of MTS. When a person is admitted to the degree program, the admissions office automatically registers the students for the first seminar. Course work begins in January.

D. Seminars

Students are required to earn 36 hours in the D.Min. degree program. Five hours are earned in each

of five seminars, totaling 25 hours. Students may earn the final eleven hours in the two phases of the Project in Ministry study program.

After admission to the D.Min. degree program is approved, a participant completes five seminars in sequence. Each seminar requires advance preparation, a two-week residency, and a reflection paper. A faculty member prepares a syllabus, a bibliography, assigned readings and other assignments, leads the seminar, and evaluates learning. The student must have a “B” average to be considered for candidacy.

Memphis Theological Seminary offers three tracks or courses of study in the D.Min. program:

- 1. Leadership in Ministry
- 2. Faith and Health
- 3. Theology & Arts

Doctor of Ministry Degree Requirements

Track	Seminar		Credit Hours
Leadership in Ministry	DM 10001	Theological Reflection	5
	DM 10002	Spirituality and Worship	5
	DM 10003	Context for Ministry	5
	DM 10004	Christian Education and Pastoral Care	5
	DM 10005	Preaching and Worship	5
Faith and Health	DM 20001	Healthy Souls, Healthy Bodies	5
	DM 20002	Biblical Faith and Human Health: Health as Urban Ministry	5
	DM 20003	Building Healthy Communities of Faith	5
	DM 20004	Religious Faith and Public Health:Global Perspectives	5
	DM 20005	Religious Faith and Public Health: Integrative Seminar	5
Theology & Arts	DM 30001	Insight - Art as a Lens for Personal and Theological Reflection	5
	DM 30002	Faith, Art and Theology in Classical, Historical and Postmodern Contexts	5
	DM 30003	Art, Justice, and Community Building	5
	DM 30004	Art and Justice in International Perspective	5
	DM 30005	Beyond Performance - Theology and Art in Context	5
Project in Ministry (each track)	DM 10006, DM 20006, or DM 30006	Project Development	5
	DM 10007, DM 20007, or DM 30007	Written Project Review and Oral Review	6
Totals	7 seminars (2 project stages)		36

Core Courses in the Leadership in Ministry Track

DM10001 Theological Reflection (5 hrs). This seminar is concerned with the pastor’s ability to reflect or think theologically on the issues that arise in the context of ministry. The ability to engage in theological reflection is fundamental to ministry. Without it, ministry becomes shallow,

visionless, and merely functional. Theological reflection enables us to draw insight from our theological resources, to look for and discern the active presence of God in our midst, to become more acute in our theological perception, to invite others to see their life and calling in relation to God, and to challenge the church to be more insightful and faithful. Through theological reflection, we can learn to see our ministry as a vocation lived in the power of the Holy Spirit.

DM10002 Spirituality and Worship (5 hrs). This seminar centers on the role and function of pastor and people as growing disciples. Through this seminar participants will increase their understanding of personal and corporate Spiritual Formation in the context of their own congregations, and further develop personal and corporate disciplines. Through this seminar, participants will explore ways in which personal and corporate spiritual disciplines can influence their ministries and the ministries of those in their congregations. Through this seminar they will increase their understanding of Spiritual Theology and its components of Foundational, Mystical, Moral, and Ascetical theology as viewed from the perspective of Christian tradition. Through this seminar participants will also increase their understanding of and ability to engage in theological reflection. Each participant's work in the seminar and the reflection paper are the bases for evaluation.

This seminar also focuses on the pastor's role in congregational worship and as preacher in that worship, especially as that role expresses the pastor's understanding of servant ministry. It seeks to explore the theological underpinnings of homiletics and liturgics, to evaluate the participant's own congregational worship and preaching perspectives, and to re-examine resources and necessary skills that enable the pastor to serve responsibly and effectively as preacher and worship leader.

DM10003 Context for Ministry (5 hrs). This seminar enables participants to develop a local strategy of ministry rooted in biblical and theological models of ministry for effective missiological engagement with a variety of cultures. It will train leaders to reflect conceptually on their local, biblical theology of ministry and mission, and to analyze their local context internally and externally.

Participants will develop greater competency in their abilities to: (1) identify and assess the congregation's tradition and memory through understanding its primary religious language, i.e., its images, metaphors, myths, worldviews, stories, and biographies; (2) create and use research tools in order to identify the congregation's identity, context, program, and process; (3) identify and assess the cultural and demographic contexts in which a congregation finds itself; (4) reflect theologically upon the congregation's identity and praxis; and (5) develop a program of ministry out of congregational studies and reflection.

DM10004 Christian Education and Pastoral Care (5 hrs). This two week seminar provides participants with the opportunity to explore the disciplines and practices of religious education and pastoral care, and the pastor's role in each of these elements of ministry. The students will be introduced to the most current materials in each area and will create strategies for ministry in each of the areas.

The first week of the residency will focus on Christian Education. Students will explore the congregation as the basis for the ongoing ministry of spiritual formation and Christian education. Students will examine current trends and methodologies by evaluating, designing, and implementing the ministry of Christian spiritual formation in the congregational setting. Specifically, students will develop greater competency to identify and assess the congregation's identity, context, program, and process; identify the congregations' cultural and demographic context; and, in light of these, consider ways to increase spiritual formation programming in the congregation.

DM10005 Preaching and Worship (5 hrs). The practices of preaching and worship are central to the ministry of Jesus Christ in the church and the world. This course will provide an opportunity for advanced study and reflection on these practices in the life of the contemporary church. Through critical engagement with contemporary scholarship, participants will grow in their knowledge of the

fields and explore their own theological commitments in light of changing cultural trends. Individuals will have an opportunity to improve skills in sermon design and delivery within the context of the seminary setting and to engage in peer review.

Core Courses in the Faith and Health Track

DM20001 Healthy Souls, Healthy Bodies (5 hrs). This seminar is a reflective exploration of human embodiment, and the spiritual, mental and physical issues that maximize opportunities for health. The seminar is designed for participants to assess, evaluate, rediscover and begin to redirect the state of his or her personal overall health of body and soul. Assessment tools, honest reflection, discussions, and assigned readings from texts and scripture will help participants with both the discovery process and a plan for creating positive lifestyle changes. Contributing factors and influences such as culture, family/church practices, heredity, socio-economic status, and individual spiritual disciplines will be explored. As a caring learning community begins to develop, it is expected that participants will hold each other accountable for desired lifestyle changes.

DM20002 Biblical Faith and Human Health; Health as Urban Ministry (5 hrs). This seminar will assist participants in their inquiry into the biblical, biological and theological foundations for faith and health studies. Further, students will make on-site visits to places in urban America where persons live on the margins and have limited access to good health care. One of the challenges in the Faith and the Health of Communities program is to discover ways to embrace and empower those relegated to the margins of our society, especially in terms of the brokenness of individual and community health; students will have opportunity to explore causes and possible solutions.

DM20003 Building Healthy Communities of Faith (5 hrs). Students will explore how to design, plan and build healthy faith communities, and ways of improving health through alternative approaches. Students will visit the Interfaith Health Program and Church Health Center in Memphis; additionally, students will visit the Carter Center, Centers for Disease Control, CARE, and Emory Global Health Initiative, all in Atlanta, Georgia.

DM20004 Religious Faith and Public Health: Global Perspectives (5 hrs). This seminar enables participants to consider global issues related to the health of individuals and institutions, and to develop greater competency in analyzing, assessing, and adapting ministries in the light of a globalized world. We highlight five key issues: poverty, environmental destruction, economic globalization, multi-faith issues, and the need to nurture a deep spirituality from which ministry and mission flow. This is a required Immersion course.

DM20005 Religious Faith and Public Health: An Integrative Seminar (5 hrs). This seminar will provide a contextual view of faith and health in congregations and public service organizations. It will include a clinical component designed to provide advanced pastoral care training and will focus on religious health assets designed to expand the leadership capacities of religious professionals working on the boundaries of faith and public health practices. Leaders of congregations and institutional ministries will be helped to address individual, community, and global health issues with vision steeped in theological realities and practice committed to forming new alliances.

Core Courses in the Theology & Arts Track

DM30001 Insight - Art as a Lens for Personal and Theological Reflection (5 hrs).

This course assists the learners to reflect theologically on issues which arise in the context of ministry. Where do we see God active in the world? What is God doing in my life/ministry and in my context's life? Week One's theme is "Emergence - The Role of the Artist/Theologian." Week Two's theme is: "Aesthetics, Method and Practice." The seminar will seek to create an interface between artistic disciplines, philosophies of liberation and cultural responsibility (ethics). Calling upon resources from the arts, learners will engage in developing their theological reflection skills.

DM30002 Faith - Art and Theology in Classical, Historical, and Postmodern Contexts (5 hrs.).

This course seeks to reflect on methods of biblical and art interpretation: the historical method (explores circumstances and events that gave rise to these texts; namely, what occurred and “why?”); the literary method (explores biblical texts so as to determine their symbolic narrative worlds, authorial perspectives and determines date and place of origin, intended audience, reason for writing, styles, and themes); and the contemporary method (observes the influence these texts have on the contemporary reader). Particular attention will be given to selected themes and their significance for contemporary artists. Week One: “Classics and Innovation - Art and Faith;” Week Two: “Bible - Faith and Tradition.”

DM30003 Art, Justice and Community Building (Beloved Community: Art in Rural and Urban Contexts) (5 hrs.). This course will focus on building what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called “the beloved community,” the community of God which is comprised of justice and equality and compassion for all. How might artists assist in building such a community? Week One’s theme is: “Art in the Rural Context.” It will be an Immersion to Kentucky, holding conversation with Appalachian Artists, perhaps an interface with AMERC and the Appalachian Travel Group. Week Two’s theme is: “Art in the Urban Context (Memphis).”

DM30004 Art and Justice in International Perspective (a required immersion off campus) (5hrs.). This course will focus on listening to voices from other parts of the globe. It intentionally will seek to listen to those who live on the margins. This seminar seeks to develop a local theology of ministry rooted in a biblical and theological model of ministry, reflect on this local theology in a global world, and nurture a deep spirituality of ministry and mission.

DM30005 Beyond Performance - Theology and Art in Context (i.e., Health, Prison, Congregation) (5 hrs.). This seminar focuses on the participant’s context for ministry. Specifically, the seminar will consider the doctrine of the church (ecclesiology) and the acquisition of skills to identify, assess, and build ministry from the context’s tradition and memory, identity, and demographic and cultural contexts. It is a time of personal discernment, with students developing their identity as a researcher about the context’s ministry, analyzing the context of setting for ministry, building relationships with faculty and peers, and developing a learning community.

Project in Ministry

In addition to the five seminars, students will implement a project and write a project report. Growth in the practice of ministry that demonstrates integration of the theory and practice of ministry on a doctoral level is the central objective of the project. An advanced level of formation for ministry that is evident in the candidate’s understanding of ministry and in the candidate’s skill and competency to serve and lead the congregation or constituency in being a community of faith in the world is the basis upon which the project advisor evaluates the candidate.

The **Project in Ministry** aims to achieve a higher level of ministry for the candidate and the constituency through reflection on and implementation of ministry as indicated in the six objectives of the D.Min. degree. The Project of Ministry gives the candidate the opportunity to concentrate on a specific area of ministry that is related to a particular field of study approved by the D.Min. Committee. The project fulfills all the objectives of the D.Min. degree. Through self-initiated ministry, learning takes place for the candidate and the constituency. The candidate demonstrates the ability to lead in the improvement of ministry, and the candidate and the constituency grow in concepts and practices of ministry.

The **Project in Ministry** is completed in two stages: DM10006/DM20006/DM30006 Project Development and DM10007/DM20007/DM30007 Written Project Report and Oral Review. A passing grade in DM6 is awarded upon approval of the Complete Project Proposal (which includes a strategy for implementation) by the D.Min. Committee and approval of the manuscript on “reflection on project knowledge and skills” by the faculty advisor. The process for completing DM10007/DM20007/DM30007 is the following: the candidate’s written project report is evaluated by three faculty members and reviewed orally by the candidate before a panel of faculty members.

In each seminar, beginning with DM10001/DM20001/DM30001, a workshop on the project in ministry will be offered.

E. Academic progress throughout the degree program: The grading system for the D.Min. program is the following: Students will earn a letter grade for each seminar (A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, F). The D.Min. Committee will review the grades of all students after each semester. Students who receive a C grade or lower will be placed on probation. Two Cs in the program means the person is terminated from the program. After the fourth seminar, the student must have a B average as one criterion for being voted into candidacy.

F. Course Completion: Written coursework for any of the D.Min. seminars is due to the professor at a time set by the professor (normally between 45 and 60 days). However, after 90 days, if no paper has been submitted, a student will receive a grade of F and will be terminated from the program.

G. Workshops and Consultations with Faculty: Each participant is expected to participate in the project workshops and consultations with the project advisor as scheduled to maintain satisfactory progress in the project in ministry. In extraordinary circumstances, a person may be excused from attending a workshop or consultation with project advisor provided (a) that permission of the Associate Dean is secured in advance and (b) that satisfactory progress is being maintained in developing the project in the context of ministry.

H. Admittance to Candidacy: A student in the D.Min. degree program must be admitted to candidacy after successful completion of DM4 and no later than the end of DM5. Requirements for application for admission to candidacy include (a) a complete project proposal approved by the faculty advisor and D. Min. Committee and (b) a B average in the first four D.Min. seminars.

I. Time Limits for DM10006/DM20006/DM30006 and DM10007/DM20007/DM30007: In the normal course of events, a student is expected to complete DM6 and DM7 within a two year period starting at the conclusion of DM5 and ending with graduation in May two years following. Any exceptions to this time must be reviewed and approved by the D.Min. Committee.

J. Termination from Program: When a participant has failed to maintain satisfactory progress in the D.Min. degree program, the person is dropped from the degree program and notified by the Associate Dean.

K. Readmission to the Program: Any request for readmission to the program from a student who has been terminated from the Doctor of Ministry program for failure to maintain satisfactory progress as stipulated by the program policies must be made to the Doctor of Ministry Committee in writing. The request must be made no later than six months after the student was terminated from the program. The request will be reviewed, and, if deemed appropriate by the Committee, an interview with the student will be scheduled. If readmission is granted, the Committee will establish a time line for completion of the program with the student. No further exceptions will be granted.

L. Graduation Requirements: D.Min. students must have completed all work prescribed within the time limits established by the program or through the Doctor of Ministry Committee. The student must receive a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 in all seminars and for the final project.

M. Student Grievance Procedure: If a student has a personal or academic grievance with anyone involved in the Doctor of Ministry program, the student should first contact that person. If the matter cannot be resolved satisfactorily, the student has the right to submit a formal written complaint to the Doctor of Ministry Committee. A meeting shall be arranged to meet or communicate with each party. A decision shall be rendered by the Committee and shall be considered final.

N. Policy on Late Work: When a participant is unable to complete work on time because of illness, death or illness in the immediate family, or other unavoidable circumstances, the participant may request an extension of time. To request an extension of time, the participant shall submit the request in writing to the Associate Dean prior to the date the assignment is due. The Associate Dean shall forward the request to the professor(s) concerned, who may grant an extension of time not to exceed 60 days beyond the original due date.

If the reasons for late work are other than those described above, the professor(s) concerned may grant an extension of not more than 60 days beyond the original due date for the assignment but shall appropriately penalize the tardy work. Any exception to the foregoing procedures must be made by a committee consisting of the professor(s) leading the seminar, the participant's advisor, the VPAA/Dean, and the Associate Dean as chair. Any work not completed within the extension of time granted shall be awarded a grade of F unless (a) permission of the Associate Dean is secured in advance and (b) satisfactory progress is being maintained in developing the project in the context of ministry.

Certificate Programs

Faith and Health

The Certificate Program in Faith and Health is available to degree and non-degree seeking students. It is intended to provide further education for clergy, laity, and health care professionals. The curriculum will explore intersections of health and wholeness in congregations, communities, and in the lives of individuals. Students will earn a total of 18 graduate level hours during the Certificate program. This program is offered in collaboration with Methodist Healthcare's Interfaith Health Program and The Church Health Center. See the Director of Admissions for further information.

Graduate Certificate in Addiction Counseling

MTS is one of only 10 institutions nationwide and the only seminary that is currently listed as an approved academic education provider by the National Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC). This certificate program aspires to prepare Christians to offer competent counseling services to individuals, families and groups who struggle with the horrendous effects of Substance Abuse Disorders. The program offers the number of educational (academic) hours the Tennessee State Board of Alcohol and Other Drugs of Abuse Counselors requires for licensure as an Alcohol Drug Counselor.

The Dr. James L. Netters Certificate in Congregational Ministry is designed for persons who are active in congregational life, but not interested in pursuing a Masters level degree. This certificate program aspires to prepare Christian leaders (lay and clergy) to offer competent leadership in congregational life.



The Program of Alternate Studies (PAS) is a non-degree course of study leading to ordination for Cumberland Presbyterian ministerial candidates unable to attend seminary due to extenuating circumstances. Presbyteries decide whom to send to PAS. When PAS students and/or graduates later attend Memphis Theological Seminary, no credits transfer; they are beginning students. However, those who have completed the Program of Alternate Studies testify to being well prepared for the seminary journey.

In addition, PAS provides Cumberland Presbyterian-related courses necessary for ordination for seminary graduates coming from other churches into this denomination, as well as for current seminary students attending schools other than Memphis Theological Seminary. In cooperation with the Board of Missions of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, PAS provides an avenue by which cross-cultural ministers (Korean, Hispanic, Sudanese, for example) may obtain their ministerial education while also becoming acquainted with the denomination through interaction with other PAS students, instructors and staff. A few PAS students are lay people not seeking ordination. The highlight of the year is the annual Summer Extension School at Bethel College in

McKenzie, Tennessee, in the month of July. PAS offices are housed in Cumberland Hall on the MTS campus. Weekend Extension Schools in various locations around the denomination are conducted by the Director of PAS in the fall, winter and spring months. Clergy and lay persons from other denominations are always welcome.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION AND SERVICES

Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act

Memphis Theological Seminary complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, commonly referred to as FERPA, or the Buckley Amendment. The Act was enacted to protect the privacy of educational records. Under FERPA, students have the following rights regarding educational records:

- 1) the right to inspect and review the student's education records;
- 2) the right to request the amendment of the student's education records to ensure that they are not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy or other rights;
- 3) the right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that the Act and the regulations authorize disclosure without consent.
- 4) the right to file with the U.S. Department of Education a complaint concerning alleged failures by the institution to comply with the requirements of the Act and the regulations; and
- 5) the right to obtain a copy of the institution's student records policy. The procedures to be used by Memphis Theological Seminary for compliance with FERPA are contained in a current catalog. Copies of the policy can be found in the Registrar's Office. Questions concerning the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act may be referred to this office.

Directory information can be given out to any requester at the discretion of the seminary. Directory information is defined by Memphis Theological Seminary as any information that includes: the student's name, home address, e-mail address, home telephone, photographs, degree programs, dates of attendance, enrollment status, undergraduate and graduate degrees and dates. Students may withhold directory information from being released outside the seminary community by notifying the Registrar in writing.

Registration

All first-time students to MTS are required to attend New Student Orientation which is scheduled by the Admission's Office (see the Academic Calendar). During this time, students will register for classes in the upcoming school term. Student ID cards will also be made during New Student Orientation.

Registration for returning students will take place at a time scheduled by the Registrar's Office (see the Academic Calendar). Registration information, procedures, and forms are available electronically via email, and on the website, each semester prior to the opening of Registration.

Prior to registration, the degree sheet checklist is reviewed and courses are selected during an appointment with the assigned academic advisor during Advising Week (see Academic Calendar). After advising, the student's academic advisor will release the student for registration. Students will not be able to register until their advisor releases them for registration. All registration for returning students is done online via the Student Portal in CAMS at <http://mtsstudent.memphisseminary.edu>.

All students are required to complete a vehicle registration form with Facilities and a method of payment form with the Bursar's Office to complete the Registration process.

Course Schedule

The course schedule is published in hard copy and on the website before advising and registration begins for each semester. It includes the following information: course number, course title (prerequisite follows title, when space permits), credit hours, days, time, room/location and instructor's name. Each course that requires a prerequisite bears an (*) asterisk within the course number area. In cases where the length of the course titles does not permit space for prerequisites, please see reverse side of schedule or the accompanying information sheet. Changes made to the course schedule after publication will be made available on-line through the internet at www.MemphisSeminary.edu.

Academic Advising

Upon admission to the M.Div. and M.A.R. programs, each student is assigned an Academic Advisor. The faculty advisor counsels the student with respect to the planning of the student's course of study, assists the student with course registration, and serves as a guide for the student in making decisions about academic goals. A student may change his/her advisor by filing a request with the Registrar.

Policy on Adding/Dropping Courses

After officially registering for the fall or spring semesters, students can adjust their schedules according to procedures stipulated in the Student Handbook and the academic calendar. A student who wishes to add or drop courses after a semester begins may do so upon acquiring the appropriate forms from the Registrar. After the drop period, a student may withdraw from a course by completing the appropriate form from the Registrar's Office. In this case, a grade of "W" will be recorded on the transcript. (See the Drop/Add Policy regarding the fees associated with this process on page 39.)

The Registrar prescribes specific times during the academic year for a student to add or drop a class. However, during the January and summer sessions, a student can only drop classes thirty (30) days prior to the first day. Students will not be permitted to drop classes on the first day of class or thereafter during any of the January or summer sessions. In extenuating circumstances, a student may drop one (1) week prior to class after submitting a written request for approval to the VPAA/Dean. Class cancellations are determined by student enrollment. This policy on enrollments during the intensive sessions enhances our ability to host world-renowned scholars who have excelled in varied areas of theological training.

Withdrawal

Students who desire to withdraw from Memphis Theological Seminary must complete the appropriate form from the Registrar's Office. Although a request should be made in person, permission to withdraw in writing can be granted in special situations. Withdrawal after the deadline must be approved by the VPAA/Dean.

Lectureships

One or more series of special lectures are given in the fall and spring semesters each year and are listed in the Academic Calendar. These lectures are open to the public and are occasions for alumni/ae and friends of the seminary to visit the campus. All lectureships supported through the generosity of the endowments are listed below.

An MTS lecture series focuses upon a theme or issue of importance to the contemporary church. Lecturers and preachers are invited to engage the theme, present their research, and dialogue with the community.

Bowen Lectures

A lectureship was established by the Board of Trustees honoring the Bowen family who lived near Waverly, Tennessee, and who left their farm for the support of Bowen's Chapel Church and, after it ceased to exist, for the education of Cumberland Presbyterian Ministers. This lectureship provides the opportunity for the seminary faculty to share their research and study. The lectures are given on

alternate years. Former Bowen lecturers have included Dr. Virgil H. Todd, Jr., Dr. Joe Ben Irby, Dr. William T. Ingram, Jr., Dr. John E. Gardner, Dr. W.E. Knickerbocker, Dr. Robert L. Brawley, Dr. Clinton O. Buck, Dr. Paul B. Brown, Dr. Ronald Cole-Turner, Dr. V. Steven Parrish, Dr. Paul Dekar, Dr. Mitzi Minor, Dr. Robert S. Wood, and Bro. Jeffrey Gros, FSC.

C.S. Lewis and His Friends Lectures

This lectureship was established in honor of Dr. Waldo E. (Knick) and Sandra H. Knickerbocker. Dr. Knickerbocker was Professor of Church History for 32 years and served as Academic Dean from 1978 to 1981. During that time Mrs. Knickerbocker was also very involved in the life and ministry of MTS in many ways, including serving as Acting Administrator of the Doctor of Ministry Program and as a consultant to the Doctor of Ministry students. The purpose of this lectureship is to educate students about the life and writings of C.S. Lewis and the lives and writings of the following persons who were influential in the life and writings of C.S. Lewis: Warren Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, Charles Williams, Owen Barfield, Dorothy Sayers, Joy Davidman Lewis, and G.K. Chesterton. The inaugural lecture was presented in 2008; lectures and will be held a minimum of every three years.

Dr. Barbara A. Holmes Lectures in African American Studies

With a desire to strengthen the future of the church by helping to prepare theologically educated clergy, Rev. Sam Mickens (M.A.R. '04, M.Div. '06) established an endowment to fund the annual lecture series during Black History Month (February), and at his request, the seminary renamed the lectures in honor of Dr. Barbara A. Holmes, Vice-President of Academic Affairs/Dean (2005-2010). Dr. Holmes was the first African American woman to be Dean of Faculty in the 150+ year history of the seminary. She currently is Professor of Ethics and African American studies at MTS, a lawyer, scholar and author of four books. The inaugural lecture of the Dr. Barbara A. Holmes Lectures in African American Studies was presented in February 2009.

J.W. Stiles Lectures

A lectureship has been established in memory of the Rev. Dr. J.W. Stiles. In the course of a long and fruitful ministry, Dr. Stiles served as pastor, editor and seminary professor. These lectures are given every fourth year. Stiles lecturers have included Dr. James Sanders, Dr. Thomas W. Ogletree, Dr. Walter Harrelson, Dr. Frank Rogers, and Dr. Melva Costen.

Johns Lectures

In 1945, an endowment was provided by the bequest of Mrs. S.B. Johns in memory of her husband, the late S.B. Johns, for a series of lectures. The Johns Lectures are given every fourth year. Johns lecturers have included Dr. Shirley Guthrie, Dr. James I. McCord, Dr. James H. Nichols, Dr. Sara Little, Dr. William Barr Oglesby, Jr., Dr. Jay McDaniel, and Dr. Melva Costen.

Virgil H. and Irene R. Todd Lectures

The endowment for this lectureship was established by the Todds to encourage excellence in Old Testament studies and "to promote a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Old Testament. Dr. Todd was Professor of Old Testament at Memphis Theological Seminary for 32 years, and during most of that time Mrs. Todd was a member of the administrative staff of the seminary. Lecturers have been Dr. Walter Brueggemann, Dr. Renita Weems, Dr. Denise Hopkins, Dr. Clinton McCann, and Dr. Terence Fretheim.

Virgil L. and Della M. Lowrie Lectures

This lectureship was established in honor of the late Rev. Virgil L. Lowrie, who served in the Texas Synod, and his wife, Mrs. Della M. Lowrie, a former Greek teacher in Cumberland College, Leonard, Texas. These lectures are given on alternate years. Lowrie lecturers have included Dr. Saphir P. Athyal, Dr. Johan Christian Beker, Dr. Edward P. Wimberly, Dr. Donald Armentrout, Dr. Barbara Hargrove, Dr. Dick Austin, Dr. James Ellor, Brian Wren, and Dr. G. Scott Morris.

William T. and Virginia H. Ingram Lectures

This lectureship was established by the Ingrams in appreciation for their Christian heritage in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, especially for their parents, the Rev. and Mrs. W.T. Ingram, Sr., and the Rev. and Mrs. J. Will Howell. The lectures are dedicated to the Ingrams' children, Tom and John, their wives and children. Lecturers have included Dr. Herman Norton, Dr. Norman Horner, Dr. Langdon Gilkey, Dr. Rosemary Reuther, Dr. Gerald Anderson, Dr. Hubert W. Morrow, Dr. Samuel Hugh Moffett, Dr. Carl Dudley, Dr. Jürgen Moltmann, Dr. Martin Marty, Mr. Leon Howell, Dr. J. Deotis Roberts, Dr. Robert S. Wood, Dr. Carver Yu, Dr. Molly Marshall, Rev. Masaharu Asayama, Dr. Leonora Tubbs Tisdale, Dr. Wallace Charles Smith, Dr. Gayle Felton, and Dr. Dorothy Bass.

Library

The mission of the Memphis Theological Seminary library is to enable the preparation of persons for ministry by providing library resources and services appropriate to the seminary degree programs.

The library catalog can be accessed through the MTS Web Home Page or at library.MemphisSeminary.edu. The library staff is committed to providing access to scholarly and practical resources in theology and religion through the acquisitions, organization, management, and preservation of the collections and through supportive reference and instructional services.

Resources

As of August 2, 2010, the MTS Library houses 70,000 books, 15,780 bound periodical volumes, 280 microforms, and 1,330 audio/visual items, and numerous MTS D.Min. projects and Master of Arts (Religion) (M.A.R.) theses. The library actively subscribes to 370 periodicals. The collection directly supports the curriculum of Memphis Theological Seminary by providing a strong teaching and research collection in all major areas of theological studies and additional holdings in related areas.

The MTS Library holds growing, special collections in the areas of Cumberland Presbyterianism, Martin Luther King, Jr., and C.S. Lewis and the Inklings. Among highlights are photocopies of Martin Luther King Jr.'s manuscripts and correspondences, rare journal issues and pamphlets written or edited by C.S. Lewis, and a comprehensive collection of books about Cumberland Presbyterian history and theology.

The library subscribes to four online database services: EBSCOHOST, which provides access to the ATLA Religion Database, Old Testament Abstracts and New Testament Abstracts; OCLC's First Search, which provides access to the WorldCat database and other OCLC index products; the Tennessee Electronic Library, which provides access to numerous databases including the Philosophy and Religion Index and Expanded Academic Index; and the Oxford African American Studies Center which provides more than 1,500 full-text articles. Together, these services provide comprehensive bibliographic information for major publications in theology, religion, and related fields. They also supplement the collection with substantial full-text access. The services are password protected and may be accessed from the Library's "Source and Services" web page.

Facilities and Services

The library consists of four floors. Staff offices, reference and serials materials, reserves and the circulation desk are on the first floor. The first floor also contains a reading room, the audio-visual collection, rare books, the Martin Luther King, Jr. collection, a photocopier for print materials, microforms and microfilm and microfiche readers/printer. The second floor contains the computer lab and the beginnings of the book collection. The third and fourth floors consist entirely of the book collection.

The library provides a variety of services including reference and inter-library loan. Inter-library loan services are only available to MTS students, staff and faculty. MTS library staff regularly

conducts library workshops on various topics and resources.

Local patrons and students from area schools may also use the library during normal operating hours. The library's operating hours are adjusted periodically to meet the demands of the seminary community. Generally, the library is open longer when classes are in session.

Area Library Resources

Memphis Theological Seminary has reciprocal library usage agreements with several local seminary, college/university and special libraries. Some of these include: Christian Brothers University, Harding School of Theology, LeMoyne-Owen College, Memphis College of Art, Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Rhodes College, Southwest Tennessee Community College, Temple Israel, the University of Memphis and the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. A valid MTS identification card is required to gain circulation privileges at these libraries.

Library Memberships

The Memphis Theological Seminary library and its staff are members of several international, regional and local library organizations. These include: The American Theological Library Association (ATLA), The American Library Association (ALA), The Lyrasis Library Network, SirsiDynix User Group, The Tennessee Theological Library Association (TTLA), TENN-SHARE, and the Memphis Area Library Council (MALC).

Library Policies

Each student must have a seminary-issued identification card in order to check out library material.

Books will normally circulate to MTS students for a four week period and may be renewed for a similar period if the book has not been requested by another borrower. Doctor of Ministry students may check out books for a six-month period, but may not check out more than 30 books at a time. Permission must be granted by the Library Director for a D.Min. student to renew any items, or to request more than 30 books. Non-student users will be limited to three books, with a check-out period of two weeks and one renewal. Prior to the due date, library materials may be renewed through the Internet using assigned PIN numbers, or by phoning the library circulation desk. Reserve materials circulate for the period of time designated by the instructor. Students should pay careful attention to the due date when checking out reserve materials and should cooperate with their classmates in the use of these materials.

Fines will be assessed and collected on all overdue materials. The fine schedule is as follows:

\$0.20 per day for circulating materials

\$1 per day for reserve materials, audio-visuals and theses

Fines are due and payable when the material is returned. However, fines will not accrue on days the library is closed, and the amount of the fine will not exceed the price of the book or other material. Unpaid fines are added to the student's account in the MTS Business Office and will be subject to the same treatment as other delinquent accounts.

The Memphis Theological Seminary Library is committed to maintaining the confidentiality of its patrons, including patron records. However, the MTS library obeys all laws and court ordered requests for information from legally authorized governmental authorities. The library may also release unpaid fines and replacement costs to the MTS Business Office and, if the patron is a student, to the Registrar and Records Office.

The computer lab in the MTS library is a place of free online inquiry. However, by using seminary resources, one implicitly agrees to use them in ways that are legal and respectful of other patrons. A patron who does not respect policies may be asked to leave the library. Multiple offenses may

result in loss of library privileges.Students, faculty, and staff of Memphis Theological Seminary have priority over all non-MTS users for access to lab computers.

Passwords to subscription search services such as OCLC FirstSearch and the Tennessee Electronic Library are for students, faculty, and staff of Memphis Theological Seminary only. These services are purchased based on the seminary’s enrollment and paid for by the seminary. Other patrons may request librarian-mediated online searches. This does not apply to the seminary’s online catalog, which is free to any user.

Children must be attended by an adult when in the library. The library staff cannot assume responsibility for unattended children. Children under 12 should not be left unattended in the library while parents are in class.

ACADEMIC POLICIES

Formation for Ministry

All degree-seeking students are required to take Formation for Ministry classes during their first, second and last semesters. Formation for Ministry involves students in a process of spiritual formation that integrates scholarship, piety and justice as foundational for the practice of ministry. These classes bring together students, faculty members and experienced ministers in discussion groups centered upon covenants of accountability that integrate shared readings, spiritual practices, reflection papers, and engagement in social justice. Meeting times are arranged at the beginning of each semester.

Grading System

The following letter and point grading system is used at Memphis Theological Seminary:

A+	=	4.00	C+	=	2.33
A	=	4.00	C	=	2.00
A-	=	3.67	C-	=	1.67
B+	=	3.33	D+	=	1.33
B	=	3.00	D	=	1.00
B-	=	2.67	F	=	0.00

Other notations that may appear on a student’s record are:

AU	Audit; no credit is given
I	Coursework is Incomplete
W	Withdrawn after the normal drop period
P	Pass; credit given but receives no point value
PR	Course is still in progress

Fail

If a grade of F (Fail) is given in a Pass/Fail course, the F is used in computing the grade point average. Practicum courses are graded on a Pass/Fail scale.

Incomplete

The grade of I (Incomplete) is assigned when a student is unable to complete work on time because of illness, death in the immediate family, or other unavoidable circumstances. A student may request an extension of time. To make a request, a student should contact the professor. The professor may grant the extension for not more than 30 days beyond the last day of the term in which the course is taken. If the reasons are other than those specified above, the professor may grant the extension for not more than 30 days beyond the last day of the term in which the course is taken, but shall lower the grade by one letter. Any exceptions to these procedures must be made by a committee

consisting of the VPAA/Dean, the professor and the student's advisor. If the course is not completed within the extension of time granted, an automatic grade of F will be assigned.

Withdraw

The grade of W (Withdraw) is assigned for a student who officially drops course or withdraws from the seminary prior to or on the last day to withdraw. The last day to drop a course or withdraw from the seminary is indicated for each semester on the academic calendar. The "W" grade is non-punitive and appears on the student's transcript.

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather in Memphis and surrounding areas make driving conditions sufficiently hazardous to warrant closing the seminary, information on closings and openings will be given over Memphis television channels 3, 5, and 24 and over radio stations FM100, WMC-AM79 and WREC- AM60.

In some instances severe weather conditions may exist in some area from which students commute, but the overall situation in Memphis may not warrant closing the seminary. In such instances, students should use their best judgment about attending class. Should hazardous conditions develop or worsen during the course of the day, classes for the remainder of the day, including night classes, may be canceled, in which case information will be communicated as indicated above. Commuter students must make their own judgments concerning the road conditions and driving safety.

Exceptions to the Rules

Some regulations provide for exceptions and specify the procedures to be followed. When not otherwise specified, requests for exceptions to academic regulations shall be made to the VPAA/Dean. Requests for exceptions to regulations other than academic regulations shall be made to the administrators in whose area of responsibility they fall.

Academic Standing

Master's Level Programs

To remain in good academic standing, a student must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00. If a student's cumulative grade point average falls below a 2.00, the student will be placed on ACADEMIC PROBATION at the end of that semester. In the next semester, a student who fails to achieve at least a 2.00 GPA will be placed on ACADEMIC SUSPENSION. A student who achieves at least a 2.00 semester GPA but has not attained a cumulative 2.00 GPA will be placed on PROBATION CONTINUED. Failure to have attained a cumulative GPA of 2.00 and return to good academic standing by the end of that semester will result in the academic suspension of the student from the seminary.

Any student who fails a course for the second time or who fails three courses in any one semester will be suspended at the end of that semester. A student suspended for poor scholarship will not be eligible for reconsideration of admission for at least one semester. To be considered for readmission after the period of suspension, a student must demonstrate competence and commitment to theological education. The student should contact the Director of Admissions and schedule an appointment with the VPAA/Dean. Readmission is by action of the Admissions Committee. In the case of suspension, a student's ecclesiastical judicatory may be informed.

Student Records

Students have the right to inspect their own academic record (from which transcripts are made), and are entitled to an explanation of any information recorded in it. Transcripts from other schools on file with MTS cannot be copied and given to the student or a third party. Students have the right to examine all other items contained in their own records on file with the Registrar, except such items to which access may be waived. Faculty and administrative officers of the seminary who have a

legitimate interest in the material and demonstrate a need to know will be permitted access to the academic records of any student.

Transcripts

A transcript will be released only upon written request of the student, and only if all financial obligations have been met. When submitting a transcript request, the request should include the address to where the transcript should be mailed. Any transcript mailed directly to a student will be stamped "Issued to Student." There is no charge for the first transcript but subsequent transcripts are \$5 per copy.

Class Attendance

Punctual class attendance is a requirement of every course. A student who is absent from a class is responsible for reporting the reason for the absence directly to the professor. Absences may adversely affect the grade received in the course. If absences in a course for any reason exceed one-third of the class sessions, the student will receive an F in the course. Professors may set a more stringent attendance policy in specific courses. These policies will be specified in the course syllabus.

Recordings

Use of tape recorders in the classroom must be negotiated with the professor. By virtue of enrollment in any course, students agree to abide by this policy.

Classification

Students pursuing an M.Div. degree are classified as a junior prior to the completion of 27 semester hours, as a Middler on completion of 27 to 53 semester hours, and as a senior on the completion of a minimum of 54 semester hours. A student pursuing an M.A.R. degree is classified as junior prior to the completion of 24 hours.

Time Limit

Students may complete the degree requirements as stated in the catalog for the year in which they enter the seminary or in the catalog of any subsequent year, providing the catalog is not more than five years old. The time limit for completion of degrees is five years for the M.A.R. degree, and seven years for the M.Div. degree. The VPAA/Dean must approve any extensions of time.

Course Load

Full-time study is defined as enrollment in at least 9 semester hours during each fall and spring term. For financial aid purposes, 6 semester hours is generally regarded as full-time enrollment. During the interim terms, enrollment in 3 semester hours is full-time. During the summer semester, enrollment in 6 semester hours is full time. Specific scholarships may have additional course load requirements.

The M.Div. degree can be completed in three academic years with an average load of 30 hours each year. The M.A.R. degree can be completed in two academic years with an average load of 24 hours each year. It is recommended that the time for earning a degree be extended if the student is engaged in remunerative work that requires 20 hours per week or more.

Independent Studies

An independent study course involves independent research conducted by a student and supervised by a professor, or the independent study of a designated elective course during a term when the course is not being offered in the regular course schedule. Work on a thesis will not be considered an independent study.

Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 to engage in independent studies and must have earned at least a B in the foundational course of that particular field of study. Before taking an independent study course, a student must have completed 24 credit hours if enrolled in the M.A.R. degree, or 44 hours if enrolled in the M.Div. program. During their course of study, students may only engage in one independent study per faculty member. Students in the M.A.R. degree program can take no more than (2) independent studies and students in the M.Div. program can take no more than (3) independent studies during their degree program.

Transfer Credit

Transfer Credit

Hours completed from other graduate institutions may be considered for transfer if the graduate institutions are accredited by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) or by the appropriate regional accrediting agency. ATS or other regional accrediting agency approval does not indicate courses will automatically be accepted for transfer. In order to be considered for transfer an official transcript must list the course with a letter grade or number grade equivalent to a C or better. Supervised practicum and/or field education courses must have a grade of credit such as P for pass or S for satisfactory.

Primary concern is given to transfer credit requests in the core and core-elective requirements. Course syllabi or course descriptions are examined to determine the 'level of instruction', quantity and quality of students' academic performance, critical thinking, and theological reflection to ensure they are all comparable to the level of expectations of Memphis Theological Seminary regarding student learning outcomes for the respective degree programs.

For Free Electives, up to six graduate credits of courses completed outside of religious or theological studies may be considered for transfer credit, contingent upon establishing a reasonable connection to the degree program being pursued at Memphis Theological Seminary. Classes completed outside of religious or theological studies may not be considered for substitutions for core or core-elective requirements.

The number of credits accepted for transfer cannot exceed 42 semester hours toward the Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree. The number of credit hours accepted for transfer cannot exceed 21 semester hours for the Master of Arts (Religion) (MAR) degree. No transfer credits may be applied to the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) degree.

Students with similar undergraduate coursework required in the master's level degree programs may be considered for advanced standing; however, no undergraduate coursework may be received for transfer at Memphis Theological Seminary. The request for advanced standing must be approved by the Vice President for Academic Affairs/Dean (VPAA/Dean) in consultation with the appropriate professors. When such a substitution is made, students are required to complete the same number of hours in the corresponding field.

Students desiring to take a course at another graduate institution while concurrently enrolled at MTS, for which transfer credit at MTS will be sought, must obtain prior approval from the VPAA/Dean. A maximum of six hours of credit may be obtained off-campus during concurrent enrollment, excluding biblical languages and Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE).

Process for transfer request:

All transfer requests must include official transcripts, syllabus or course descriptions and a formal request that courses be considered for transfer credit.

The Registrar makes decisions on all transfer requests that are within the parameters set by faculty,

Graduation

A graduation ceremony is conducted annually at the end of every spring semester. All students who have completed degree requirements and settled all financial accounts with the seminary are eligible to participate.

An Intent to Graduate form must be filed with the Registrar no later than the last day to add or drop classes in the fall semester of the academic year in which the student will graduate. This includes students who intend to graduate in December, May or July of that academic year.



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Alumni Association

Graduates of MTS, The Cumberland Presbyterian Seminary in McKenzie, and the Program of Alternate Studies (PAS) are eligible as alumni to join the MTS Alumni Association. Benefits of membership are available through the Alumni Affairs Department. Annual dues are \$20 or \$100 lifetime.

The mission of the Alumni Association is to maintain a mutually beneficial and continuing relationship between alumni and the seminary, which may lead to Board of Trustee service, volunteerism, financial support, and prayer.

For more information contact Sherry Henson, Director of Alumni Affairs, at shenson@MemphisSeminary.edu.

Honors and Awards (master’s level program)

Honors will be awarded for academic excellence as indicated by overall grade point averages as of the semester prior to graduation and as indicated below:

3.85 - 4.00 Summa Cum Laude

3.75 - 3.84	Magna Cum Laude
3.50 - 3.74	Cum Laude

Alston Award is given annually to an outstanding male and female African American student to recognize academic accomplishment and leadership and to encourage additional graduate study. It was established by Bishop Bettye Alston, a graduate of MTS, Rev. Neasbie Alston, and the Alston Family Evangelistic Association.

Chalice Press Book Award is given annually to one MTS graduate who has exemplified outstanding acheivement during their academic pursuits at the seminary. Chalice Press offers resources that support the ministries of congregations to invite people into deeper relationships with God, equip them as disciples of Jesus Christ, and send them into ministries as the Holy Spirit calls them.

Hoyt Hickman Award is presented to a graduating student who has shown superior academic and practical skill in liturgy. It is sponsored by the Order of Saint Luke.

Mary Elliot Miller Award is given annually to an outstanding female student. It was established by the children of Mary Elliot Miller in memory of their mother, who was an MTS alumna.

Virginia Howell Ingram Award is given on alternate years to a student for the best research paper and to a faulty member for the best research proposal in Cumberland Presbyterian Studies. It was established by Dr. William T. Ingram, Jr., former President of MTS, in honor of his wife, Virginia H. Ingram.

Woosley Scholarship Award is given annually to a female student with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above who has demonstrated some form of leadership in her ministry, church or community. Details regarding the application process are available under the Other Scholarships heading.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

All tuition and fees are due on or before the first day of classes. No student will be permitted to register until all outstanding accounts to the seminary are paid in full. Students who have pre-registered and have an outstanding balance, will be subject toadministrative withdrawal. Any exceptions to this policy must be evaluated by the business office. All tuition and fees listed in this catalog are subject to change.

Everything possible will be done to assist applicants in their search for financial resources for their education at MTS.

TUITION	\$440 per semester hour
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FEES

Admission Application / D.Min.	\$40 / \$55
Audit	\$345 per course
Auditor Application	\$10
Auditor Activity Fee	\$10
Commuter Housing	\$30 per night
Drop/Add (per transaction)	\$30
Late Registration	\$60
Activity Fee	\$80 per semester
Activity Fee for Intensive Classes	\$60 per semester
D.Min. Activity Fee	\$50 per semester
D.Min. Continuation Fee	\$100 per Residency
D.Min Immersion Trip	\$80 per semester hour
Graduation Fee+	\$200
Transcripts*	\$5

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| Immersion Fee | Varies by course |
| Returned Check fee | \$30 |
- + Graduation fee is payable at the beginning of the final semester. This fee includes diploma and rental of cap, gown, and hood.
- * Transcripts cannot be issued until all seminary accounts are paid in full.

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

Students engaged in CPE for MTS credit (includes PC01251, PC01350 and PC01353) will be charged the cost of tuition for those hours minus the charge (up to \$400) assessed at the CPE site. It is the student’s responsibility to show evidence of paid on-site charges to the Bursar in order to reduce the seminary’s tuition charges.

Payment of Fees

Payment of all tuition and fees may be made by check, cash, VISA, MasterCard or Discover Card.

Refund and Repayment Policy for Fall and Spring Semester Courses

The refund policy of Memphis Theological Seminary with regard to educational charges for fall and spring classes is as follows:

Withdrawal Period	Refund Amount
Add/Drop week	100%, less drop fee of \$25
1st week after Add/Drop week	80%, less drop fee of \$25
2nd and 3rd weeks after Add/Drop week	60%, less drop fee of \$25
4th and 5th weeks after Add/Drop week	40%, less drop fee of \$25
6th plus weeks after Add/Drop week	No Refund

Medical withdrawals are possible if supported by a physician’s statement.

Refund and Repayment Policy for January and Summer Intensive Courses

The refund policy of Memphis Theological Seminary with regard to educational charges for January and summer classes is as follows:

Withdrawal Period	Refund Amount
At least 30 days prior to beginning of class	100%, less drop fee of \$25
Fewer than 30 days prior to beginning of class	No Refund

The VPAA/Dean reserves the right to refund a greater percentage of tuition charged in the case of medical withdrawals supported by a physician’s documentation.

Finance Charges

A finance charge will be added to any account with an outstanding balance. Finance charges are subject to change.

Financial Assistance

The following forms of tuition benefits, scholarships and federal financial aid are available to students enrolled at Memphis Theological Seminary. For additional information on any other external financial resources, please contact the Director of Admissions.

Tuition Benefits

Special tuition reductions are available for the following classifications of students:

- Auditors over 65 years of age
- Cumberland Presbyterian International students seeking a degree to qualify for ordination
- MTS alumni auditors

- Seminary personnel

Veteran's Benefits

Memphis Theological Seminary is approved for persons wishing to study under the provisions for educational benefits for veterans of the U.S. military services. Information regarding benefits available should be obtained directly from the nearest office of the Department of Veteran's Affairs. Inquiries regarding assistance by the seminary in processing applications should be addressed to: Registrar, Memphis Theological Seminary, 168 East Parkway South, Memphis, TN 38104-4395.

Scholarships

The list of available scholarships at Memphis Theological Seminary includes the following:

African American Student Academic Scholarship: This scholarship is for a limited number of African American students who graduated from undergraduate studies with a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or above on a 4.00 scale, and who are enrolled for nine hours or more in each of the fall and spring semesters and three hours or more in the summer.

The scholarship will furnish 40% tuition costs throughout the program, provided that the student maintains both MTS semester and cumulative GPAs of 3.5 or above. Should the student fail to maintain the required GPAs and the nine semester hours' enrollment in any one semester, he/she will not be eligible to receive the scholarship funds for the following semester. If the student regains both semester and cumulative 3.5 GPAs and enrollment in the required number of hours, he/she will be eligible for the scholarship the following semester. The scholarship cannot be continued to a second degree program. Apply to the Director of Admissions.

Cumberland Presbyterian Honor Scholarships: Full tuition may be awarded each year to two students who had an undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.50 on a 4.00 scale and who are enrolled in the Master of Divinity program. The scholarship monies include the 60% service loan allotment. The Honor Scholarship may be continued each semester as long as the student maintains a seminary cumulative GPA of 3.50 or above. Should a student fail to maintain the required GPA, the scholarship will be dropped for the semester immediately following. Should the student regain the required GPA, the student may re-apply. The scholarship cannot be continued to a second degree program.

Cumberland Presbyterian Service Loans: Cumberland Presbyterian students may apply for financial assistance in the form of service loans for up to 60% of tuition. The note for the service loan contains a stipulation which calls for cancellation of the note after a period of service in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church as set forth in the service loan agreement. An exit interview with the Director of Financial Aid is required prior to graduation. Follow-up monitoring will be conducted following graduation on an annual basis in order to ascertain that recipients are fulfilling their service loan obligations.

Denominational Loans/Scholarships: Many denominations have programs of financial assistance for persons studying for the ministry or other church vocations. Students and prospective students are encouraged to investigate these sources of financial aid. The seminary will assist, if required, in processing applications.

Dr. Henry Logan Starks Scholarships: This scholarship may be awarded each semester to African American students enrolled in a master's level degree program who have and maintain both semester and cumulative GPAs of 3.00 or higher. Entering students are not eligible in their first semester, but may apply at the appropriate time during the first semester for an award for the second semester through the Director of Financial Aid.

Application for the scholarship should be made at the time of pre-registration in November or April. A student must be enrolled each semester for a minimum of 6 semester hours. If a 3.00 or better GPA is maintained, the scholarship will be awarded for the following semester. The scholarship will be renewed automatically each semester as long as the student maintains both semester and cumulative GPAs of 3.00 or higher and successfully completes the required 6 hours.

Should a student fail to maintain the required GPA, the scholarship will be dropped for the semester immediately following. The student is eligible for the scholarship to be reinstated once both the semester and cumulative GPAs are raised to 3.00 or higher.

Students who receive the African American Student Academic Scholarship are not eligible to receive the Dr. Henry Logan Starks Scholarship. The application deadline for the Dr. Henry Logan Starks Scholarship is the last day of each fall and spring semester for the upcoming semester.

International Scholarships: Limited scholarships of up to 100% are available for International students. The scholarship cannot be continued to a second degree program. The student must be enrolled for nine hours or more in each of the fall and spring semesters, and three hours or more in the summer. Apply to the Director of Admissions.

Other Scholarships

For scholarships below, please apply in writing to the Director of Financial Aid no later than Early Spring Registration. Unless otherwise indicated, students are eligible to apply for any of the following scholarships upon enrollment. Students who receive the African American Student Academic Scholarship are not eligible to receive any of these scholarships. Semester and cumulative grade point averages of 3.00 and enrollment of six semester hours in a degree-seeking program are required unless otherwise specified in the information listed below.

Alston Family Evangelistic Association Scholarship: This scholarship is available in one annual disbursement to two African American students who are preparing for ministry and who demonstrate a financial need.

Cora Hawkins Crutchfield Scholarship: This scholarship established by Dr. Carmichael Crutchfield (M.Div. '93, D.Min. '02) in memory of his wife is available for married Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) pastors attending MTS. Scholarships are awarded to qualifying students in the fall semester only, after the drop date.

Bernice A. Humphreys Scholarship: This scholarship is available for Presbyterian students. Preference is given to students under the care of a PCUSA Presbytery and seeking one of the Master degrees

Cardelia Howell-Diamond Scholarship: This scholarship is to provide support for a female student from a Cumberland Presbyterian church in the Lubbock, Texas, area, a Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Presbytery del Cristo (to the presbytery which includes the Lubbock, Texas, area), or in the absence of a student fulfilling those requirements, a female student in any presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Crystal Monique Mickens-Wells Scholarship: This scholarship provides an opportunity for an African American student to go on the immersion trip to Mexico as a way of enhancing the overall seminary experience. It was established by the Rev. S.H. Mickens (MAR '04, MDiv '07) and his family in memory of his daughter Crystal, a teacher, scholar and wife who died November 8, 2004.

Gadsden Area Churches Scholarship: This scholarship fund is available for a Cumberland Presbyterian student from the Gadsden, Alabama, area.

H. W. Durham Foundation Scholarship: This scholarship, established in 2009, will provide sup-

port for five students who meet the established criteria. Qualified students are over the age 55, enrolled full-time, exhibit strong promise for excellence in ministry, are able to articulate faith in a compelling way, and demonstrate financial need. Priority is given to those who are incoming, first-year students who have little, if any, denominational support. (Continuation of this scholarship is dependent on funding from the foundation.)

Henry Clay and Alfreda Gibbs Buntyn Scholarship: Full-time, degree-seeking Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) students are eligible to apply for this scholarship which is available in one annual disbursement and awarded to one student who demonstrates financial need.

Margaret M. Dirks Scholarship: This recipient must be a member of the PCUSA seeking an M.Div. degree and ordination. Written and signed verification from a PCUSA denomination official is required. Also required is a cumulative GPA of 2.5 from an undergraduate degree and the completion of one full semester at MTS with a cumulative GPA of 2.5. May re-apply in subsequent years if continued eligibility is maintained.

Kemmons Wilson Foundation Scholarship: This scholarship provides \$5,000.00 for three incoming, new students who are enrolled full-time, have answered God's call to ministry as a second career and can demonstrate a financial need. Applications and supplemental information must be completed by July 1. Once selected by the scholarship committee, individual students are eligible to renew the award for two more years based on maintaining a full-time status and a cumulative 3.0 GPA.

Memphis Inter-Denominational (MID) Fellowship: This book scholarship is available for one full-time first-year African American female student pursuing a Master of Divinity degree. Each student will be required to submit an application for consideration. Applications will be available beginning July 1 and due by September 1.

Mississippi Area Churches Trust Fund: This scholarship is available for a Cumberland Presbyterian student from the former Mississippi Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Robert Lee Truax Jr. Award for Academic Achievement Endowment Fund: This cash award is distributed each November to students who qualify. Recipients must have an undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.50 or above on a 4.00 scale with at least 24 undergraduate semester hours in Mathematics, Philosophy, Psychology, or Sociology; must have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.50 at MTS; must have completed 48 semester hours at MTS within the past 24 months; and must currently be enrolled at MTS for at least 12 semester hours.

The Woosley Scholarship Award: This scholarship is awarded to a female student who is currently enrolled in the Master of Divinity or Master of Arts (Religion) degree program. The scholarship will be awarded annually in the spring to a student who plans to graduate from MTS the following academic year. The student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 and have demonstrated some form of leadership in her ministry, church or community. The student should forward application and evidence of accomplishment to the Director of Financial Aid.

(NOTE: The availability of endowment-funded scholarships is contingent upon interest earned on the endowment.)

United Methodist Students Only

Arkansas United Methodist Scholarship: Established by the Arkansas United Methodist MTS Alumni Association in 2010, this scholarship will be awarded each year at the Arkansas Annual Conference. The association will determine at their lunch meeting the number and amount of any award to be given for the coming fall semester. The scholarship is awarded to student(s) after

successful completion of the first semester and will be applied to tuition and/or fees:

B.L. Holder and Jewel Looper Holder Endowment Fund: United Methodist students from any Annual Conference may apply for scholarships from this endowment.

Bettye and Dick Hendrix Scholarship: This scholarship fund is available for a United Methodist student from Arkansas.

Dawson Ministerial Scholarship: This scholarship is available to any United Methodist student of the Memphis Annual Conference who is a deacon candidate and has completed at least one year of seminary studies and who meets the criteria of the grant. Details and applications are available in the Financial Aid Office.

Mary Guice Memorial Scholarship: United Methodist students from Mississippi may apply for scholarships from this endowment.

Margaret I. Gunn Memorial Fund: This fund assists United Methodist students currently under the guidance of the Board of Ministry of the Memphis Annual Conference.

Paul Blakenship Scholarship: Those eligible to apply as a Blankenship Scholar shall be enrolled at Memphis Theological Seminary seeking a Masters degree; shall have completed and earned a minimum of twelve credit hours; shall have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or better; shall be a current member in good standing of a United Methodist Church within the Memphis Conference; and shall have held membership in that same United Methodist Church for at least two consecutive years before submitting an application. Recipients may re-apply for this scholarship; however, preference will be given to applicants who have not been previous recipients.

Richard M. and Martha Carol Baker Scholarship: This scholarship is available for a United Methodist student from the Memphis Annual Conference after successful completion of the student's first semester.

Tri-Mu Bible Class Scholarship: United Methodist students who are being educated to serve as pastors may apply for this scholarship.

Federal Financial Aid

Financial Aid Office Code of Conduct:

All institutions participating in any Title IV loan programs are required to create and implement a code of conduct. The code must be published on the institution's website.

The code of conduct that the MTS Financial Aid Office operates under includes the following:

- 1) No entering into revenue-sharing arrangements with lenders.
- 2) No accepting of gifts of more than nominal value from lenders, guarantors and loan servicers.
- 3) No compensation for performance of consulting services for lenders.
- 4) No assigning of lenders to first-time borrowers.
- 5) We will not refuse to certify a loan based on the borrower's choice unless the lender has deactivated from the loan program.
- 6) No participation in opportunity pools with lenders.
- 7) We will not permit lender staff members to assume institutional call center or financial aid office staff functions.
- 8) If any of our staff serve as advisory board members, they will not be allowed to be compensated, except for reasonable expenses incurred as a result of that service, such as travel expenses.
- 9) We will not passively process or certify a loan for a student based solely on completion of a FAFSA without his/her permission to move forward.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

The student handbook provides guidance and information for students attending Memphis Theological Seminary. It includes general information about services and expectations for the student community. In addition, each student shall be held responsible for rules or policies either listed elsewhere in seminary publications or promulgated and announced by authorized administrative seminary officials.

Memphis Theological Seminary seeks to be a Christian community of study, worship, fellowship, and service. Persons with various backgrounds, cultures, and denominational traditions come together in the spirit of ecumenical cooperation in theological education. The seminary welcomes varied theological understandings and practices of the Christian faith, and affirms the contributions of all members of the community. While the community is residentially dispersed, its members are united by the common purpose of theological education carried out in the context of concern for the Christian church and its differing ministries. Though diverse in race, gender, tradition and theological understanding, the common bond of love in Jesus Christ binds the community together.

The Seminary community carries out its life together in various ways. Worship draws the community together every week for praise of God and occasional celebration of Holy Communion. Classes meet on weekdays and nights to stimulate theological understanding and to enhance preparation for Christian ministry. Fellowship occurs around the coffee-pot in the Great Hall, in the student center, and at various dinners and social events throughout the year. Annual lectureships bring leading scholars to the seminary to affirm and challenge our Christian vision and witness. Student groups are organized to increase leadership and identity within the community, including Women in Ministry, the Student Senate, and various denominational groups. In these ways, MTS seeks to invite all participants into an inclusive and reconciling community.

Academic Freedom

As the Holy Spirit forms Memphis Theological Seminary into a community of faith that shares in Jesus' ministry of love and justice to the world, participants experience growth through the process of theological education. The seminary respects the uniqueness of each person's intellectual and spiritual growth in discipleship and affirms the freedom of individual conscience in dialogue with the wisdom of Christian tradition. Therefore, every professor and student at Memphis Theological Seminary shall have that freedom of thought, discussion, and action which is required in the individual and communal pursuit of truth. The exercise of academic freedom also entails respect for the purposes of the seminary and the responsibility to support its objectives.

Language

Believing that God creates and redeems humanity by 'word' and 'word made flesh,' the MTS community takes seriously the agency of language within the classroom and the sanctuary. The use of inclusive language in writing and speaking expresses respect for all persons. It promotes reconciliation and harmony while affirming every member of the human family as no less than a child of God. In our language by, to, and about human beings, we require the use of inclusive language in accordance with standard academic practice. In our language by, to, and about God, we encourage the use of the full range of Biblical language and metaphors, affirming with the Great Tradition of Christian history that God is neither male nor female, and that the fullness of God is beyond all human naming.

Student Center

Brown-Shannon Hall, located adjacent to Founders Hall, provides community learners space for eating, studying and lounging. Other amenities include office space, a conference room and restrooms. The building is named after the late Dr. Paul Brown, former professor of Homiletics and Worship, and the late Ed Shannon, former caretaker and security guard.

Student Assessment

Memphis Theological Seminary assesses student and institutional progress. Degree seeking students are required to participate in the educational assessment essays and the Profiles of Ministry program. The educational assessments of theological education (e.g., scholarship, piety and justice) will be conducted in three phases for students in the Masters degree programs. On admission to Memphis Theological Seminary, students will be asked to conduct a self-assessment of what they hope to accomplish through their seminary experience. Both at the midway point of the degree

program, at 24 hours for the Master of Arts (Religion), and 43 hours for the Master of Divinity, and on completion of the degree program, students will be asked to assess their progress in light of the goals. They will be asked to share their reflections with their academic advisor. The reflections will then be considered by the faculty in future planning and evaluation.

Students are also given the chance to provide feedback about each course they take using the student evaluation of instruction form. A comprehensive survey is administered often, covering all aspects of the institution. Other programs and events also use written evaluation forms to obtain student input. Candidates in the Doctor of Ministry program will conduct assessments after each segment of the program.

Student Services

A. Student Governance

The official representative of the student body of MTS is the Student Senate. The scope, membership and powers of the Senate are outlined in the Student Senate Constitution, which may be obtained from any member of the Student Senate.

The Senate has responsibility to express and interpret student opinions to the faculty and administration, to be involved in achieving student goals, to be involved in the execution of those policies which the Senate has power to execute, to keep the student body informed on matters of student interest, and to participate in the provisions, coordination and regulation of cultural, educational, social, and recreational programs which benefit the seminary community.

The Student Senate is composed of the Executive Committee (president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer) and at least 7 representatives. A faculty advisor serves as a liaison with the faculty and an administrative advisor serves as a liaison with the administration. Elections are held at the end of each academic year for the next year.

The Student Senate meets monthly. Any student, faculty member, or member of the administrative staff may propose agenda items or gain the privilege of addressing an issue before the Senate by contacting a member of the Senate, who will bring the request to the next meeting for consideration.

B. Commuter Housing

The seminary owns several housing units adjacent to the main campus. Commuter housing is available for students who live outside the metropolitan area. Commuting students may rent a room for the same night(s) in each week for the whole semester. A new application is required each semester.

Commuter housing fees are \$30 per night and are to be paid to the Business Office. Applications for commuter housing are available from the Housing Coordinator in the Facilities and Safety Department (also located on the website), and are to be returned to that office. The policies for Commuter Housing are listed on the application. For more detailed information, please contact the Housing Coordinator.

C. Parking

Student parking, with the exception of handicapped students and students living in Campus Housing, is on the main parking lot on the west side of Lindenwood Christian Church. Lindenwooden Church is located directly across Union Avenue from the seminary campus. Spaces for parking by handicapped students are reserved in the seminary's parking lots. To occupy a handicapped parking space, the student must display an official handicap decal or License from the appropriate state. Cars not so identified will be towed.

Only students living in Campus Housing are permitted to park at student housing. These students must have appropriate housing decals. All cars are to be parked on paved areas only. Students

found in violation of the parking arrangements shall be issued a warning ticket upon the first violation, and a \$25 fine thereafter. Students receiving 3 or more violations in a semester will be subject to a disciplinary hearing with the Executive Director of Admissions and Student Services and the Director of Facilities.

Open parking is available after 5:00pm behind Founders Hall and Cumberland Hall.

D. Placement

Executive Director of Admissions and Student services is available to consult with students and advise them on job placement; however, students are encouraged to use such services available to them in their own denominational organization in finding work opportunities. Because of its relationship to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the seminary is able to give particular attention to the placement of Cumberland Presbyterian students, both during and after their matriculation. Inquiries about placement should be sent to the Executive Director of Admissions and Student services.

E. Activities

Community Worship: The seminary community meets weekly in the P. F. Johnson Chapel of Founders Hall. The seminary chaplain plans and directs community worship.

Women's Issues in Ministry: The Student Senate sponsors special activities each year in which particular attention is given to issues that arise in the changing roles of women in culture, and particularly in the church. This program may include special lectures, forums, workshops, or displays by women who are prominent scholars, teachers, and ministerial leaders.

African American Celebration: Each year during February, Memphis Theological Seminary engages in a celebration of African American history, culture and religion. Sponsored by the Student Senate, the program includes special lectures by prominent African American scholars, teachers, ministers, and other leaders. Particular attention is given to the African American experience in the Christian religion and the significance of that experience in theological education.

Fellowship Meals/Breaks: Fellowship meals are held at various times throughout the academic year. Students, faculty, staff and their families are invited.

Theological Colloquia for the seminary and the wider community are offered annually in the fall and spring.

F. Care and Counseling

Support is always available at MTS for students, faculty, and staff who need assistance with personal and familial concerns of a confidential nature. MTS employs a chaplain who is available to assist persons who may need counseling. Those seeking such support may speak with the chaplain, the Executive Director of Admissions and Student Services or another member of the faculty or staff.

Students' Rights and Responsibilities

Memphis Theological Seminary was founded on Christian principals by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and proudly continues its church relationship as an institution dedicated to seeking and imparting truth.

Memphis Theological Seminary does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age, or handicap in administering its educational policies and school-related programs. Attendance at Memphis Theological Seminary is a privilege and not a right. No student will be dismissed except in accordance with prescribed procedures.

Students applying for admissions do so voluntarily and are free to withdraw at their pleasure, subject to compliance with the regulations governing withdrawal and to the fulfillment of their

financial obligations to the seminary. Upon matriculation at Memphis Theological Seminary, each student agrees to be bound by the rules, policies, procedures, and administrative regulations in effect at the time of admission and as changed by duly constituted authorities. By admission as a student at Memphis Theological Seminary, a person acquires the right to pursue the course of study to which he or she is admitted, and to be treated with the dignity appropriate to an adult person in all matters relating to the seminary. In the same spirit, the student shall comply with the rules and regulations of the seminary.

Students will be provided with the opportunity to participate in the development of rules and procedures pertaining to seminary affairs to the extent that such participation and the results thereof, as determined by the board of trustees or its designated agent, are consistent with orderly process and with the policies and administrative responsibilities of the board of trustees and the administration. The seminary expects students to conduct themselves with dignity, courtesy, responsibility, and integrity, and with due respect for the rights of others, realizing that sobriety and morality are not only characteristics of a mature and responsible person, but are also essential to the maintenance of a free and orderly society.

Individuals associated with Memphis Theological Seminary represent a variety of viewpoints. The seminary fosters the free expression and interchange of differing views through oral and written discourse and logical persuasion. Dissent, to be acceptable, must be orderly and peaceful and represent constructive alternatives reasonably presented. Coercion, threats, demands, vulgarity, obstructionism and violence are not acceptable. Demonstrations, marches, sit-ins or noisy protests that are designed or intended to disrupt normal institutional pursuits will not be permitted. However, academic and administrative procedures will protect individuals in the right of free expression and provide for prompt and appropriate action against those individuals who abuse such rights. Classes and routine operations will not be suspended except for reasonable cause as determined by the President.

Academic Misconduct

Cheating on an examination or in the writing of assigned papers is an act contrary to the covenant into which the student enters when enrolled in Memphis Theological Seminary, and is incompatible with the nature of the Christian life.

Cheating on an examination includes, but is not limited to, using notes or other materials not authorized by the professor when answering a question, copying from another student, soliciting answers, or intentionally providing answers to other students. Plagiarism in writing assigned papers is defined as using materials in a paper without citing the author or authors, or copying a paper or article or portions of either written by another person and representing it as one's own work.

Ideas borrowed or paraphrased from another writer must be cited. All material taken word-for-word from any other source must be in quotation marks, with citation following, even if the quoted material is as short as five or six words. Failure to do so will be regarded as cheating. Furthermore, it is cheating to change a few words of someone else's work in order to avoid the need for quotation marks. However, phrases that are common theological language, such as "the new quest for the historical Jesus," do not need to be in quotation marks, since they occur in many sources. For more information, please see the section on plagiarism in the current issue of the "MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers" in the reference section of the library.

When a professor has evidence that a student has cheated on an examination or assigned paper, he/she shall check with the VPAA/Dean to determine whether the student has been reported in other incidents of cheating or suspected cheating. The professor shall confer with the student about the matter. If there have been no previous confirmed incidents of cheating, the professor shall determine a penalty and advise both the student and the VPAA/Dean in writing. At the request of the student or the professor, the VPAA/Dean may confer with the student. A record of the incident shall be placed in the student's file. Should the professor, when consulting with the VPAA/Dean,

determine that cheating by the student has been confirmed previously, the professor shall confer with the student and advise him/her that a grade of F shall be given in the course. A report of the incident shall be made in writing by the professor to the VPAA/Dean.

After a third offense has been filed with the Registrar's Office, the VPAA/Dean shall confer with the student and suspend him/her from school, and shall place a record of the action in the student's file. Any appeal from actions taken shall be made in accordance with the "Grievance Procedure for Students" contained in this Handbook. It is the responsibility of any member of the seminary community to report any cheating incident to a member of the faculty or to the Academic Dean as soon as possible.

Personal Misconduct

Students are expected to participate in seminary life and study in a constructive manner. Behavior which is disruptive to the seminary community life will be regarded as grounds for probation or suspension. In cases of such behavior, the VPAA/Dean shall determine whether probation or suspension is warranted. If a student has been placed on probation due to disruptive behavior, such probation shall ordinarily be for one semester. If no further disruptive behavior is reported, the student shall be removed from probation the following semester.

If the VPAA/Dean determines that a student's behavior warrants suspension, the VPAA/Dean shall convene the Admissions Committee, which will decide if suspension is warranted. If a student who has been suspended wishes to remain in good standing, he or she must request this from the Admissions Committee in writing. The Admissions Committee shall decide the matter.

Sexual Misconduct/Harassment Policy

Sexual misconduct/harassment includes but is not limited to all crimes involving sexual conduct under state penal codes such as indecent exposure, indecency with a child, sexual assault (including rape), and also other inappropriate sexual conduct which may not violate a penal statute. Again these actions include but are not limited to the coercion of another person into a sexual relationship, or an attempt to create a sexually suggestive, intimidating, hostile, or offensive working or worship or educational environment. Sexual misconduct/harassment includes a wide range of behaviors, from active sexual coercion to the unwelcome emphasizing of sexual identity. This policy is based upon an understanding of accepted standards of mature behavior, Christian tradition, and freedom of expression.

Sexual misconduct/harassment in any situation is absolutely unacceptable. Sexual misconduct/harassment is particularly reprehensible when it exploits the religious, spiritual, or psychological dependence and trust between persons. All people in positions of authority should be sensitive to the possible misunderstanding that could result from personal relationships that also involve professional and religious relationships.

Individuals who believe that they have been sexually harassed or are victims of other misconduct should report the misconduct through the established formal procedures of the seminary. Only a written, signed complaint to the president of the seminary can initiate formal procedures against alleged sexual misconduct/harassment. People in authority who

receive reports of misconduct of harassment must respond promptly and fairly, and comply with the law of the state. The seminary will respect the right to confidentiality of all prompt and fair response should appeal to the Board of Trustees of Memphis Theological Seminary.

Grievance Procedures (academic, library, policy, student government, accrediting)

The grievance procedure for students at Memphis Theological Seminary is designed to insure due process, but it allows sufficient flexibility to permit the resolution of problems within the framework of personal conferences. Any appeal of an original decision must be made in writing. A student has

the right to appear before the person or persons to whom the appeal has been made.

- 1) Matters pertaining to classes (assignments, examinations, grades, attendance) shall be discussed with the professor. Issues that are not resolved after meeting with the professor are presented to a committee composed of faculty. Afterwards, if the action that has been taken is not satisfactory to the student, an appeal is made to the VPAA/Dean and then to the President.
- 2) Matters pertaining to the administration of policies of the library shall be discussed first with the Librarian. Issues that cannot be resolved may be appealed to the VPAA/Dean, and then to the President.
- 3) Matters pertaining to ATS accrediting standards shall be discussed with the VPAA/Dean and the accreditation liaison. Issues that cannot be resolved may be appealed directly to The Association of Theological Schools of the United States and Canada, 10 Summit Park Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15275-1103. Complaints filed with ATS must be in writing and must be accompanied by complete documentation. Records of such complaints shall be maintained by the VPAA/Dean.
- 4) Matters pertaining to the administration of policies other than those of an academic nature or of the library should be discussed with the VP of Operations.
- 5) Proposals of students concerning changes in school policy shall be presented first to the Student Senate. If adopted, the proposals will be sent to the President of the seminary. Issues that cannot be resolved may be appealed to the faculty, and finally to the Board of Trustees

Grievance Procedures (D.Min)

If a student has a personal or academic grievance with anyone involved in the Doctor of Ministry program, the student should first contact that person. If the matter cannot be resolved satisfactorily, the student has the right to submit a formal written complaint to the Doctor of Ministry Committee. A meeting shall be arranged to meet or communicate with each party. A decision shall be rendered by the Committee and shall be considered final.

Grievance Procedures (personal)

The administration, in consultation with the Student Senate, has established processes for resolving concerns or complaints students may have with the seminary at the personal or administrative levels. The process to express student concerns includes the use of an Ad Hoc Student Concerns Committee.

We intend for this to be a standard process for resolving any concern or grievance that may develop in the course of our learning together. In addition, in order to deal with situations that have special features, certain exceptions to the standards, are delineated below:

Should a grievance arise, first approach the other(s) involved to try to resolve the situation privately.

If no resolution is reached, discuss the situation with the Executive Director of Admissions and Student services in order to develop a plan to resolve the problem. These plans will vary with the individual situations. In the event that the student is filing a formal complaint, the student must submit the complaint in writing to the Executive Director of Admissions and Student services. No adverse action will be taken against a student for filing a formal complaint.

If there is still no resolution, or in the case of a formal complaint, the problem will be heard by the Student Concerns Committee within fourteen days of the filing of the formal complaint. The Executive Director of Admissions and Student services will serve as chair of this committee, and appoint an appropriate faculty and student representative for each situation heard by the Student Concerns Committee. The committee shall not be composed of individuals directly involved in the alleged problem. The committee that hears the case situation will then make recommendations to the administration for final resolution. The Executive Director of Student Services will communicate the final resolution to the student within seven days from the committee hearing. In the event that the Executive Director of Admissions and Student services is directly involved in the

Purpose

- * to foster the free and creative expression and exchange of ideas
- * to preserve traditional practices and privileges with respect to the publication of scholarly works
- * to establish principles and procedures for sharing income derived from copy-rightable materials, patentable inventions, and other intellectual property produced at the seminary
- * to protect the assets of MTS

Application

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Binding Nature of the Intellectual Property Policy

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Extraordinary Resources - Allocations of resources, either qualitatively or quantitatively, beyond those available to faculty under normal circumstances.

Faculty

In keeping with traditions, Memphis Theological Seminary acknowledges that members of the faculty retain intellectual property to the work they create during the course and scope of their employment, including but not limited to copyrightable works such as books, articles, and artistic creations, unless the work is specifically commissioned by the seminary. If a work is specifically commissioned by the seminary, ownership of the intellectual property rights will be retained by MTS, unless negotiated otherwise by the faculty member and the seminary on a case-by-case basis.

Institutional Works - MTS shall retain ownership of works created as institutional works.

Institutional Works include works that are supported by a specific allocation of MTS funds, that are created at the direction of MTS for a specific seminary purpose or that are developed in the course of a project arranged, administered or controlled by MTS. Institutional Works also include works whose authorship cannot be attributed to one or a discrete number of authors but rather result from simultaneous or sequential contributions over time by multiple faculty and students. For example, software tools developed and appropriately attributed to a single or defined group of authors would constitute an Institutional Work. However, the mere fact that multiple individuals have contributed to the creation of a work shall not cause the work to constitute an Institutional Work.

Intellectual Property - The term intellectual property, as used in this policy, is defined as the tangible or intangible result of scholarship, research, development, teaching or other intellectual activity. The term does not include traditional products of scholarship prepared for dissemination outside the seminary community, such as books, monographs, articles, reviews, works prepared for worship or use by a church or denomination, and works of art, unless MTS commissioned the product.

MTS Resources - MTS resources are to be used for MTS purposes unless expressly designated otherwise and not for personal gain or personal commercial advantage, nor for any other non-seminary purposes except on a limited and incidental basis.

Ordinary Resources - The general resources of time, salary, staff assistance, travel funds, internal grants, release time, equipment available to any faculty member.

Staff

While MTS acknowledges that staff members may create intellectual works outside the scope of their employment, all works created by non-faculty employees during the course and scope of their employment are considered works made for hire. The seminary retains ownership of all intellectual property rights to such works. For example, ownership rights to any literary work or computer software written by a staff member belongs to the seminary.

Student

Students shall retain intellectual property rights to all works created while enrolled at MTS unless the works were specifically commissioned by MTS or, in the event the student is employed by MTS, products are works made for hire, as defined above.

Work for Hire

The term “work for hire,” as used in this policy, is defined as work prepared by an employee with the scope of his or her employment or a work specifically ordered or commissioned by the institution, if the parties understand and agree in a signed writing before commencement of the work that the work shall be considered work for hire.

Other Policies

Statement on Morality

The Board of Trustees urges students, faculty and staff to be sensitive to the standards of sexuality and morality espoused historically, traditionally and confessionally by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Drug-Free Campus Policy

As a federal contractor and/or grantee, Memphis Theological Seminary complies with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988. For this reason, MTS has established as a condition of enrollment/employment with the seminary the following drug and alcohol free workplace/campus policy.

MTS prohibits the possession, use or distribution of alcohol and illegal drugs by students on seminary property (including but not limited to Founders Hall, Cumberland Hall, Hilliard Hall, Brown Shannon Hall, Student and Guest Housing, Maintenance Office Facilities, campus grounds, and parking lots) or as any part of the seminary’s social functions. Communion wine may be used in chapel services with prior approval of the President. Students are to notify the MTS President or VPAA/Dean within five (5) days of any observed violation of this policy.

All students are subject to applicable laws related to this matter. Disciplinary action related to any MTS student/student employee who is in violation of this policy may include: oral reprimand, written reprimand, suspension mandatory successful participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program or termination of student tenure student employment with the seminary.

The MTS staff and faculty stand ready to assist students who may need counseling and treatment for drug/alcohol-related problems.

Environmental Policy

We, a community of believers in a nurturing Creator, affirm that God entrusts to us the gift of our world. We share our world with all of nature, one another, and our children.

We sin when we disregard our responsibility in the world and when we ignore abuse of creation. We affirm our responsibility to God and to one another to be good trustees of all creation including animals, plants, and natural resources.

We celebrate all life and affirm nature's importance and inter-connectedness with our existence. We will encourage and create tangible opportunities for the nurturing of creation on campus and in our communities by initiation and participation in such activities as recycling programs, conservation efforts, car pooling, and pollution cleanup.

Food and Drinks Policy

Food and drinks are prohibited in the library. Drinks only are permitted in classrooms. The deposit of cups and cans in wast containers will improve the housekeeping in the buildings and on campus grounds.

Health Insurance Policy

Most students have their own private health insurance or insurance through their own church or denomination. International students are required to have health insurance. Within two months of becoming a student, Cumberland Presbyterians are eligible to apply to enter the denominational health insurance program. The seminary itself does not provide health insurance nor approve any particular insurance provider, but the seminary does make insurance information available through the office of Executive Director of Admissions and Student services .

Involuntary Withdrawal

A student's continued enrollment at Memphis Theological Seminary is a privilege based not only on satisfactory scholastic status, but also on good emotional health. If, in the opinion of the administration, the student demonstrates evidence of an emotional disorder, the student may be referred by the administration to a seminary-approved psychiatrist for psychiatric evaluation. Refusal to obtain a psychiatric evaluation when properly requested to do so, or determination by the psychiatrist that withdrawal would be in the best interest of the student and the seminary, shall be the cause for involuntary withdrawal of the student from the seminary by the administration. Withdrawal in such cases shall normally incur no academic penalty for the term in which the student is enrolled and tuition refund, if any, shall be based on the schedule established for voluntary withdrawal. The administration shall inform the student in writing of the effective date of the involuntary withdrawal, and shall explain, in writing, the procedure for application for readmission to MTS. Application or readmission after withdrawal for psychiatric reasons will require evaluation by a seminary-approved psychiatrist. A person seeking readmission may choose to submit a written report from their own psychiatrist at their own expense. In no case shall readmission be granted after psychiatric withdrawal without the approval of a seminary-approved psychiatrist.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is prohibited in the facilities of Memphis Theological Seminary. For those who wish to smoke outside, there is designated area on the east side of the Student Center known as Brown Shannon building. Smoking must be done 25 feet from any entrance to seminary doors.

CRIME STATISTICS--As reported to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's Crime On Campus Report published pursuant to the enactment of the "College and University Security Information Act of 1989" (Public Chapter No. 317) and to the Department of Education.

	2012 Offenses	2011 Offenses	2010 Offenses	
GROUP A OFFENSES				
HOMICIDE OFFENSES (Total)	0	0	0	
Murder & Non-negligent Manslaughter (09A)	0	0	0	
Negligent Manslaughter (09B)	0	0	0	
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION (100)	0	0	0	
SEX OFFENSES (FORCIBLE) (Total)	0	0	0	
Forcible Rape (11A)	0	0	0	
Forcible Sodomy (11B)	0	0	0	
Sexual Assault With An Object (11C)	0	0	0	
Forcible Fondling (11D)	0	0	0	
ROBBERY (120)	0	0	0	
ASSAULT OFFENSES (Total)	0	0	0	
Aggravated Assault (13A)	0	0	0	
Simple Assault (13B)	1	1	0	
Intimidation (13C)	1	2	0	
Stalking (13D)	0	0	0	
ARSON (200)	0	0	0	
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL (210)	0	0	0	
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING (220)	3	0	3	
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES (Total)	0	0	0	
Pocket-picking (23A)	0	0	0	
Purse-snatching (23B)	0	0	0	
Shoplifting (23C)	0	0	0	
Theft from Building (23D)	2	0	0	
From Coin Operated Machine or Device (23E)	0	0	0	
Theft from Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories (23F/2) (23G/2)	5	2	0	
All Other Larceny (23H)	0	0	0	
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT (240)	2	3	0	
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY (250)	0	0	0	
FRAUD OFFENSES (Total)	0	0	0	
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game (26A)	0	1	0	
Credit Card/Automatic Teller Fraud(26B)	0	0	0	
Impersonation (26C)	0	0	0	
Welfare Fraud (26D)	0	0	0	
Wire Fraud (26E)	0	0	0	
EMBEZZLEMENT (270)	0	0	0	
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES (280)	1	0	0	
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM (290)	1	3	0	
DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS (35A & B)	0	1	0	

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CURRICULAR OFFERINGS

Courses are classified according to the faculty department prefix and numeration. Prefixes include:

AA	African American	CH	Church History	CM	Context and Mission
EM	Educational Ministry	ET	Ethics	FH	Faith and Health
MA	Master of Arts PC	NT	New Testament	OT	Old Testament
	Pastoral Care	PM	Parish Ministry	SR	Sacred Rhetoric
TA	Theology and Arts	TH	Theology	WP	Worship&Preaching

Courses numbered 10000 or 20000 are introductory core courses for which there are no course pre-requisites. The credit value of each course is noted in the course description. Some courses described below may not be offered on a regular basis. The seminary reserves the right to alter or eliminate any course.

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

At Memphis Theological Seminary there are courses with content of special relevance to students interested in African American studies. These courses are cross-listed with other disciplines, such as Church History, Theology, or Pastoral Care. To help students in their selection of such courses, the designation AA is used in conjunction with the discipline within which the courses fall. Only the discipline designation will be the course number that will appear on transcripts. African American Studies courses are as follows:

AA 06540 AFRICAN TRADITIONAL RELIGIONS 3 hrs.
Indigenous religions of Africa are the focus of this course, which considers the relationship between traditional religions in various African cultures and their impact on an African understanding of Christianity. (See CM 06540).

AA 06009	AFRICAN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY	3 hrs.
<p>The origin, growth, content, and goals of African Christian theologies are the major components of this course, which emphasizes current contextual and liberation issues as practiced in the Christian churches of Africa and as articulated by African theologies.</p> <p>Prerequisite: TH 10000. (See CM 06009 or TH 06009)</p>		

AA 05301	CHURCH AND SOCIETY IN THE UNITED METHODIST AND AFRICAN-METHODIST TRADITIONS	3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (CH 05301/CM 05301) - please see CH 05301 for description.		

AA 04840	CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICES IN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CHURCH	3 hrs.
<p>This course retrieves the Africana contemplative tradition, its writings, and legacy. Readings will focus on the lives of the African desert mothers and fathers, Ethiopian monastics, and diasporan. Students will also consider the unique “communal contemplative practices” of the African American Church gleaned from music, conversion rituals, movement, and gathering prayers. They will also explore the role of contemplation in their personal faith journey and ministry. Prerequisites: CH 10000 and TH 10000. (See CH 04840 or TH 04840)</p>		

AA 04685	MENTORING MINISTRY FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN ADOLESCENT GIRLS	3 hrs.
<p>The purpose of the class is to prepare and equip Christian educators, youth leaders and pastors in the church to more effectively mentor and minister to African American adolescent girls.</p>		

AA 04684	MINISTRY WITH YOUTH OF COLOR	3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see CM 04684 for description.		

AA 04439	THE RISE OF INDEPENDENT AFRICAN AMERICAN CHURCHES AND DENOMINATIONS	3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (CH 04439/CM 04439/SR 04439) - please see SR 04439 for description.		

AA 04390	INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN AMERICAN RELIGIOUS STUDIES	3 hrs.
<p>This class will introduce students to the academic study of African American religious studies. By engaging in a careful reading of books, essays, and other texts, students in this class will examine the theoretical, methodical, and practical applications that make up African American religious studies.</p>		

AA 04338	THE HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF BLACK RELIGION IN AMERICA	3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (CH 04338/CM 04338) - please see CH 04338 for description.		

AA 04322	THE FORGOTTEN PROPHET:	3 hrs.
	PROPHETIC RHETORIC OF BISHOP HENRY McNEAL TURNER	
<p>This class will introduce students to the life and career and prophetic rhetoric of Bishop Henry McNeal Turner (1834-1915) of the AME Church. By engaging in a careful reading of Turner's writings and speeches, students in this class will examine the theoretical, methodical, and practical applications that made up Turner's discourses. This is a cross-listed course (SR 04322).</p>		

AA 04321	THE AFRICAN AMERICAN PROPHETIC TRADITION	3 hrs.
<p>Students in this survey class will examine the prophetic rhetorical tradition of African Americans. By engaging in a careful reading of texts that make up the African American oratorical and literary</p>		

canons, students will examine; 1) how the African American prophetic tradition builds, forms, and transforms; 2) how this rhetoric critiques, challenges and charges all of society to live up to the ideals which it espouses; and finally; 3) how speakers adopt a “prophetic persona” in the delivery of their messages. Emphasis will be given to rhetorical strategies used and how these strategies changed and/or remained the same over time. This is a cross-listed course (SR 04321)

AA 04296 THE RHETORIC OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (CM 04296/SR 04296/TH 04296) -
please see SR 04296 for description.

AA 04193 DIVERSITY AND EVANGELISM: 3 hrs.
MAKING PLAIN THE SACRED JOURNEY
This is a cross-listed course - please see CM 04193 for description.

AA 04179 AFRICAN AMERICAN RELIGIOUS THOUGHT 3 hrs.

This course examines four important areas in African American religious thought: (1) The problem of religious knowledge, (2) the problem of God, (3) the problem of evil and suffering, and (4) the problem of human fulfillment. The discussion will focus on the ways that African American thinkers (bell hooks, Howard Thurman, James Cone, Delores Williams, and Anthony Pinn) understand and evaluate the meaning of these themes and problems both philosophically and theologically. (See TH 04179).

AA 04094 AFRICAN NARRATIVE THEOLOGY OF INCULTURATION 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (CM 04094/TH 04094) - please see TH 04094 for description.

AA 03810 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE 3 hrs.
AFRICAN AMERICAN CHURCH
This is a cross-listed course - please see EM 03810 for description.

AA 03766 AFRICAN AMERICAN PASTORAL CARE 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see PC 03766 for description.

AA 03682 AFRICANA FAITH 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see TH 03682 for description.

AA 03605 PREACHING AS CELEBRATION: AFRICAN-AMERICAN 3 hrs.
PERSPECTIVE
This is a cross-listed course - please see WP 03605 for description.

AA 03564 READINGS IN BLACK THEATER AND THEOLOGY: 3 hrs.
THE AMEN CORNER

Students will investigate the religious and secular meanings and implications in James Baldwin’s 1954 play, The Amen Corner. This course invites students to explore the deep and historical relationship between drama and Religion. Students use lectures, in-class readings, Team Lecture/Demonstrations and brief selected readings of historical spiritual and religious drama that relate to the fundamental issues raised in Baldwin’s drama. Moreover, students will investigate these issues in terms of their personal ministries. (See TA 03564)

AA 03517 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - IN THE QUEST FOR THE 3 hrs.
BELOVED COMMUNITY

This is a cross-listed course (CH 03517/CM 03517)- please see CM 03517 for description.

- AA 03438 MOTHERHOOD, WAR AND JUSTICE: 3 hrs.
EARLY ETHICAL DRAMAS BY BLACK PLAYWRIGHTS
This is a cross-listed course (ET 03438/TA 03438) - please see ET 03438 for description.
- AA 03429 AFRICAN AMERICAN RELIGIOUS PERSONALITIES 3 hrs.
Lives of outstanding African American religious personalities, either in multiple groupings or on a rotating basis, are explored in this course. This particular offering will focus on the life and thought of Martin Luther King, Jr. Other offerings will include Howard Thurman, Charles Mason, Benjamin Mays, etc. (See CH 03429).
- AA 03369 CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN AMERICAN RELIGIOUS THOUGHT 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see TH 03369 for description.
- AA 03120 HOWARD THURMAN: MYSTIC, PASTOR AND PROPHET 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see TH 03120 for description.
- AA 03110 HIP HOP THEOLOGY AND URBAN GOD TALK 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (ET 03110/SR 03110)- please see SR 03110 for description.
- AA 02151 AFRICAN SPIRITUAL WISDOM THROUGH 3 hrs.
STORYTELLING, DANCE, DRUMS AND MUSIC
We Will share our own stories from our lives and our ancestry, and discuss how they illuminate our cultural and spiritual lives. We will also learn ancient dances from Africa: dances for healing, nature, and community life. The course will include cultural and spiritual films that come out of Africa and the African Diaspora. (See TA 02151)
- AA 01871 AFRICAN RELIGIONS IN THE DIASPORA 3 hrs.
This course explores the many expressions of African religions in the Diaspora. Students will consider the Arabic, Jewish, Caribbean, Latin and North American religious contexts of displaced Africans. This comparative analysis also focuses on the enduring values, historical, and theological perspectives of transplanted, suppressed, and transformed African religions. (See CM 01871).
- AA 01670 AFRICAN CHRISTIANITY 3 hrs.
A study of Christianity in Africa. In January 1997, the course included a three-week immersion experience in Cameroon. (See CM 01670).
- AA 01569 AFRICAN AMERICAN WORSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE 3 hrs.
This course examines the various expressions of African American congregational culture including: worship and preaching, community activism, and lay ministry. (See CM 01569 or WP 01569).
- AA 01424 CONTEMPORARY AFROCENTRIC APPROACHES 3 hrs.
TO BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION
This course is designed to familiarize students with the variety of approaches to exploring scripture currently being utilized by Black academic biblical scholars on the continent and in the US as well as to ways in which the Black Church and Black popular culture engage the biblical text. (See OT 01424 or CM 01424)
- AA 00099 INDEPENDENT STUDIES IN AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES 3 hrs.
Studies in specialized areas as selected by the student and approved by the professor.
- AA 00080 M.A.R. THESIS IN AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES 3 hrs.
Students in the Master of Arts (Religion) degree program may choose to complete a master's thesis in the student's research area. The thesis will be 50 to 75 pages in length and will be supervised by a professor in that discipline. There will be an oral defense of the thesis when completed. Prerequisite: MA 07548, which may not be taken concurrently.

CHURCH HISTORY

CH 10000	INTRODUCTION TO CHURCH HISTORY	3 hrs.
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This course provides an introduction to the principal issues in the study of church history and a survey of church history from apostolic times to the present.

CH 08299	STUDIES IN AMERICAN METHODISM	3 hrs.
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A course devoted to selected topics in American Pan-Methodism (e.g., AME, AMEZ, CME & UMC).

CH 08176	SPECIAL STUDY: 20TH CENTURY SAINTS AND MARTYRS	3 hrs.
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This course will study the lives of three 20th century Christian leaders: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Oscar Romero, and Dorothy Day. All three challenged the traditional church to expand its circle to include and minister to outsiders. Their lives, writings, and their political, social, and theological context will be studied to understand the injustices they struggled against, their theological grounding, their dreams of a just society, and their significance to us today. (See CM 08176).

CH 05646	THE HOLOCAUST AND ITS ROOTS	3 hrs.
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This is a cross-listed course - please see CM 05646 for description.

CH 05377	PENTECOSTALISM	3 hrs.
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This historical sweep will cover Pentecostalism from the Azusa Street Revival, Pentecostalism's theological foundations, its cultural contributions, issues of race, class, and gender, and the impact of the American Pentecostalism on the global Pentecostal movement. Special attention will be given to Memphis and its role in Pentecostal history, specially as the home of the Church of God in Christ, the largest Pentecostal denomination in America. (See TH 05377)

CH 05301	CHURCH AND SOCIETY IN THE UNITED METHODIST AND AFRICAN-METHODIST TRADITIONS	3 hrs.
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This course presents an historical overview of the theological and organizational issues involved in the response of Methodist denominations to social injustice, social problems, and social change. The major portion of the course will cover American Methodist bodies. The United Methodist Church, its antecedent bodies, and the major Methodist groups will be emphasized. (See AA 05301 or CM 05301).

CH 05143	THE DEVELOPMENT OF WESLEYAN THOUGHT	3 hrs.
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This course provides a study of the historical development of Wesleyan theology from John Wesley to John B. Cobb and Jose Miguez-Bonino.

CH 05045	ISSUES IN CHURCH RELATIONS WORLDWIDE	3 hrs.
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This course explores the relationships of Christian churches to one another in their local community, in the United States and worldwide. In addition to the history of the modern ecumenical movement, the course also reviews relationships among evangelical churches and others that have distanced themselves from their interchurch relations. (See CM 05045).

CH 05043	NEW AMERICAN RELIGIOUS GROUPS	3 hrs.
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This course will look at religious groups that have emerged outside the mainstream of American religious tradition with special attention to those presently active in the Mid-South Area. Among those included will be Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Scientists, the Nation of Islam, the Unification Church, "Hare Krishnas," and the New Age Movement. (See CM 05043).

CH 04941	WESLEY AND THE POOR	3 hrs.
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This course offers students an opportunity to deal with the unmistakable place the poor had in shaping the core of John Wesley's understanding of Christian belief and practice.

- CH 04840 CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICES IN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CHURCH 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (AA 04840/TH 04840)- please see AA 04840 for description.
- CH 04742 RESEARCH SEMINAR IN CHURCH HISTORY 3 hrs.
The seminar will deal with specific topics of current interest from the historical perspective.
- CH 04650 CHURCH AND SACRAMENT 3 hrs.
This course provides a contemporary overview of ecumenical and theological developments in the understanding and history of the Christian Church, the Eucharist, and Baptism in light of the challenges of present day congregational life. Students will be encouraged to develop critical skills for evaluating new and historic models for the church, and become familiar with the variety of cultural settings in which churches exist. The course will include examination of contemporary rituals and sacramental practice, and the role of the pastor as minister of the sacraments.
Prerequisite: CH 10000.
- CH 04642 READINGS IN CENTERING PRAYER 3 hrs.
This course will familiarize students with the classic understandings of prayer and focus on the study and practice of centering prayer.
- CH 04641 READINGS IN SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY 3 hrs.
Readings in classic texts in spiritual theology selected by the professor and students.
- CH 04541 TWO PILLARS OF JUDAISM: SACRED TIME AND SACRED PLACE 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see CM 04541 for description.
- CH 04511 MODERN JUDAISM 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see CM 04511 for description.
- CH 04439 THE RISE OF INDEPENDENT AFRICAN AMERICAN CHURCHES AND DENOMINATIONS 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (AA 04439/CM 04439/SR 04439)- please see SR 04439 for description.
- CH 04338 THE HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF BLACK RELIGION IN AMERICA 3 hrs.
This course provides an historical and sociological survey of selected issues related to the genesis and development of African American religious life in the United States.
(See AA 04338 or CM 04338).
- CH 04219 INTRODUCTION TO EARLY CHRISTIAN ART 3 hrs.
This course will examine the roots of Christian art and its progression in Christendom. Art works considered will include catacomb paintings, sarcophagi frontals, as well as early and medieval ecclesial art in the East and West. By studying the visual progression and development of early Christian art, students will gain a deeper understanding of the conflicts early Christians faced before and after the peace of Constantine. (See TA 04219)
- CH 04178 MARY, MYSTICS AND MARTYRS: MODELS AND MENTORS OF THE FAITH 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see TH 04178 for description.

CH 04119	CHRISTIAN DEVOTIONAL CLASSICS	3 hrs.
<p>A study of selected devotional classics form the basis of this course. Writings include Augustine's Confessions, Teresa of Avila's "the Interior Castle," "The Journal of John Woolman," and "The Way of a Pilgrim."</p>		

CH 04036	HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY	3 hrs.
<p>This course provides a in-depth study of the historical development of spiritual theology and the Christian understanding of spiritual formation.</p>		

CH 03935	UNITED METHODIST HISTORY AND DOCTRINE	4 hrs.
<p>This course is a study of the historical and doctrinal development and transition of Methodism from English beginnings to present American United Methodism.</p>		

CH 03834	CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN HISTORY AND DOCTRINE	3 hrs.
<p>The historical and doctrinal development of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church from its origins in the Reformed tradition to the present day is the focus of this course.</p>		

CH 03735	DISCIPLES OF CHRIST HISTORY AND POLITY	3 hrs.
<p>This course will introduce the student to the history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and its organization, development, and government at the local, regional and general levels. It is intended to meet the history and polity requirements for ordination set by the General Commission on Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).</p>		

CH 03628	THE HISTORY OF WOMEN'S LIBERATION THEOLOGY	3 hrs.
An introduction to the historical emergence of American women's liberation theology in the twentieth century. (See TH 03628).		

CH 03618	WOMEN AND CHURCH HISTORY	3 hrs.
<p>This course examines the status of women in relation to the Christian tradition during particular historical periods. The focus will be on persons, thought, gender roles, and attitudes toward women.</p>		

CH 03517	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - IN THE QUEST FOR THE BELOVED COMMUNITY	3 hrs.
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This is a cross-listed course (AA 03517/CM 03517)- please see CM 03517 for description.

CH 03429	AFRICAN AMERICAN RELIGIOUS PERSONALITIES	3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see AA 03429 for description.		

CH 03324	THE LIFE AND WRITINGS OF C.S. LEWIS	3 hrs.
<p>The life and writings of C.S. Lewis are examined in this course in the context of spiritual formation and spiritual theology.</p>		

CH 03223	JOHN WESLEY AND HIS AGE	3 hrs.
This course offers an in-depth study of the life and theology of John Wesley in the context of his historical setting.		

CH 03067	THE THEOLOGY OF DIETRICH BONHOEFFER	3 hrs.
<p>An examination of the context and grounding of the theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, particularly his Christology and ecclesiology, and focusing on his critique of the church of his time, and applying those standards to a critical evaluation of the North American Church of the twenty-first century. (See TH 03067).</p>		

CH 03022	READINGS IN JOHN WESLEY	3 hrs.
Readings from a wide variety of material from Wesley's works, such as journals, letters, sermons,		

and treatises are examined in this course, which focuses on the themes of Christian life, pastoral ministry, and Wesley's concern for the poor. Prerequisite: CH 10000.

CH 02885 WESLEYAN SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY 3 hrs.
This course will look at Christian formation in the Wesleyan tradition. "Wesleyan" will be understood in the widest sense possible. Historical, theological, and practical aspects of the tradition will be considered. The Holiness, Pentecostal, Charismatic, and African-Methodist traditions will be discussed, along with United Methodism. (See TH 02885).

CH 02519 HISTORY OF THE CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES 3 hrs.
This survey course of the history of the church in the United States of America incorporates the background of the history of the church in Europe. Prerequisite: CH 10000.

CH 02426 EVANGELICAL PROTESTANTISM IN AMERICA 3 hrs.
This course will survey the development, present reality and theology of Pentecostal evangelical, conservative Protestant, and Holiness Christian in the United States and Latin America. Particular attention will be given to Church of God in Christ, the Churches of Christ- conservative wing of the Stone-Campbell movement, and the Southern Baptist Churches, and their expressions in the Mid-South. Opportunities will be provided to visit the institutions of these traditions in Memphis and dialogue with their members.

CH 02418 PIETISM AND EVANGELICALISM 3 hrs.
This course examines the origin, nature, development, and interrelationship of Reformed and Lutheran Pietism, Moravianism, Puritanism, Quakerism, Methodism, and Anglican Evangelicalism.

CH 02326 IS THE REFORMATION OVER? 3 hrs.
How do we understand the rich diversity of movements and theological developments of the sixteenth century in light of modern challenges, ecumenical agreements, and historical studies? This course will examine Protestant, Catholic, and spiritual movements of the past and the vitality of these developments to the mission of the Church today. Prerequisite: CH 10000. (See TH 02326).

CH 02317 THE ENGLISH REFORMATION 3 hrs.
This course examines the history, personalities, and theology of the English Reformation, with emphasis on the development of English Arminianism and Puritanism. Prerequisite: CH 10000.

CH 02216 THE CHURCH IN MEDIEVAL ENGLAND 3 hrs.
The historical development, personalities, and theology of the church in medieval England from the time of Augustine of Canterbury to the Reformation, are the focus of this course, which emphasizes the period after the Norman Conquest. Prerequisite: CH 10000.

CH 02115 THE EARLY CHURCH 3 hrs.
This course is a study of the early Church from apostolic times to the Council of Chalcedon. Prerequisite: CH 10000.

CH 02062 MODELS OF EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see CM 02062 for description.

CH 01923 PREACHING FOR SOCIAL CHANGE 3 hrs.
This course looks at biblical, historical and contemporary sermons preached in the midst of personal and social crisis. (See WP 01923).

CH 01514 COVENANT DISCIPLESHIP IN THE LOCAL CHURCH 3 hrs.
This course is an in-depth study of Wesley's theology of the church and his use of Methodist societies and class meetings in spiritual formation and discipleship. (See PM 01514).

CH 00099	INDEPENDENT STUDIES IN CHURCH HISTORY	3 hrs.
Studies in specialized areas as selected by the student and approved by the professor.		
CH 00080	M.A.R. THESIS IN CHURCH HISTORY	3 hrs.
Students in the Master of Arts (Religion) degree program may choose to complete a master's thesis in the student's research area. The thesis will be 50 to 75 pages in length and will be supervised by a professor in that discipline. There will be an oral defense of the thesis when completed. Prerequisite: MA 07548, which may not be taken concurrently.		
CH 00071	WOMEN IN ISLAM	3 hrs.
This course provides an introduction to Islam through a critical exploration of the single largest group of Muslims in the world: women. From the first convert to Islam, the wife of the Prophet, to contemporary adherents, Muslim women have been praised, erroneously defined, underestimated and misunderstood. Regardless of time or place, rarely are the identities and lived experiences of Muslim women told through their voices, in their words. This intellectual engagement between Christians and Muslims is vitally important to global ministries. (See CM 000071)		
CH 00070	STUDIES IN ISLAM AND ITS CULTURES	3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see CM 00070 for description.		
CH 00064	CELTIC CHRISTIANITY	3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see CM 00064 for description.		

CONTEXT AND MISSION

CM 20000	THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH	3 hrs.
This course provides an introduction to the church's mission of witnessing to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in evangelism and social praxis. Biblical, historical, theological, and practical models are examined. It includes contemporary developments and explores implications for the shared ministries of pastor and people. This course meets United Methodist Church ordination requirements and includes a practical component of 30 hours.		
CM 09530	TRAVEL SEMINAR	3 hrs.
Through an intensive immersion experience, students will engage in contextual theology in various parts of the country or abroad. This course may be cross-listed in another discipline.		
CM 09300	EVANGELISM AND SHORT TERM MISSION TRIPS	3 hrs.
In this course students will visit the New Testament for the words of Jesus, the words and example of Paul and others in the New Testament as it relates to evangelism and missions. In addition, what is involved in taking a short term mission trip both in the US and abroad will be discussed. The planning of a short term mission trip will be a part of the class exercise.		
CM 08176	SPECIAL STUDY: 20TH CENTURY SAINTS AND MARTYRS	3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see CH 08176 for description.		
CM 06785	CHRISTIANITY IN IRELAND: ANCIENT TO POST-MODERN	3 hrs.
This course explores the historical, cultural, and spiritual landscape of Christianity in Ireland and raises awareness of the culture and religious contexts and challenges facing contemporary Irish Christians.		
CM 06540	AFRICAN TRADITIONAL RELIGIONS	3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see AA 06540 for description.		

- CM 06245 FAITH AND DOUBT 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see TH 06245 for description.
- CM 06009 AFRICAN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (AA 06009/TH 06009)- please see AA 06009 for description.
- CM 05919 HISPANIC THEOLOGY 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (TH 05919/CH 05919)- please see TH 05919 for description.
- CM 05900 LIBERATION MISSIOLOGIES FROM THE NON-WESTERN WORLD: 3 hrs.
Africa, Asia, and Latin America
This course is an introduction to liberation and postcolonial missiologies in the World and marginal communities in the United States. Generally put, liberation theologies are modes of theological discourse that rethink human existence, spirituality, faith, and religious life by placing attention on the non-subjects of history, those who has been denied voice and positive identity in history.
- CM 05807 THE CHURCH AS A MEDIATING INSTITUTION 3 hrs.
This course will focus on the role of the church as a mediating and/or intermediary institution in societal infrastructures. Foundational for the course will be discussion of the biblical imperative to ministry on behalf of the “least of these” and an assessment of public and/or political action in several pivotal experiences in Israel’s history, especially the Exodus experience and the work of Nehemiah. Also, students will investigate the church’s proposed role in welfare reform through such initiatives as the Samaritan Project and its implications for the tradition of separation of church and state.
- CM 05725 GOD AND THE OTHER 3 hrs.
In this class students will have the opportunity to explore the ways in which a call to the other as “neighbor” relates to missional and theological perspectives. They will also consider God’s mission to the world through a reflective, contextual and global standpoint.
- CM 05715 CHRISTIAN PRAYER IN A RELIGIOUSLY PLURAL WORLD 3 hrs.
The overall goal of this course is to help participants overcome fragmentation in life by exploring the ways in which faith shapes prayer and prayer shapes belief and practice. The course seeks to enable participants to explore scriptural, historical and theological foundations of Christian prayer in a religiously plural world; help Christians gain tools for spiritual growth on the basis of dialogue, not syncretism; and deepen their personal, spiritual connection to God.
- CM 05705 MERTON, MONASTICISM, AND RELIGIOUS PLURALISM 3 hrs.
This course provides an introduction to the monastic life via a week’s retreat at either the Abbey of Gethsemani in Trappist, Kentucky, or Knob’s Haven, Sisters of Loretto Mother House in Nerinx, Kentucky. Lectures focus on the Benedictine tradition, Thomas Merton (1915-68) and issues with which Merton wrestled: feminism and Buddhism.
- CM 05646 THE HOLOCAUST AND ITS ROOTS 3 hrs.
This course will analyze events related to the Holocaust in the context of Western civilization. It will examine the ideas and developments which led to the deliberate, systematic extermination of European Jewry, as well as recent theory that seeks to explain the Holocaust’s impact upon modern society. (See CH 05646).
- CM 05503 THE PASTOR AS BROAD-BASED COMMUNITY ORGANIZER 3 hrs.
Students in this course will be introduced to the techniques of relational organizing and leadership development. The goal will be to develop a biblically-based vision of what it means to live in the

community, with specific goals and objectives for realizing that vision, and the organizational skills to actualize these goals and objectives. Shelby County Interfaith's work organizers, pastors, leaders, and selected congregations will serve as facilitators and models of relational organizing.

CM 05402 CHURCH, CULTURE, AND MISSION 3 hrs.

This course examines the church and its mission in diverse cultural contexts. The course may require participation in an immersion trip.

CM 05301 CHURCH AND SOCIETY IN THE UNITED METHODIST 3 hrs.
AND AFRICAN-METHODIST TRADITIONS

This is a cross-listed course (AA 05301/CH 05301)- please see CH 05301 for description.

CM 05275 CONTEXTUAL THEOLOGY AND ETHICS 3 hrs.

Doing theology and ethics requires engagement in the way different cultural contexts influence the interpretation of Christian belief and practice. We will critically consider the method of contextual theology and ethics, examining important concepts, positions and problems, including dealing with different criteria for the interpretation of "context" and different theoretical models. We will also analyze different contexts for theology and ethics and develop theological and ethical reflections from within those contexts. (See ET 05275)

CM 05208 TRANSFORMATIVE PEACEMAKING 3 hrs.

This course explores Christian peacemaking traditions with attention to practical conflict transformation in the parish, in communities, and in the world.

CM 05149 CHRISTIAN DIALOGUE WITH WORLD RELIGIONS 3 hrs.

This course aims to provide a basic introduction to the world religions. The course emphasizes the interaction of religion and culture with a view to cross-cultural understanding. "Dialogue between Christians and adherents of other religions including African Religions, Buddhism, Judaism, Hinduism, Islam, Confucianism, and Shintoism is the subject of this course."

CM 05045 ISSUES IN CHURCH RELATIONS WORLDWIDE 3 hrs.

This is a cross-listed course - please see CH 05045 for description.

CM 05043 NEW AMERICAN RELIGIOUS GROUPS 3 hrs.

This is a cross-listed course - please see CH 05043 for description.

CM 04764 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN A MEDIA CULTURE 3 hrs.

This course will focus on how contemporary media affects our culture, our ways of learning, and our faith. It will also consider the implications for Christian education in a multimedia society. (See EM 04764).

CM 04684 WORKING WITH BLACK YOUTH 3 hrs.

How can the church develop ministries that engage young people and the process of spiritual formation and discipleship? This course explores various cultural dimensions of black youth today, including the hip-hop culture, as well as some specific programs of ministry that have proven to be successful. (See AA 04684)

CM 04663 FAITH AT THE BORDERS: THE U.S. AND MEXICO 3 hrs.
IN COVENANT AND CONFLICT

This is a cross-listed course - please see ET 04663 for a description.

CM 04541 TWO PILLARS OF JUDAISM: SACRED TIME 3 hrs.
AND SACRED PLACE

This course will explore two of the pillars of Jewish life. Also this course will allow students to ex-

amine the biblical foundations of the Sabbath and the land of Israel. Eternity becomes possible through a combination of sacred time and sacred space. This course will explore the Jewish tradition: the way in which sacred scripture is renewed in every generation. The Five Books of Moses are sacred and primary, but so is the rabbinic literature that has evolved over two millennia. In this context, we will become familiar with a few of the most important rabbinic texts, beginning with the Mishnah, which was undoubtedly a critical body of teaching in Jesus' time. Visual sources will be utilized and student participation will be a major component. (See CH 04541)

CM 04511	MODERN JUDAISM	3 hrs.
<p>Through a study of Judaism in its historical context, the basic concepts of Judaism will be examined. An understanding of what it means to be Jewish, an appreciation of the Jewish experience in history, and an awareness of the special issues and problems facing Judaism today will be explored. Instruction in this course is funded by the Jewish Chautauqua Society and the instructor will be a rabbi from the Memphis area. (See CH 04511).</p>		

CM 04439	THE RISE OF INDEPENDENT AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHURCHES AND DENOMINATIONS	3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (AA 04439/CH 04439/SR 04439)- please see SR 04439 for description.		

CM 04396	RHETORIC OF RACE	3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (SR 04396/TH 04396)- please see SR 04396 for description.		

CM 04350	DEVELOPING A CELTIC SPIRITUALITY	3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see PM 04350 for description.		

CM 04338	THE HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF BLACK RELIGION IN AMERICA	3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (CH 04338/AA 04338)- please see CH 04338 for description.		

CM 04296 THE RHETORIC OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (TH 04296/AA 04296/SR 04296)- please see SR 04296 for description.

CM 04193	DIVERSITY AND EVANGELISM: MAKING PLAIN THE SACRED JOURNEY	3 hrs.
<p>In this course, students will explore the biblical, theological, historical and social basis for understanding Christian mission in today's complex and diverse world, with a primary focus on the ministry of evangelism. Key concerns facing the church will be examined, including mission, evangelism, ecumenism and interfaith dialogue. (See AA 04193)</p>		

CM 04105	ENGAGING THE CITY: URBAN THEOLOGY	3 hrs.
<p>This reading course will explore and focus on the current dynamics found in urban society that call and challenge the church to re-examine ways of ministry. Participants will be exposed to class lectures and on-site visits. (See PM 04105).</p>		

CM 04094	AFRICAN NARRATIVE THEOLOGY OF INCULTURATION	3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (AA 04094/TH 04094)- please see TH 04094 for description.		

CM 03885	THE WRITINGS OF RENE GIRARD	3 hrs.
<p>“His way of seeing (Greek <i>theoria</i>, contemplation, speculation, sight), his approach and his ideas are pioneering, opening up new paths into the understanding of human relations, the formation of non-violent human community, and the affirmation of faith in the God of the Bible.” (Williams, pg viii)</p> <p>This quote from the Girard Reader sets the context for a seminar which will expose students to the thought and ideas of Rene Girard.</p>		

- CM 02456 POVERTY, IMPRISONMENT, AND RESISTANCE THEOLOGY 3 hrs.
 IN ATLANTA: THE OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY
 This is a cross-listed course - please see ET 02456 for description.
- CM 02244 MODELS IN NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT 3 hrs.
 Foundations and strategies for church planting will be explored, along with call and characteristics of new church planters. Area ministers of several denominations involved in new churches will visit the class and discuss their experiences. (See PM 02244).
- CM 02244 EVANGELISM THROUGH NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT 3 hrs.
 This is a cross-listed course - please see PM 02244 for description.
- CM 02173 REVANGELISM, RETOOLING, REFUELING, RECLAIMING 3 hrs.
 THE CHURCH'S DISCIPLE-MAKING DIRECTIVE
 This course will help students (1) examine the Biblical/theological rationale for the enterprise of making disciples, (2) develop a "missional ecclesiology" that affirms the critical role of the local congregation in contextualizing the gospel, (3) learn to provide strategic leadership for congregations which bear faithful witness in the cultural context of postmodern pluralistic America, (4) explore practical tools and methodologies currently employed in holistic, healthy churches that are welcoming communities of faith.
- CM 02172 EVANGELISM 3 hrs.
 This course covers practical approaches to evangelism in North American contexts. Special attention will be given to pastoral leadership in evangelism and spiritual formation. This course meets United Methodist Church ordination requirements. Prerequisite: CM 20000.
- CM 02063 THEORIES AND TOPICS IN MODERN MISSIOLOGY 3 hrs.
 This course is a general introduction to current theories and topics in missiology. The course will include a survey of the biblical basis of Christian mission, how the church has understood and practiced mission throughout history, and the critical issues related to mission theology and practice.
- CM 02062 MODELS IN EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS 3 hrs.
 A case study approach is used to explore different models by which Christians have undertaken to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The project-based course introduces leaders, methods, and movements. Students will identify practical resources and implement evangelism and missions projects in their own contexts. This course meets United Methodist Church ordination requirements. Prerequisite: CM 20000. (See CH 02062).
- CM 01994 21ST CENTURY LABOR JUSTICE AS FAITH 3 HRS.
 AND SOCIAL JUSTICE MOVEMENT
 This course explores the changing dynamics of labor and the emerging role of the faith community in supporting workers. This course is designed to provide insight into worker justice issues and the complexities that local communities must face in a time of globalization. Students will be challenged to engage in critical thinking regarding both biblical and social analysis.
- CM 01993 THE CHURCH'S CALL TO RADICAL HOSPITALITY 3 hrs.
 How is the offering of hospitality integral to Christian discipleship? What are the theological and ethical dimensions of offering hospitality to persons on the margins of our society? In this course we will draw upon theological and ethical resources to critically reflect upon the practice of hospitality. Our reflections will be grounded in regular participation at different places of hospitality in Memphis. (See ET 01993)

- CM 01992 WORKER FOR JUSTICE INTERNSHIP 3 hrs.
This is a paid internship for Future Religious Leaders of all Faiths. This program allows persons to work directly with labor unions and other worker-support organizations to improve wages and conditions for America's working families. (See ET 01992)
- CM 01923 PREACHING FOR SOCIAL CHANGE 3 hrs.
This course looks at biblical, historical and contemporary sermons preached in the midst of personal and social crisis. Students will read and and discuss some great preachers of the past and present who have demonstrated the art, wisdom, imagination, dedication, discipline and courage to preach persuasively on the behalf of social change. A variety of sermon examples will be examined with the goal of students gaining clarity about their own preaching. (See WP 01923).
- CM 01871 AFRICAN RELIGIONS IN THE DIASPORA 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see AA 01871 for description.
- CM 01670 AFRICAN CHRISTIANITY 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see AA 01670 for description.
- CM 01569 AFRICAN AMERICAN WORSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (AA 01569/WP 01569)- please see AA 01569 for description.
- CM 01514 SURVEY OF ISLAMIC ART 3 hrs.
This course introduces students to various aspects and manifestations of art in the Islamic civilization through a humanities approach. Lectures will focus on art, architecture, calligraphy, poetry, ceramics and fold dancing. Students will acquire knowledge through analyzing a myriad of primary source materials such as images, audio clips, and sayings of Muhammad, excerpts from the Quran. (See TA 01514)
- CM 01424 CONTEMPORARY AFROCENTRIC APPROACHES
TO BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (AA 01424/OT 01424)- please see AA 01424 for description.
- CM 01268 RECONCILIATION 3 hrs.
This course explores ministries of reconciliation in pastoral care and in a changing social order. Special attention will be given to Howard Thurman's understanding of reconciliation as an essential discipline of the Christian life.
- CM 00099 INDEPENDENT STUDIES IN CONTEXT AND MISSION 3 hrs.
Studies in specialized areas as selected by the student and approved by the professor.
- CM 00080 M.A.R. THESIS IN CONTEXT AND MISSION 3 hrs.
Students in the Master of Arts (Religion) degree program may choose to complete a master's thesis in the student's research area. The thesis will be 50 to 75 pages in length and will be supervised by a professor in that discipline. There will be an oral defense of the thesis when completed. Prerequisite: MA 07548, which may not be taken concurrently.
- CM 00071 WOMEN IN ISLAM 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see CH 00071 for description.
- CM 00070 STUDIES IN ISLAM AND ITS CULTURES 3 hrs.
This course provides an introduction to the religion of Islam. It is designed for students with a general interest in the Islamic world, its religion, and/or its history. (See CH 00070).

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- EM 03251 INTERPLAY: A COMMUNITY-ART APPROACH TO 3 hrs.
WORSHIP, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL ACTION
This is a cross-listed course (TA 03251/WP 03251)- please see TA 03251 for description.
- EM 03221 FINDING MEANING IN MOVIES 3 hrs.
This course will help students understand how to use movies as a resource for engaging persons in theological thought and conversation. Prerequisites: EM 20000 and TH 10000.
- EM 03189 CREATIVE ACTIVITY FOR BIBLE STUDY 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see TA 03189 for description.
- EM 03155 EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY WITH ADOLESCENT GIRLS 3 hrs.
The historical, sociological, psychological and theological perspectives of ministry with adolescent girls is considered in this course, which carefully examines the socio-cultural contexts that shape the worldview of adolescents (family, school, peers, media, church, etc.). It will survey sociological and psychological resources that are relevant to adolescent girls (development issues, women's ways of knowing, etc.). The course will also provide the opportunity for students to engage in critical and constructive discussion about the education of adolescent girls in the church. Prerequisite: EM 20000.
- EM 03091 THEOLOGY AND EDUCATION 3 hrs.
The purpose of this course is to bring the fields of theology and Christian education into explicit conversation by considering how different contemporary theological perspectives might contribute to forming Christian education theory and practice. The course looks at several different contemporary theologies, a representative Christian educational theorist influenced by each theology, and practical implications for educational ministry. Prerequisites: EM 20000 and TH 10000.
- EM 02992 ART AS COMMUNICATION IN EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY 3 hrs.
This course is designed to provide an exploration of arts in educational ministry. Students in this class will study and use a variety of the arts, giving attention to their application in ministry and educational situations. This course requires no previous art experience or expertise. (See TA 02992)
- EM 02768 EDUCATION MINISTRY IN THE SMALL CHURCH 3 hrs.
This course covers planning and conducting educational ministry in the church with less than 250 members and with one paid minister, including the rural and the Black church. Prerequisite: EM 20000.
- EM 02667 ADULT AND FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY 3 hrs.
This course explores adult faith development, family theory and programs, adult and parenting nurture and instruction. Programs, materials, leaders, organization, administration, and intergenerational ministries and clustering are all examined. Prerequisite: EM 20000.
- EM 02566 YOUTH MINISTRY 3 hrs.
Developing and implementing effective youth ministry is the focus of this course. Attention will be given to how sociocultural, psychological, and educational components are considered and used in a theological understanding of youth ministry. The primary focus will be on the church's ministry with, to, and for youth in rural, urban, and suburban settings. A variety of models of youth ministry will be considered. Prerequisite: EM 20000.
- EM 02465 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 3 hrs.
This course explores nurture and instruction of children in home and church from birth to 12 years. Programs, materials, faith development, leaders, organization and supervision of education ministry with children will be covered. Prerequisite: EM 20000.

EM 02364 CURRICULUM IN THE CHURCH 3 hrs.
The purpose of this course is to prepare pastors, educators, and other leaders in the church for the work of designing Christian education curriculum, evaluating and selecting resources for Christian education programs, and guiding congregations and other church groups in these tasks. Prerequisite: EM 20000.

EM 02189 TEACHING IN THE CHURCH 3 hrs.
This is a basic course which focuses on the nature and purpose of teaching, its theological and educational assumptions, and the skills necessary to be a good teacher in the church. Students will engage in observation, practice, and reflection on teaching. Prerequisite: EM 20000.

EM 00099 INDEPENDENT STUDIES IN EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY 3 hrs.
Studies in specialized areas as selected by the student and approved by the professor.

EM 00080 M.A.R. THESIS IN EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY 3 hrs.
Students in the Master of Arts (Religion) degree program may choose to complete a master's thesis in the student's research area. The thesis will be 50 to 75 pages in length and will be supervised by a professor in that discipline. There will be an oral defense of the thesis when completed. Prerequisite: MA 07548, which may not be taken concurrently.

ETHICS

ET 20000 INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN ETHICS 3 hrs.
This course offers an introduction to basic issues in Christian ethics. Students will examine the formation of Christian moral life, elements in moral decision making, philosophical and historical influences on Christian ethics, and moral teachings and issues in Christian ethics. Central to our study will be ongoing attention to how Christian ethics draws from the revelation of God through the life and person of Jesus Christ and Holy Scripture.

ET 19900 INTRODUCTION TO CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH AND WHOLENESS 3 hrs.
This course is a one week intensive institute on aligning and activating faith and health assets. It includes both lecture and small group process and is designed for all interested in the faith-health connection: seminarians, clergy, laity, and healthcare providers. The course will focus on an assets-based model and will explore congregational strengths, leading causes of life, boundary leadership, and partner congregations. Lastly, the intensive will guide participants in "telling your own Narrative of Health," to explicate a personal journey of health, healing and wholeness. (See FH 19900 or PC 19900).

ET 05447 CRITICAL RACE THEORY 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see TH 05447 for description.

ET 05275 CONTEXTUAL THEOLOGY AND ETHICS 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see CM 05275 for description.

ET 04931 THE THEOLOGICAL LEGACY OF H. RICHARD NIEBUHR 3 hrs.
This course will focus on the influence of H. Richard Niebuhr on American Christianity. Attention will be given not only to Niebuhr's classic and well-known writings but also to his more recent, posthumously published writings that open new perspectives on Niebuhr's theological legacy. (See TH 04931).

- ET 04710 THE DOCTRINE OF CREATION 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see TH 04710 for description.
- ET 04663 FAITH AT THE BORDERS: THE U.S. AND MEXICO IN
COVENANT AND CONFLICT 3 hrs.
This course focuses on issues of faith, economics, ethics, and Latin American liberation theology. Part of the course will involve spending time with Mexican families, and experiencing first-hand everyday life at the Border. Prerequisite: CM 20000 or ET 20000 or TH 10000. (See CM 04663).
- ET 04120 JESUS WAS A CARPENTER: FAITH PERSPECTIVES ON
LABOR AND JUSTICE 3 hrs.
This course will examine Christian theology and ministry in relation to understandings of human labor and struggles for economic justice rooted in labor. Biblical, historical and theological sources will be used to analyze understandings of labor in Christian history, particularly how and why people of faith have been involved in struggles for economic justice that address such issues as the dignity of human labor, social class, organizing workers, and a just workplace. Particular attention will be paid to how ministry may effectively support the dignity of human labor. (See NT 04120).
- ET 03995 ETHICS, FAITH, AND CULTURE: ENGAGING THE POWERS 3 hrs.
This is a reading course that focuses on the intersections of ethics, faith, and culture, with a specific emphasis on the themes of dominion, domination, and spiritual warfare. Students will explore the alternatives to radical autonomy, violence, and the systematic perpetration of evil. Prerequisite: OT 10000 or NT 10000.
- ET 03830 ISSUES IN SCIENCE & RELIGION 3 hrs.
Students preparing for ministry are invited to consider physics and cosmology as partners to the theological enterprise. The central proposition of this course is that the interests of liberation are best served when quantum physics and cosmologies (new and indigenous) contribute to the existing pool of moral, sociological, and theological knowledge. To date, these sciences have not been considered integral to issues of equality, freedom, and social justice. The central course objective is to consider freedom, and social justice by examining (through rhetorical analysis) how quantum and cosmological discourses illuminate the human condition and the yearning for liberation. Through the lens of science and faith, the contours of a flourishing and moral community come into focus. Prerequisites: ET 20000 and TH 10000.
- ET 03571 SOCIAL TEACHINGS OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES 3 hrs.
This course introduces students to the variety of Christian social thought through the centuries. Through lectures, seminar presentations, and discussions, students will become acquainted with a wide range of Christian reflection on an array of social ethical issues. Such themes as war and peace, politics, economics, social justice, and social reform will be considered.
- ET 03550 RACE, ETHICS & HEALTH:
A THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE 3 hrs.
This course will explore the application of ethics to a broad range of contemporary public health issues. Students will reflect theologically and critically about the role of the church and society in the development of public policy issues. Students will consider the history of abuse (the Tuskegee experiment); the response to pandemics, i.e., HIV/AIDS; violence as a public health issue among marginalized groups; and future initiatives toward the well-being of all people. (See FH 03550)
- ET 03438 MOTHERHOOD, WAR AND JUSTICE:
EARLY ETHICAL DRAMAS BY BLACK PLAYWRIGHTS 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see TA 03438 for description.

ET 03338	DIVERSITY IN THE MID-SOUTH	3 hrs.
<p>In the mid-south, the growth of diverse communities and influx of immigrants are affecting a demographic transformation. As a model for Christians grappling with diversity, this course encourages: encountering the emerging new reality through a one-week live-in experience; listening to the rich legacies of Asian, Hispanic, and Native-Americans; identifying concerns of Asian, Hispanic, and Native Americans living in Memphis; and engaging in ethical and missiological reflections on the process. Prerequisite: ET 20000. (See CM 03338).</p>		

ET 03286	AN EXPLORATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL THEOLOGY	3 hrs.
<p>This course surveys how religious and spiritual concerns interface with contemporary environmental issues. The course pays particular attention to the challenge posed to Christian theology by the present ecological situation and offers some salient theological responses to this challenge. Insights from contemporary Christian perspectives will be examined. (See TH 03286)</p>		

ET 03268	INTRODUCTION TO BIOETHICS: CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES	3 hrs.
<p>This course draws upon the fields of Bioethics and theology to address such issues as genetic determinism vs. human freedom, cloning and the quality and sanctity of life, and other ethical issues raised by the Human Genome Project. Students will have the opportunity to develop a theological and spiritual grounding for responding to the world, human nature, and the ethics of responsibility. Prerequisite: ET 20000.</p>		

ET 03110	HIP HOP THEOLOGY AND URBAN GOD TALK	3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see AA 03110 for description.		

ET 02894	CHRISTIAN APPROACHES TO VIOLENCE AND NONVIOLENCE	3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see CM 02894 for a description.		

ET 02893	CHRISTIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT	3 hrs.
<p>An analysis of the historical development of Christian political thought. Particular attention is paid to how various Christian understandings of human life have contributed to the understanding and practice of political life. The nature of the person and the church in relation to the state, justice, order, and liberty are among the issues examined.</p>		

ET 02892	CHRISTIANITY AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE	3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see CM 02892 for description.		

ET 02818	FARMING, FOOD AND FAITH: A THEOLOGY AND ETHICS OF AGRICULTURE	3 hrs.
<p>The purpose of human life, the place of community, and our relationship to the land are all manifest in how food is produced and consumed. Today, farming and rural life, along with the production and consumption of food raise a multitude of theological and ethical issues. Our current systems of food production and consumption are environmentally unsustainable and costly to human health and community. In this course we will draw upon Christian theology and ethics to critically examine the dynamics of these current systems, and to explore alternatives that may be encouraged to create a sustainable agriculture, a vibrant rural life, and healthy relationship to food and the land.</p>		

ET 02790	SPIRITUALITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE	3 hrs.
<p>What is the relationship between Christian spirituality and a life committed to social justice? Through a consideration of diverse spiritual practices and case studies of activists in the history of Christianity, we will examine how spiritual practice can inspire a social vision and conscience, respond to social crisis, sustain involvement in social activism, ground people's dignity, and promote peacemaking and justice. We will also consider how spiritual practice may be misused in the context of activism and the theological and ethical questions surrounding the relationship of</p>		

spiritual practices and work for social justice.

ET 02789 READINGS IN DISASTER ETHICS: A KATRINA CASE STUDY 3 hrs.
This course is an ethical case study of Katrina, the devastating hurricane that destroyed vast areas of the Gulf Coast and simultaneously uncovered issues of race, class, and poverty in America. Students will engage issues of natural law, theodicy and justice as they consider the testimony of survivors, observers, and government officials.

ET 02778 POVERTY AND JUSTICE 3 hrs.
This study of poverty and homelessness in the United States and in the world is done in light of biblical, theological, and social approaches to economic justice. The class will analyze alternative perspectives on root causes and competing proposals about solutions to poverty and injustice. (See CM 02778).

ET 02654 ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS OF CHRISTIAN LITURGIES 3 hrs.
This course is a study of the ethical implications of the order, elements, and language of liturgies for Christian worship, with special emphasis on contemporary liturgies within the Reformed tradition. (See WP 02654). Prerequisites: ET 20000 and WP 20000.

ET 02456 POVERTY, IMPRISONMENT, AND RESISTANCE THEOLOGY 3 hrs.
IN ATLANTA: THE OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY
For over 25 years the Open Door Community in Atlanta, GA has served homeless persons and persons in prison, including death row. The Open Door Community's work is grounded in its shared communal life based on the Catholic Worker tradition and the traditions of other intentional Christian communities. Through assigned readings, discussion, written reflections, and participation in the life of the Open Door Community we will critically examine many themes of the Christian community and beyond. (See CM 02456)

ET 01993 THE CHURCH'S CALL TO RADICAL HOSPITALITY 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see CM 01993 for description.

ET 01992 WORKER FOR JUSTICE INTERNSHIP 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see CM 01992 for description.

ET 00099 INDEPENDENT STUDIES IN ETHICS 3 hrs.
Studies in specialized areas as selected by the student and approved by the professor.

ET 00080 M.A.R. THESIS IN ETHICS 3 hrs.
Students in the Master of Arts (Religion) degree program may choose to complete a master's thesis in the student's research area. The thesis will be 50 to 75 pages in length and will be supervised by a professor in that discipline. There will be an oral defense of the thesis when completed. Prerequisite: MA 07548, which may not be taken concurrently.

ET 00055 SIMPLICITY AND SABBATH ECONOMICS 3 hrs.
This course examines the Bible and other sources in an attempt to recover the Sabbath tradition and hear the call and promise of true simplicity.

FAITH AND HEALTH

FH 19900 INTRODUCTION TO CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH 3 hrs.
AND WHOLENESS
This is a cross-listed course (ET 19900/PC 19900) - please see ET 19900 for description.

FH 04469

WOMEN'S HEALTH

3 hrs.

This course will explore the faith and health dimensions of Women's Health issues on an individual, congregational, and community scale. The theology of a woman's spiritual life and health journey through developmental roles and maturity will be reviewed as well as the social issues and determinants that undergird women's health. Disparities and strategies for overcoming these community scale problems will be explored scripturally. There will be a focus on strategies for pastoral wellness and whole health counseling in women's issues. (See TH 04469)

FH 04396

TRAUMA AND RECOVERY

3 hrs.

This is a cross-listed course - please see PC 04396 for description.

FH 03790

SPIRITUAL ISSUES IN HEALTH CARE

3 hrs.

This course provides an exploration of biblical (both Old and New Testament) and theological bases of health care from a Christian perspective; concepts of a whole-person health care; health and the healing process; interfaces between pastors and members of the health care professions; problems relating to “faith healing” and miracles; and personality for one’s own health.
(See CM 03790 or TH 03790)

FH 03550

RACE, ETHICS & HEALTH: A THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

3 hrs.

This is a cross-listed course - please see ET 03550 for description.

FH 03200

RETREAT FOR MINISTERIAL RENEWAL: DEEPENING THE WELL

3 hrs.

This course will invite students to explore the nature of their own spiritual formation and to cultivate an awareness of God's presence and action in every dimension of life.

FORMATION FOR MINISTRY

FM 10108/20108/30108

FORMATION FOR MINISTRY

3 hrs.

Spiritual formation for ministry and the integration of theological education with family life, church and the larger community are essential for development as Christian servant leaders.

Credit for this class is earned over a period of the first, second and last semesters. This class will help ground participants in covenants of accountability that lead to lifelong theological learning, holy friendships and a set of practices that will sustain pastoral excellence throughout their lives.

Participants will explore major themes of Christian life and leadership, including: Being and Becoming a Beloved Child of God, God's Dream for the World, Wholeness and Health, Building Relationships and Learning to Live in Solidarity With Those Made Poor and/or Marginal in Society, Keeping the Sabbath, Power, Money, Building the Beloved Community, Call, and Discipleship Over the Long Haul. From 2009-2010, participants will be led by the Kalemeris Leadership Team of facilitators and student interns.

MASTER OF ARTS (RELIGION)

MA 07548

M.A.R. INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR

3 hrs.

In all tracks, seminar participants will evaluate and provide responses to others' work on projects or theses. This seminar will be offered during the fall semester of each academic year with a limited enrollment of 15 students who have successfully completed all introductory coursework. The seminar will be taught by a full-time faculty member. No faculty member may consult with more than two M.A.R. seminar projects per semester.

In this seminar, students will work together and in consultation with the instructor and a faculty member related most closely by training to a student's area of specialization. For students on the Lay Professional Track, the goal of the seminar is to integrate academic study, theological reflection and praxis. Accordingly, students will design, implement and reflect upon a practicum experience which shall consist of a supervised experiential, ecclesial or community based placement. The seminar may be taken in the next to the last semester of the student's program (or after the completion of at least 24 semester hours that includes all introductory courses), and will be graded by the seminar leader in the consultation with the appropriate faculty member. For students in the Academic Studies Track, the goal of the seminar is the design, research, and proposal for a thesis. The seminar will be taken in the next to last semester of the student's program (or after the completion of at least 24 semester hours), and will be graded by the seminar leader in the consultation with the appropriate faculty member. Students in the Deacon Candidacy Track may choose between preparing for the thesis or completing a term project.

NEW TESTAMENT

NT 10000 INTRODUCTION TO INTERPRETING THE NEW TESTAMENT 3 hrs.
This course provides a study of the content and nature of the writings of the New Testament in their historical, cultural, literary, social, political, and canonical contexts in order to gain knowledge and skills in interpreting and appropriating biblical interpretations for modern life.

NT 09530 NEW TESTAMENT AND THE EMERGENCE OF 3 hrs.
GREEK RHETORIC
Students will travel to Athens and Corinth, Greece to study the origins of Greek rhetorical tradition, its influence in the development of the New Testament, and its implications for Christian ministry. (See SR 09530).

NT 04120 JESUS WAS A CARPENTER: FAITH PERSPECTIVES ON 3 hrs.
LABOR AND JUSTICE
This is a cross-listed course - please see ET 04120 for description.

NT 04019 APOSTLES, REACHERS AND LEADERS: WOMEN IN THE 3 hrs.
EARLY JESUS MOVEMENT
Using the feminist socio-historical methods pioneered by Luise Schottroff and Elisabeth Schussler Fiorenza, this course will enable examination of N.T. texts and extra-biblical materials to uncover the roles women played in the ministry of Jesus and in the life of the earliest churches. Students will also have the opportunity to explore the gradual exclusion of women from leadership positions in the church and the implications of their findings for the contemporary church.
Prerequisite: NT 10000.

NT 03918 GOSPEL STORIES OF WOMEN 3 hrs.
This course explores methods and practices of interpretation that allow for a feminist reading and emancipatory assessment of gospel stories of women. Discussion will center on historical-critical and ideology-critical methods of reading these stories, an examination of theoretical frameworks of analysis, and the exploration of the boundaries of historical imagination. Small groups will interpret texts seeking the power those texts offer the contemporary church. Special attention will be given to the significance of feminist biblical interpretation for theological reflection and ministry.
Prerequisite: NT 10000.

NT 03875 READING AND HEARING THE PARABLES OF JESUS 3 hrs.
This course reads the parables of Jesus in their sociohistorical and sociocultural contexts and brings the distinctive content of their message on the nature of the kind of kingdom of God to which Jesus

summons modern hearers/readers to participate to bear on the church. Students will make oral presentations and write papers expressing their own critical evaluations of these parables, and fearlessly join in the daring and dialogical journey of inviting all people to enter the kingdom of God.

NT 03817	THE CATHOLIC EPISTLES AND HEBREWS	3 hrs.
<p>This course examines the place of James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, Jude, and Hebrews in church history and theology, before interpreting them against their socio-historical background and studying their rhetorical strategy, to uncover their message for today. Prerequisite: NT 10000.</p>		

NT 03715	THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW	3 hrs.
Interpreting Matthew's Gospel by giving close attention to its socio-historical background, its distinctive story of Jesus, and the world of discipleship it invites us to enter is the focus of this course. Prerequisite: NT 10000.		

NT 03602	THE REVELATION OF JOHN	3 hrs.
<p>This course examines the ways the church has interpreted Revelation in its history and the ongoing hermeneutical difficulties surrounding the book, so that students can find and practice ways of interpreting Revelation that are relevant to the church today. Prerequisite: NT 10000.</p>		

NT 03513 NEW TESTAMENT FOR THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY 3 hrs.

Biblical spirituality involves examination of the spirituality within the biblical texts alongside the use of biblical texts to nurture our own spirituality. This course pays attention to both aspects of this area of study. Students combine contemporary critical methods for interpreting biblical texts, study of the great teachings on the spiritual journey, the ancient practice of lectio divina, and wrestle with the gifts and challenges these learnings offer their own journeys. A special emphasis of the course is the New Testament's nurture of the spiritual journeys of ministers. Readings for the course include contemporary treatments of New Testament texts alongside the wisdom of past and present spiritual teachers. Prerequisite: NT 10000.

NT 03412	THE GOSPEL OF MARK	3 hrs.
This course interprets Mark's Gospel by giving close attention to its socio-historical background, its distinctive story of Jesus, and the world of discipleship it invites us to enter.		
Prerequisite: NT 10000.		

NT 03311	THE PRISON EPISTLES	3 hrs.
<p>Interpreting the letters attributed to Paul while he was in prison by examining them in relation to the socio-historical background of the period provides insights from the letters for the church's life today. Prerequisite: NT 10000.</p>		

NT 03210	ACTS OF THE APOSTLES	3 hrs.
<p>This course explores interpretation of the book of Acts by examination of the socio-historical background. The relationship and significance of this book for the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul will be examined. Particular emphasis will be placed on his missionary journeys with attention to their meaning for the church today. Prerequisite: NT 10000.</p>		

NT 03133 “NO SHAME HERE”: PAUL THE PRISONER AND 3 hrs.
 HIS LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Our focus will be on one of Paul’s last letters, his ‘last will and testament’ to his beloved Philippian congregation, including its incomparable ‘Christ Hymn’ (Phil. 2:6-11). When Paul’s whole career was being marginalized as a sham because of his “shameful” gospel of a “crucified Messiah” that contradicted the “good news” of Empire and its pax Romana, Paul pens one of his most theologically charged, powerful manifestoes of the good news of the cross of Christ.

- NT 02909 CHILDREN OF THE RESURRECTION: STUDY OF NT
RESURRECTION TEACHINGS 3 hrs.
This course examines the stories and theology of Christ's resurrection and its impact on Christian living as presented in the New Testament in order to understand its meaning for Christians today. Prerequisite: NT 10000.
- NT 02707 THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 3 hrs.
Interpreting John's Gospel by giving close attention to its socio-historical background, its distinctive story of Jesus, and the world of discipleship it invites us to enter is the focus of this course. Prerequisite: NT 10000.
- NT 02605 ROMANS 3 hrs.
This course examines interpretation of Paul's letter to the Romans by understanding its socio-historical background, its great theological themes, its place in the history of the church, and its meaning for Christians today. Prerequisite: NT 10000.
- NT 02503 THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 3 hrs.
Interpreting Luke's Gospel by giving close attention to its socio-historical background, its distinctive story of Jesus, and the world of discipleship it invites us to enter is the focus of this course. Prerequisite: NT 10000.
- NT 02301 EPHESIANS 3 hrs.
This course focuses on interpreting Ephesians by examination of its socio-historical background, its relationship to other Pauline letters, its theological issues, and the rhetorical strategy of its author so that we may appropriate it for the church today. Prerequisites: NT 10000, NT 00395 and NT 00396.
- NT 02200 GALATIANS 3 hrs.
Interpreting Galatians so that our understanding of the historical questions, the great theological debates of the early church, and the relevance of these for the church today is enhanced is the focus of this course. Students may elect to take this as a Greek track course. Prerequisites: NT 10000, NT 00395 and NT 00396.
- NT 02199 PAUL'S CORINTHIAN CORRESPONDENCE 3 hrs.
This course focuses on interpreting Paul's letters to the church at Corinth through familiarity with the socio-historical background of the times and with Paul's rhetorical strategy, in order to grasp the message of the letters for the church today. Prerequisite: NT 10000.
- NT 02098 NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY 3 hrs.
This course will introduce modern methods of biblical theology and explore themes and issues central to each of the New Testament writers. Themes and issues for examination will include the New Testament and the postcolonial theory, economic and contextual theology. Presentations and discussions on major New Testament theologians, theological themes and issues will enable students to fearlessly join in the daring journey of doing theology for the people of God. Prerequisites: NT 10000 and OT 10000.
- NT 00396 NEW TESTAMENT GREEK II 3 hrs.
Continuation of NT 00395. Prerequisite: NT 00395.
- NT 00395 NEW TESTAMENT GREEK I 3 hrs.
Basic Greek grammar, vocabulary, and syntax, and selected readings from early Christian literature.

- OT 02532 HEBREW PROPHETS II 3 hrs.
This course will study the prophets of the Babylonian Period (e.g., Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Isaiah 40-55). Special attention will be given to hearing the prophets' messages in light of their historical setting and our own setting as well. Prerequisite: OT 10000.
- OT 02431 HEBREW PROPHETS I 3 hrs.
The prophets of the Assyrian Period (e.g., Amos, Hosea, Micah, Isaiah 1-39) are the focus of this course. Special attention will be given to hearing the prophets' messages in light of their historical setting as well as our own setting. Prerequisite: OT 10000.
- OT 02330 BOOKS OF SAMUEL 3 hrs.
This study of 1 and 2 Samuel will consider the historical, literary (especially narrative), and theological dimensions of the two books. Issues of appropriating the material for today will be addressed. Prerequisite: OT 10000.
- OT 02229 THE BOOKS OF RUTH AND ESTHER 3 hrs.
The class will engage in a careful reading of Ruth and Esther, informed by literary studies and feminist readings of biblical texts. The relationships among the rhetoric of the text, the reader, and theological meaning will be explored. Prerequisite: OT 10000.
- OT 02126 THE PENTATEUCH 3 hrs.
A study of the emergence of the people of Israel as presented in the first five books of the Bible is the focus of this course. Formation of the Pentateuch, major traditions and themes of each book, and methodological issues in interpretation and appropriation will be covered.
Prerequisite: OT 10000.
- OT 02069 THE BOOK OF GENESIS 3 hrs.
This course is designed to teach exegetical method using historical critical and literary and ideological critical methods, while at the same time it is also designed to familiarize the students with the literature of the Book of Genesis.
- OT 01424 CONTEMPORARY AFROCENTRIC APPROACHES 3 hrs.
TO BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION
This is a cross-listed course (CM 01424/AA 01424)- please see AA 01424 for description.
- OT 00424 BIBLICAL HEBREW II 3 hrs.
Continued work with grammar, syntax, and vocabulary. Approximately half of the semester will be devoted to reading from the Hebrew Bible. Prerequisite: OT 00323.
- OT 00323 BIBLICAL HEBREW I 3 hrs.
An introduction to the grammar and syntax of biblical Hebrew. Limited exercises in reading from the Hebrew Bible.
- OT 00099 INDEPENDENT STUDIES IN OLD TESTAMENT 3 hrs.
Studies in specialized areas as selected by the student and approved by the professor.

OT 00080 M.A.R. THESIS IN OLD TESTAMENT 3 hrs.
 Students in the Master of Arts (Religion) degree program may choose to complete a master's thesis in the student's research area. The thesis will be 50 to 75 pages in length and will be supervised by a professor in that discipline. There will be an oral defense of the thesis when completed. Prerequisite: MA 07548, which may not be taken concurrently.

PASTORAL CARE

PC 20000 INTRODUCTION TO PASTORAL CARE 3 hrs.
 This course introduces students to pastoral care in the parish context. Development of relational skills and pastoral assessment from theological and psychological perspectives are emphasized. Selected areas of human life and suffering often encountered by pastors and congregations are studied. Students should have a ministry setting from which cases can be drawn.

PC 19900 INTRODUCTION TO CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH AND WHOLENESS 3 hrs.
 This is a cross-listed course (ET 19900/FH 19900)- please see ET 19900 for description.

PC 04396 TRAUMA AND RECOVERY 3 hrs.
 This course will examine multiple aspects of trauma, first hand accounts, immediate and long-term effects, and theological and cultural perspectives. Likewise, it will also explore the roles of religious leaders and community organizations in the recuperation process. Specific traumatic events that may be discussed include domestic violence, child abuse, rape, torture, hate crimes, racism, genocide and natural disasters. (See FH 04396)

PC 04355 PASTORAL CARE, THE CHURCH AND DIS/ABILITY 3 hrs.
 Dis/ability may occur at any time throughout the life span, from before birth to older adulthood. Dis/ability comes in many forms - physical (e.g., multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injury), psychiatric (e.g., depression, schizophrenia), and cognitive (e.g., developmental dis/abilities, Alzheimer's disease). Course participants will examine the experience of dis/ability in conversation with cultural assumptions, Christian traditions and pastoral practice. Participants will also explore avenues of pastoral care that may be offered to individuals (with or without dis/abilities) and communities around dis/ability issues.
 Prerequisite: PC 20000.

PC 04254 PASTORAL CARE AND ADDICTIONS 3 hrs.
 This course facilitates the development of a theology of pastoral care of persons with addictions (primarily substance abuse) for use in the parish ministry. The course will cover different types of psychoactive substances and the concept of addiction; show how family dysfunction, shame and substance abuse are often related; develop a coherent theology of recovery utilizing Christian theology and the twelve-step tradition; and address pastoral concerns regarding the practical application of these theological insights in the practice of parish ministry.

PC 04080 PASTORAL CARE AND PREACHING 3 hrs.
 This course explores the relationship between preaching and pastoral care, primarily through exploration of the sermon as a pastoral theological endeavor. How preaching is pastoral on a theological level, and how sermons address pastoral themes, are the guiding questions of the course. Prerequisites: PC 20000 and WP 10000.

PC 03971 LIFE CYCLE ISSUES AND PASTORAL CARE 3 hrs.
 The normal challenges and crises persons usually encounter over their lifetimes will be examined in this course, from psychological and theological perspectives. Students will reflect on ways in which pastoral caregivers can help persons respond meaningfully to those life cycle changes.

- PC 03870 PASTORAL CARE IN TIMES OF GRIEF AND LOSS 3 hrs.
This course will examine the various aspects of grief and loss from psychological and theological perspectives, including the process, dynamics, stages, and behaviors of grief and loss, the needs of the bereaved, and the process of pastoral care in times of grief and loss. Prerequisite: PC 20000.
- PC 03766 AFRICAN AMERICAN PASTORAL CARE 3 hrs.
This course will explore the history, theology, and practices of pastoral care that are unique to the African American church, with particular focus upon the way in which African American care within the church has blended the pastoral and prophetic dimensions of ministry in response to social context. Prerequisite: PC 20000.
- PC 03641 PASTORAL CARE WITH WOMEN 3 hrs.
This course will examine women-centered theories of care and the theologies that shape and are shaped by those theories. It will explore psychological, sociological, spiritual, and cultural perspectives of women's experience. It will focus on issues of concern to women and appropriate pastoral responses. Prerequisite: PC 20000.
- PC 03569 PASTORAL CARE FOR STEPFAMILIES 3 hrs.
This course helps with the development of pastoral care skills to assist parishioners in negotiating the stages of the stepfamily experience, responding creatively to its challenges and gaining a clearer understanding of the presence of the Divine in the lives and experiences of stepfamilies.
- PC 03568 PASTORAL CARE OF FAMILIES 3 hrs.
Case studies, role plays, and small group activity will be utilized in this course, which offers an explanation of theological and family systems perspectives in the pastoral care of families. Particular attention is given to issues surrounding marriage and divorce. Prerequisite: PC 20000.
- PC 03320 GROUP PROCESS AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS 3 hrs.
This course will help students develop basic skills in group process in order to provide more effective leadership in the church. Special focus will be on groups for spiritual care, nurture, and growth. An experience of working in and leading groups will be a key component of this course. Prerequisite: PC 20000.
- PC 03222 THE PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY OF THE CONGREGATION 3 hrs.
This course explores the congregation as the basis for the ongoing ministry of Christian pastoral care. Congregational responses to typical situation of human suffering and need, and the role of the pastor in, such situations, will guide the course. Students will examine various models of congregational pastoral care that can be used in the ministry of the church. Prerequisite: PC 20000.
- PC 03164 CONGREGATIONAL CONFLICT & PASTORAL CARE 3 hrs.
This course provides a theological and psychological exploration of the dynamics of congregational conflict and a survey of appropriate pastoral responses. Conflict management skills will be taught through lectures, case studies, simulations, and discussion. Care will be taken to respect the integrity and confidentiality of all persons.
- PC 03142 HOLISTIC AGING 3 hrs.
This course built around primary research and personal observations on aging and treatment of the old in Western, non Western and Christian traditions, and the more recent influence of science that classified aging as a disease, will help create understanding of current evolving knowledge in medicine, psychology and theology, that leads to a deeper understanding and appreciation of aging and growing old. Students will then consider how to practically apply a holistic view of aging with their own ministries and life.

- PC 02810 HEALING BEYOND LIMITATIONS: THE CHURCH 3 hrs.
AS AN INTENTIONAL HEALING COMMUNITY
- This course focuses on the vital role the faith community plays in the wellbeing of our bodies and spirits through an understanding of a theology of healing and its implications for the wholeness of persons beyond a cure. Attention will be given to the historical perspective of the Church as a healing community, the role of the faith community both as healer and as recipient of healing, and the place of prayer, presence, blessing, ritual and story in the healing process.
- PC 02761 PASTORAL CARE IN INSTITUTIONAL SETTINGS 3 hrs.
- Students in this course will be introduced to pastoral care in institutions such as churches, hospice, prisons, acute care hospitals, and psychiatric wards. Emphasis will be placed on understanding the function of pastoral care and the unique position of each institution in its administrative, personnel, and residential dimensions. The goal is to carry out effective ministry in each setting.
Prerequisite: PC 20000.
- PC 02659 PASTORAL CARE AND HUMAN SEXUALITY 3 hrs.
- This course examines the place of human sexuality in self-understanding and the biblical/theological/ethical/psychological influences affecting sexual attitudes, development, and function as these matters relate to pastoral care in the local church. Prerequisite: PC 20000.
- PC 02550 PASTORAL CARE IN THE AGING COMMUNITY 3 hrs.
- The responsibility of the church as it addresses aging in contemporary society is the focus of this course. Main concerns will include the unique gifts and challenges in the aging community; pastoral care skills in meeting these challenges; healing elements for continued ministry among the 3rd, 4th, and 5th generations; community resourcing; and ways to help extended families address aging concerns more constructively. Prerequisite: PC 20000.
- PC 02457 PASTORAL CARE IN TIMES OF CRISIS 3 hrs.
- This course explores pastoral care in times of crisis such as despair, suicide, bereavement, divorce, AIDS, physical/sexual abuse, substance abuse, etc. Prerequisite: PC 20000.
- PC 02375 “I’M ALL EARS!”: LISTENING (AND OTHER) 3 hrs.
SKILLS IN PASTORAL COUNSELING
- Religious leaders are called upon to provide short-term counseling for persons with specific concerns. Essential skills for brief counseling include learning to listen, assessing needs, offering appropriate responses, and recognizing limits of time and knowledge. This course will focus on skill building, personality theories, spiritual development, and strategies for short-term counseling. Methods may include didactics, discussion, case studies, theological reflection, verbatim, and role plays.
- PC 02357 MINISTRY WITH ANXIOUS AND DEPRESSED PERSONS 3 hrs.
- This course will begin to educate theological students regarding the nature, symptoms and treatment of anxiety and depressive disorders. Students will explore how personal anxiety and depression can contribute to congregational conflict and develop tools for managing the resulting conflict. This course will provide resources to help the theological student become increasingly aware of his/her own anxiety, how his/her ministry is impacted and how to control and/or alleviate it appropriately.
- PC 02108 PASTORAL CARE AND PERSONALITY THEORY 3 hrs.
- This introduction to theories of humanity and person-hood seeks to interrelate psychological, theological, and ethical understandings. Basic methods and skills of pastoral care of persons will be explored. Prerequisite: PC 20000.
- PC 01756 PASTORAL CARE & PASTORAL RITES 3 hrs.
- This course is designed to help students integrate classroom knowledge, pastoral care, and the practice of the Sacraments. The course requires students to develop a theology of pastoral care and

worship, and then work together to plan for the practice of baptism, communion, marriage, burial, reconciliation, and ministry to the sick in the day-to-day life of a Christian community.

PC 01755 RITUAL AND PASTORAL CARE 3 hrs.
This course is a study of the pastoral dimensions of ritual in the lives of individuals and Christian congregations, including Christian worship, weddings, funerals, and other sacred events. The construction and practice of pastoral liturgies will be included as part of the course. Prerequisites: PC 20000 and WP 20000. (See WP 01755).

PC 01665 PASTORAL CARE THEMES IN CONTEMPORARY
LITERATURE AND FILM 3 hrs.
This course focuses on contemporary short stories, novels, and films as they portray situations involving pastoral care. Depiction of the pastor, the role of the congregation in pastoral care, cultural context, and the thematization of human need will all be considered in the course as fruitful avenues of inquiry into the ministry of Christian pastoral care. Prerequisite: PC 20000.

PC 01554 MAJOR FIGURES IN 20TH CENTURY PASTORAL CARE 3 hrs.
Significant writers and practitioners in 20th century pastoral care are the focus of this course. It includes the life and thought of Anton Boisen, Carrol Wise, Wayne Oates, Seward Hiltner, Don Browning, Charles Gerkin, and others.

PC 01353 ADVANCED CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION 6 hrs.
This period of full-time training is between six and twenty-four months with at least six months in one institution. Judgment of the length of time needed is arrived at from a review of competence, knowledge, and experience. Students seeking full-time chaplaincy should consider this program. Often it is taken following graduation, and stipends are usually available from the institution offering the program. Prerequisite: PC 01350.

PC 01350 CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION 6 hrs.
Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is an intensive course of chaplaincy training provided by a certified clinical pastoral educator through a licensed center of Clinical Pastoral Education. Most CPE centers are located in hospitals, although other sites are sometimes CPE approved (parish settings, retirement homes, etc.). Two Memphis institutions currently offer CPE (Veterans Administration Hospital and Methodist Hospital). CPE provides helpful pastoral care training for parish ministry, chaplaincy ministry, and for advanced programs in pastoral theology and pastoral counseling beyond the M.Div. Students wishing to enroll in CPE should speak with the professor of pastoral care for further information. One full unit of CPE consists of 400 hours of work and supervision in the clinical setting. PC 01350 may be taken as an alternative to the PC 01151 requirement. Prerequisite: PC 20000.

PC 01251 CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION INTRODUCTION 3 hrs.
See PC 01350 for course description. This course, constituting 1/2 unit of CPE credit is only offered by certain CPE centers and consists of 200 hours of work and supervision in the clinical setting. PC 01251 may be taken as an alternative to the PC 01151 requirement. Prerequisite: PC 20000.

PC 01151 CLINICAL PRACTICUM 3 hrs.
This practicum involves doing pastoral care under supervision in an institutional setting. Students are required to perform 6 hours of clinical work and group reflection per week. Possible settings include a medical center, an acute care hospital, a children's hospital, a parish-based counseling center, a home for senior adults, and a program for the homeless. This practicum is not a substitute for CPE, but it can provide a helpful orientation to CPE. A unit of CPE can be taken as an alternative requirement. Prerequisite: PC 20000.

PC 00099 INDEPENDENT STUDIES IN PASTORAL CARE 3 hrs.
Studies in specialized areas as selected by the student and approved by the professor.

PC 00080 M.A.R. THESIS IN PASTORAL CARE 3 hrs.
Students in the Master of Arts (Religion) degree program may choose to complete a master's thesis in the student's research area. The thesis will be 50 to 75 pages in length and will be supervised by a professor in that discipline. There will be an oral defense of the thesis when completed.

PARISH MINISTRY

PM 10000 CHRISTIAN MINISTRY 3 hrs.
This course is an introduction to the seminary experience and a review of pastoral ministry in relation to the ministry of all Christians.

PM 06785 CHRISTIANITY IN IRELAND: ANCIENT TO POST-MODERN 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see CM 06785 for description.

PM 04350 DEVELOPING A CELTIC SPIRITUALITY 3 hrs.
This study of spirituality of the Celtic Christians explores means by which this spirituality may be integrated into Christian life today. (See CM 04350).

PM 04237 SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY AND PARISH MINISTRY 3 hrs.
This course examines the relationship of theology to the ministry of spiritual direction, the spiritual journey, discernment, vocation, virtues, spiritual gifts, the formation of a rule of life, personal and family prayer, the sacraments and rites of the church, and the Christian year.

PM 04105 ENGAGING THE CITY: URBAN THEOLOGY 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see CM 04105 for description.

PM 03420 USING MEDIA IN MINISTRY 3 hrs.
This course will focus on media and ministry, with a particular emphasis on television, radio, newspapers, and magazines. Students will explore the use of varied technologies and public relations strategies for church communities including audio visuals, DVDs, CDs, newsletters, and dramatic skits. Students can expect a workshop type environment which will include lectures, guest speakers, group projects, panel discussions and field trips.

PM 03313 THE DOCTRINE AND POLITY OF THE
CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH 3 hrs.
This course will introduce students to the foundations of the Methodist doctrine and orient them to the polity of the Christian Methodist Church. Students will relate doctrine and polity to the practices of the Church's ministry at its varied levels. This course will encompass a historical overview of the birth of Methodism; the subsequent birth of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and the development of doctrine and polity of the CME Church.

PM 03213 AMERICAN METHODISM 2 hrs. This
course is a study of the organization, constitution, government, and administration of the United Methodist Church at all levels of the connection.

PM 03111 CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN POLITY AND PROGRAM 3 hrs.
The constitution, digest, and other resources on the government, organization, and program of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church is the focus of this course.

- PM 02879 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOR MINISTRY: 3 hrs.
 SPIRITUAL PRACTICES AND THEORIES
 In this course, we will reflect critically upon the theory and practice of leadership, with an emphasis on leadership that begins from within.
- PM 02869 CHURCH MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT 3 hrs.
 This course is a study of integrated church management and church leadership development in the 21st century in American Protestant Churches with emphasis on the mid-south region.
- PM 02682 REVITALIZING THE LOCAL CHURCH 3 hrs.
 This is a cross-listed course - please see CM 02682 for description.
- PM 02596 MONEY, MARKETS AND MINISTRY 3 hrs.
 The purpose of this course will be to introduce basic economic theory, how economic reality impacts the work of ministry in parish and non-parish settings, and how pastors can effectively work within the economic system to fund ministry, engage persons in exercising Christian responsibility to care for the poor, and exercise fiduciary responsibility in leadership.
- PM 02506 SERVANT LEADERSHIP 3 hrs.
 Christian servant leadership is a calling that involves both an inward and outward journey of faith, a journey that inevitably leads to what Henri Nouwen referred to as “voluntary displacement.” This is a class in spiritual formation in which we will seek not only to learn about, but also to lean into, the call of Christian servant leadership.
- PM 02425 THE CHURCH AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION 3 hrs.
 This course begins with a survey of biblical and theological understandings and organization and what it means to be “church” and moves toward the application of essential components of mission and vision, administration, management, finance, working with volunteers, and other aspects important for non-profit organizations. The course culminates in the presentation of a group project designed to provide experience and reflection on the practical aspects of organizational management in the local church.
- PM 02405 CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP 3 hrs.
 This course explores the theology and practice of stewardship of all of life-including financial stewardship in the local church.
- PM 02244 EVANGELISM THROUGH NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT 3 hrs.
 Foundations and strategies for church planting will be explored, along with call and characteristics of new church planters. Area ministers of several denominations involved in new churches will visit the class and discuss their experiences. (See CM 02244).
- PM 02109 MINISTRY AMONG AT RISK CHILDREN 3 hrs.
 An introduction to theoretical and practical ministry among children at risk in the United States. Students will become familiar with issues surrounding children through 17 years of age in regard to their and their family’s interaction with juvenile court systems, mental health services, school disciplinary programs, alternative education, and models of clinical-pastoral ministry in cooperation with family and religious community. The biblical basis of ministry among children and the promise of the Restorative Justice movement will also be examined.
- PM 02104 THE PASTOR’S ROLE 3 hrs.
 This course provides special studies in parish ministry as it relates to the day-to-day activities of an active parish. Consideration is given to many practical responses to the needs of the local church as well as the local pastor, such as building programs, time management, etc.

PM 01514	COVENANT DISCIPLESHIP IN THE LOCAL CHURCH	3 hrs.
	This is a cross-listed course - please see ch 01514 for description.	
PM 01201	COVENANT GROUP LEADERS' PRACTICUM	0 hrs.
	This study of the nature and purpose of seminary covenant groups includes methods of group leadership and coordination. Participants are selected by the faculty.	
PM 01100	SUPERVISED PARISH PRACTICUM	3 hrs.
	This field-based practicum focuses on the pastor's role in relating to the congregation's faith, tradition, and embodiment of Christian community. Field supervisor and field setting must be pre-approved. Prerequisite: PM 10000.	
PM 00099	INDEPENDENT STUDIES IN PARISH MINISTRY	3 hrs.
	Studies in specialized areas as selected by the student and approved by the professor.	
PM 00080	M.A.R. THESIS IN PARISH MINISTRY	3 hrs.
	Students in the Master of Arts (Religion) degree program may choose to complete a master's thesis in the student's research area. The thesis will be 50 to 75 pages in length and will be supervised by a professor in that discipline. There will be an oral defense of the thesis when completed. Prerequisite: MA 07548, which may not be taken concurrently.	
PM 00041	READINGS IN WOMANIST SPIRITUALITY	3 hrs.
	This is a cross-listed course - please see CM 00041 for description.	

RHETORIC and RELIGION

SR 09530	NEW TESTAMENT AND THE EMERGENCE OF GREEK RHETORIC	3 hrs.
	This is a cross-listed course - please see NT 09530 for a description.	
SR 04439	THE RISE OF INDEPENDENT AFRICAN AMERICAN CHURCHES AND DENOMINATIONS	3 hrs.
	This course is a sequel to CH 04338. Its focus is upon the Christianizing of Black religion and the development of its church institutions both within, and independent of, white churches. (See AA 04439, CH 04439 or CM 04439)	
SR 04430	INTRODUCTION TO RHETORIC AND RELIGION Sacred Rhetoric: Theory and Practice	3 hrs.
	Students in this survey class will examine sacred rhetoric from classical times to the present. By engaging in a careful reading of books, essays, and other texts, students will examine (1) how early theologians and sacred rhetoricians used the secular art of rhetoric in their formations of theology; (2) how an understanding of sacred rhetoric broadens the scope of language; and finally (3) how the use of the sacred formulate arguments and ideology.	
SR 04396	RHETORIC OF RACE	3 hrs.
	In this course, by examination of theological and other religious texts, we will explore how language can be used to construct race. Attention to the fhctorical nuisances that make up the body of “race work” along with an analysis of the meanings associated with racial categories, constructions and assumptions. (See CM 04396 or TH 04396)	

- SR 04322 THE FORGOTTEN PROPHET:
PROPHETIC RHETORIC OF BISHOP HENRY McNEAL TURNER 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see AA 04322 for description.
- SR 04321 THE AFRICAN AMERICAN PROPHETIC TRADITION 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see AA 04321 for description.
- SR 04296 THE RHETORIC OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. 3 hrs.
A careful reading of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s sermons, speeches and writings in context provide the basis of this seminar, which is taught collaboratively with the University of Memphis Department of Communication. (See CM 04296, AA 04296 or TH 04296)
- SR 04252 RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN 3 hrs.
This course examines the legacy of racial and gender liberation and activism found in the preaching, call narratives, literature, and public addresses of African women who claimed their voices on North American soil. These voices that bring to bare sacred rhetoric--apologetics, testimony, and resistance as it relates to sacred literature and the life of the church and African American community-building--are significant to that heritage. These women stand in the tradition of radical prophets, and sometimes cultural accomodationists. (See Th 04252 or WP 04252)
- SR 03220 GRACE AND DISCIPLINE: THE ART OF WRITING POETRY 3 hrs.
The purpose of this course is to provide participants with the opportunity to write poetry in conversation with the larger community of poets, both living and dead. Students will read poems, try their hand at writing poems that will enable them to learn more about themselves, and they will study the creative process in general, the art of revision and what poetry may or may not have to do with God and the revelation of God. No previous art experience necessary. (See TA 03220)
- SR 03110 HIP HOP THEOLOGY AND URBAN GOD TALK 3 hrs.
This course focuses on the religious, discursive, cultural and aesthetic aspects of hip hop and urban God-talk. Students will engage the hip hop genre, not just as a mode of entertainment, but also as a medium of communication, which impacts, represents and misrepresents urban theologies. (See AA 03110 or ET 03110)
- SR 01131 BIBLIOGRAPHY OF RECENT MEN'S MOVEMENTS LITERATURE 3 hrs.
This course examines bibliographic resources from each of the following men's movements: the mythopoetic movement, black men's movements, Promise Keepers, and the profeminist men's movement, with a view toward developing proficiency in using sources in a way that is faithful to the author's apparent intent and fruitful for theological dialogue.
- SR 01875 PERFORMANCE AND PULPIT RHETORIC 3 hrs.
This course will explore the oral presentation of texts to congregations. Language will be explored as it relates to meaningful transmissions of the message. The class will focus on articulation, interpretation, embodiment and intent. Accordingly, the class will utilize theatre and acting techniques designed to strengthen vocal/speech clarity, body awareness, as well as body language awareness. (See TA 01875 or WP 01875)

THEOLOGY AND ARTS

- TA 05702 THE MARRIAGE OF MICAH AND THE MUSE: 3 hrs.
COUPLING OF PROPHETIC VISION AND ARTISTIC IMAGINATION
This course explores the biblical prophetic paradigm in conversation with the western aesthetic tradition. Students will consider the prophetic role in ministry through artistic imagination. The hermeneutical approach will be interdisciplinary and will explore the role of the minister as "social

critic.”

TA 05547 “GONNA CHANGE MY WAY OF THINKING”:
BOB DYLAN ON THE BIBLE, SIN AND VIRTUE 3 hrs.

This course proposes to look at how Bob Dylan used biblical references in his lyrics as an artist, his vision of sin, and his understanding of virtue. Special consideration will be given to his “Christian albums” for their soteriological content. A multimedia approach will be taken, using musical recordings, documentaries, and taped interviews. Class participants will also be encouraged to prepare musical performances of Dylan’s works.

TA 04219 INTRODUCTION TO EARLY CHRISTIAN ART 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see CH 04219 for description.

TA 03564 READINGS IN BLACK THEATER AND THEOLOGY:
THE AMEN CORNER 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see AA 03564 for description.

TA 03438 MOTHERHOOD, WAR AND JUSTICE: 3 hrs.
EARLY ETHICAL DRAMAS BY BLACKPLAY WRIGHTS
In the early 20th century, just before, during, and just after World War One, a number of black women writers posed in their dramatic works ethical questions about motherhood and war within the larger context of justice, or more specifically, social justice. Accordingly, this workshop course is designed to examine the ethical and theological implications of four plays written by three historical black women authors. (See AA 03438 or ET 03438)

TA 03318 ART ACTIVISM 3 hrs.
This course exposes students to specific, bi-partisan, world issues of health, wholeness, justice, and equality. Students will become acquainted with and create their own personal and ensemble performing art, including song writing, movement, poetry, drama and speech.

TA 03260 FALL OF THE IDOL: ART AND VISUAL CULTURE 3 hrs.
DURING THE REFORMATION
The aim of this class is to study the multifaceted and changing nature of art and visual culture in northern Europe just prior to and during the Reformation period. By examining primary and secondary texts of artists, theologians, and publishers in conjunction with various visual productions, students will witness the divergent ways in which art was praised and damned, employed and destroyed.

TA 03251 INTERPLAY: A COMMUNITY-ART APPROACH TO 3 hrs.
WORSHIP, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL ACTION
InterPlay is deep fun and surprisingly revolutionary. It creates democracy and freedom between bodies of people. It is an inspiringly simple systematic tool-set that leads people to tell their own stories, move as they are moved, sing and be still. InterPlay is a philosophy and spiritual practice used by individuals and groups in many contexts: chaplaincy, worship, therapy, social action, business and education. The five-day class includes a balance of presentation, experiential practices, conversation and reflection. (See EM 03251 or WP 03251)

TA 03220 GRACE AND DISCIPLINE: THE ART OF WRITING POETRY 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see SR 03220 for description.

TA 03189 CREATIVE ACTIVITY FOR BIBLE STUDY 3 hrs.
This course explores and analyzes the character/make-up of chosen biblical figures. The course is designed to take the “tried and true” Bible study curriculum to the next level. Utilizing techniques that actors are taught, the student will learn the fundamentals of character analysis. The goal is to

provide additional interactive ways to explore the biblical texts while deepening the students' understanding and creating a personal connection with the figures studied. (See EM 03189)

TA 03066 THEOLOGY AND WILLIE NELSON 3 hrs.

Students in this course will explore the relationship between theology and the arts. Focus will be given to the music and lyrics of Willie Nelson. Students will reflect on the manner in which his songs inform and stimulate theological thinking, particularly in the Christian tradition. Various themes to be explored are: "the nature of our existence"; "the meaning of gifts"; "beginnings and endings"; "the possibilities for relationships"; "the significance of our personhood"; "the reality of death." (See TH 03066)

TA 02992 ART AS COMMUNICATION IN EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY 3 hrs.

This is a cross-listed course - please see EM 02992 for description.

TA 02420 THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY CHURCH MUSICIAN 3 hrs.

This foundational course is to develop an understanding of the theology of church music and its implications for the twenty-first century church musician. Attention will be given to the historical development of church music, the role of the church musician in the planning and implementation of diversity in worship and the relationship between the church musician and the minister; how this relationship can enhance or hinder the twenty-first century worship experiences. (See WP 02420).

TA 02151 AFRICAN SPIRITUAL WISDOM THROUGH 3 hrs.

STORYTELLING, DANCE, DRUMS AND MUSIC

This is a cross-listed course - please see AA 02151 for description.

TA 02100 BODY PRAYER 3 hrs.

This course melds the creative artists' imagination with the need to cultivate a rich inner life in the midst of a chaotic world. The class will be active and interactive, giving students information by which to locate embodied prayer on a theological spectrum; however, the bulk of the course will be informed interactive experience.

TA 01875 PERFORMANCE AND PULPIT RHETORIC 3 hrs.

This is a cross-listed course (WP 01875/SR 01875)- please see SR 01875 for description.

TA 01514 SURVEY OF ISLAMIC ART 3 hrs.

This is a cross-listed course - please see CM 01514 for description.

THEOLOGY

TH 10000 CHRISTIAN BELIEFS 3 hrs.

This course provides an introduction to the historical development and ongoing significance of the major beliefs of the Christian church, including the Trinity, Creation, Incarnation, and Redemption.

TH 09900 INTRODUCTION TO SPIRITUAL FORMATION 3 hrs.

Students will have the opportunity to explore and deepen their practice of the spiritual life through a combination of reading, dialogue and experiential exercises. The course begins with the biblical basis for "spiritual formation" and then considers how personality effects choice of spiritual disciplines. Classical spiritual disciplines, both personal and communal, will be discussed as well

as the need for spiritual guidance within the Christian community.

TH 06386 HISTORY OF CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGY 3 hrs.
This course will examine the development of the “Medium Theology” of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church during the first half of the nineteenth century and its changing shape during the latter half of the twentieth century. The defense of this theology during the first half of the twentieth century will be explored as well as the evidences of theological ferment and renewal in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church during the last half of the twentieth century.

TH 06245 FAITH AND DOUBT 3 hrs.
This course explores different themes related to the dynamics of faith and doubt as addressed by theology, philosophy, and culture. In particular, the course will examine such issues as the nature of faith and unbelief, religious experiences, skepticism, theodicy, the existence of God, postmodernism and conflicting truth claims. In addition, it will explore the role power structures, society, and culture play in our determinations.
Prerequisite: TH 10000 or CM 20000. (See CM 06245).

TH 06009 AFRICAN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (AA 06009/CM 06009)- please see AA 06009 for description.

TH 05919 HISPANIC THEOLOGY 3 hrs.
This exploration of Latino/a theology includes mujerista and feminista theologies in the U.S. The course will examine the cultural contexts and theology, as well as their implications for the church’s ministry. Attention will be given to specific issues, concerns, and beliefs in the Hispanic community and to some of the major developments in this distinctive style of theology.
Prerequisite: TH 10000.

TH 05829 FEMINIST THEOLOGY 3 hrs.
This course explores diverse expressions of contemporary feminist theology. It invites students into an appreciative and critical dialogue with a broad spectrum of contemporary feminist theologians as they reflect on the classical themes of Christian theology. Attention will be given to the tasks and methods of feminist theology as well as to feminist theological proposals concerning God, Christ, creation, human nature, sin and grace, and the church. Emphasis will be placed on the diversity of feminist theological reflection as it has emerged in European-American feminism, womanism, mujerista theology, and Asian feminist theology. Prerequisite: TH 10000.

TH 05447 CRITICAL RACE THEORY 3 hrs.
This introduction to and critical analysis of contemporary theoretical understandings of race equips students to evaluate various theological responses to the persistent problem of racism. It seeks to: introduce course members to the structures and dynamics of “racism” as a challenge to critical reflection in theology and ethics; reflect on the problem of racism within a conceptual framework that acknowledges the social construction of race; locate appropriate responses to racism within the sphere of social and political transformation; and evaluate several Christian theological responses.
Prerequisite: TH 10000 or ET 20000. (See ET 05447).

TH 05377 PENTECOSTALISM 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see CH 05377 for description.

TH 05328 GIRLFRIEND AND GUYFRIENDLY THEOLOGY:
INTEGRATING LIFE STORY WITH GOD’S STORY 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see EM 05328 for description.

TH 05283 THEOLOGY IN A POSTMODERN WORLD 3 hrs.
This course will examine the emerging intellectual and cultural ethos of Postmodernism. Readings

will include a range of theological responses to the postmodern context, especially as it is evident in North America today. Students will be encouraged to engage postmodern thought as an important apologetic task for ministry and preaching in the twenty-first century. Prerequisite: TH 10000.

TH 05252	THEOLOGY SINCE THE REFORMATION	3 hrs.
<p>This course explores the historical developments in Christian theology that have occurred since the sixteenth-century Reformation. Through a combination of lecture, guided discussions, and the careful analysis of classic theological texts, we will explore the theological developments of the past four hundred years.</p>		

TH 05182	THEOLOGY IN AMERICA	3 hrs.
<p>This course will present a historical introduction to theology in the United States through primary readings in the work of American theologians from the seventeenth century to the twentieth century. Attention will be given to the social and historical contexts of European settlement, the revolution and national independence, slavery and the Civil War, the women's rights movement, the social gospel movement, the Fundamentalist/Modernist controversy, and other significant events and movements that have shaped theology in America.</p>		

TH 05081	MAJOR THEMES IN THE REFORMED TRADITION	3 hrs.
<p>This introduction to important aspects of Reformed Theology through the study of major themes in the Reformed tradition approaches topics historically and theologically, by surveying a variety of Reformed understandings. Discussion will relate to how these elements are understood in contemporary settings.</p>		

TH 04931	THE THEOLOGICAL LEGACY OF H. RICHARD NIEBUHR This is a cross-listed course - please see ET 04931 for description.	3 hrs.
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TH 04930	AFFECTIONS, EMOTIONS, AND THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: A CONVERSATION WITH JONATHAN EDWARDS	3 hrs.
<p>This course explores the nature and place of religious affections and emotions in the Christian life. Through an exploration of the eighteenth-century writings of Jonathan Edwards and the voices of contemporary theologians, students will explore questions related to the nature of a religious affection; how religious affections relate to and reason in Christian experience, the moral life, worship, ethics, and our thinking about human personhood.</p>		

TH 04840	CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICES IN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CHURCH	3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (AA 04840/CH 04840)- please see AA 04840 for description.		

TH 04710	THE DOCTRINE OF CREATION	3 hrs.
<p>This course explores Christian understandings of creation. Topics considered include biblical perspectives on creation, creation out of nothing, specific perspectives on creation, the goodness of creation, the nature of providence and the mystery of evil, humanity as the image of God, theology in light of the ecological movement, and the moral status of animals. (See ET 04710)</p>		

TH 04650	CHURCH AND SACRAMENT	3 hrs.
<p>This contemporary overview of ecumenical and theological developments in the history of the Christian Church, examines the Eucharist and Baptism in light of the challenges of present day congregational life. Students will be encouraged to develop critical skills for evaluating new and historic models for the church, and become familiar with the variety of cultural settings in which churches exist. The course will include examination of contemporary rituals and sacramental practice, and the role of the pastor as minister of the sacraments. Prerequisite: CH 10000.</p>		

- TH 04469 WOMEN'S' HEALTH 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see FH 04469 for description.
- TH 04178 MARY, MYSTICS AND MARTYRS: MODELS AND MENTORS OF THE FAITH 3 hrs.
This seminar focuses on the "Faith of our fathers (and mothers) living still." Students will explore Christian models of spirituality and will supplement their reformed theologies with a focus on the role of Mary, mother of Jesus, and her living legacy; the classical and continuing contributions of mystics and martyrs. There will be a focus on Howard Thurman, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Thomas Merton, and Mother Teresa of Calcutta. (See CH 04178).
- TH 04396 RHETORIC OF RACE 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (CM 04396/SR 04396)- please see SR 04396 for description.
- TH 04296 THE RHETORIC OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (AA 04296/CM 04296/SR 04296)- please see SR 04296 for description.
- TH 04252 THE SACRED RHETORIC OF AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (SR 04252/WP 04252)- please see SR 04252 for description.
- TH 04179 EYES ON THE PRIZE: AFRICAN AMERICAN RELIGIOUS THOUGHT 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see AA 04179 for description.
- TH 04094 AFRICAN NARRATIVE THEOLOGY OF INCULTURATION 3 hrs.
Students in this course will examine oral literature, conceptions of Jesus, African metaphors for the church as the extended family of God, and indigenous reflections on Christian ritual and Scripture. Prerequisite: TH 10000. (See AA 04094 or CM 04094).
- TH 03682 AFRICANA FAITH 3 hrs.
An exploration of themes and concepts in the faith-life of slaves of African heritage in North America through the examination of narrative, interviews, folk tales, sermons, songs, and the like. Prerequisite: TH 10000. (See AA 03682).
- TH 03628 THE HISTORY OF WOMEN'S LIBERATION THEOLOGY 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed cross - please see CH 03628 for description.
- TH 03470 DOCTRINE OF SCRIPTURE 3 hrs.
This course examines historical and theological issues relating to the church's doctrine of Scripture. Among issues considered will be the canon, authority, inspiration, and interpretation of Scripture. Both historic and contemporary understandings of the nature of Scripture will be explored. Prerequisite: TH 10000.
- TH 03369 AFRICAN AMERICAN THEOLOGY 3 hrs.
An examination of genres of contemporary African American Christian thought since the Black Power movement. Prerequisite: TH 10000. (See AA 03369).
- TH 03120 HOWARD THURMAN: MYSTIC, PASTOR AND PROPHET 3 hrs.
A visionary religious leader and thinker, Howard Thurman has been called a 21st Century prophet who lived in the 20th Century. His writings and sermons demonstrate the seamless interweaving of mystic spirituality and social transformation, the inseparability of the "inward" and "outward" journey. Thurman mentored Martin Luther King, Jr. and other leaders of the Civil Rights Movement, and co-founded the nation's first interracial, interfaith, intercultural congregation. Through readings,

discussion, creative activities, and rare video and audio recording of Dr. Thurman, we will dive deep into his life and teachings and explore their application to our own. (See AA 03120).

TH 03067 THE THEOLOGY OF DIETRICH BONHOEFFER 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see CH 03067 for description.

TH 03066 THEOLOGY AND WILLIE NELSON 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see TA 03066 for description.

TH 03065 THE THEOLOGY OF JOHN CALVIN 3 hrs.
This course examines the theology of John Calvin (1509-1564) as expressed in his "Institutes of the Christian Religion" (1559) which will be the primary text for this course. Attention will be given to Calvin's life and theology, and their promise for the contemporary church.
Prerequisite: TH 10000.

TH 03032 THE HYMNS AND POEMS OF CHARLES WESLEY 3 hrs
This is a study of the hymns and poetry of Charles Wesley, through which the relationship between theologia prima and theologia secunda will be explored. John Wesley called the Methodist hymnal "a little body of practical divinity," meaning that Methodists learned much of their theology through hymns. The focus will be on the hymns surrounding the Christian year, and the hymns pertaining to theological themes. Some of Charles Wesley's poems will also be considered. (See WP 03032)

TH 02950 HISTORY, THEOLOGY, & PRACTICE OF THE SACRAMENTS 3 hrs.
A study of the development of the sacramental theology from the early church to the present, the examination of contemporary rituals and liturgies, and the exploration of the role of pastor as a minister of sacraments. Prerequisites: TH 10000 and WP 20000. (See WP 02950).

TH 02885 WESLEYAN SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see CH 02885 for description.

TH 02760 AUGUSTINE 3 hrs.
A study of the life and thoughts of St. Augustine, including a reading of selections from the "Confessions" and the "City of God". Prerequisite: TH 10000 or CH 10000.

TH 02659 CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGY 3 hrs.
A survey of the contributions of major twentieth-century theologians. Prerequisite: TH 10000.

TH 02557 CHRISTIAN CREEDS 3 hrs.
A study of major Christian confessions of faith in their historical settings. Attention will be given to confessional documents from the traditions represented within the class.

TH 02456 ECCLESIOLOGY 3 hrs.
This course will examine the doctrine of the church. Particular attention will be given to the modern ecumenical movement, continuing church-state controversies, and the relationship between the church and its cultural setting. Students will be encouraged to develop critical skills for evaluating new models for the church in the twenty-first century.

TH 02326 IS THE REFORMATION OVER? 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see CH 02326 for description.

TH 02251 CHRISTOLOGY 3 hrs.
This course explains traditional and contemporary understandings of the person and work of Christ. Prerequisite: TH 10000.

TH 02149 DOCTRINE OF GOD 3 hrs.
An exploration of the Christian understanding of God in traditional and contemporary theology,

emphasizing the Trinity, God's presence in the creation, and the problem of evil. Prerequisite: TH 10000.

TH 01111	READING, WRITING AND RESEARCH IN THE THEOLOGICAL CURRICULUM	2 hrs
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This course provides instruction on the use of theological resources for research purposes.

TH 00099	INDEPENDENT STUDIES IN THEOLOGY	3 hrs.
Studies in specialized areas as selected by the student and approved by the professor.		

TH 00080	M.A.R. THESIS IN THEOLOGY	3 hrs.
<p>Students in the Master of Arts (Religion) degree program may choose to complete a master's thesis in the student's research area. The thesis will be 50 to 75 pages in length, and will be supervised by a professor in that discipline. There will be an oral defense of the thesis when completed.</p> <p>Prerequisite: MA 07548, which may not be taken concurrently.</p>		

WORSHIP AND PREACHING

Courses with a preaching element carry a superscript symbol (†).

WP 20000	THEOLOGY OF WORSHIP AND PREACHING	3 hrs.
<p>A survey of the biblical, historical, and theological traditions that define and support preaching and worship in the Christian church. The section on worship will give attention to the traditions that shape sacramental liturgies.</p>		

WP 04252 THE SACRED RHETORIC OF AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (TH 04252/SR 04252)- please see SR 04252 for description.

WP 03945	UNITED METHODIST BOOK OF WORSHIP	3 hrs.
<p>The United Methodist Book of Worship is surveyed in this course, with emphasis on the theological and liturgical implications of leading and forming worship in a variety of congregational contexts. Specific focus will be put on the Christian year, the sacraments, and the theological signals communicated when presiding.</p>		

WP 03888	CONTEMPORARY TRENDS IN CHRISTIAN WORSHIP	3 hrs.
<p>This course explores new trends in Christian worship that have emerged in American religious culture over the past 20 years. Through the method of mutual critical correlation, the traditions of Christian worship will be brought into dialogue with postmodern culture, leading to theological reflection on these trends. Models of new worship practices will be introduced and explored. Participants will be given opportunities to engage in various worship styles and design services for particular settings. Prerequisite: WP 20000</p>		

WP 03786† PREACHING OLD TESTAMENT READINGS OF THE LECTIONARY 3 hrs.

This course examines the role and resource that the Hebrew bible texts provide for the preacher and the congregation, especially as it relates to the interpretative event. Students will learn ways to enter the text on its own merits, and to engage the text in their contemporary context. The main source of Psalms and other Hebrew biblical texts will be the Common Lectionary in the appropriate year. This course is a complement to WP 02114 which teaches the Gospel readings. (See OT 03786).

WP 03605†	PREACHING AS CELEBRATION: AFRICAN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE	3 hrs.
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This course explores the distinct perspective and genius the African American church has brought to the preaching task, and the role of celebration in the African American pulpit. (See AA 03605).

WP 03253† PREACHING FROM THE PROPHETS 3 hrs.

This course will help students explore the Book of the Twelve (Minor Prophets) as a source of Christian preaching and to examine the role and nature of the modern prophetic voice in contemporary preaching. Students will choose a source text and make hermeneutic decisions for the task of preaching. Prerequisite: WP 20000 or OT 10000. (See OT 03253).

WP 03251	INTERPLAY: A COMMUNITY-ART APPROACH TO WORSHIP, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL ACTION	3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (EM 03251/TA 03251)- please see TA 03251 for description.		

WP 03181	THEOLOGY AND ARTS INSTITUTE: "THE RETURN BEAT"	3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see TA 03181 for description.		

WP 03165	REFORMED WORSHIP	3 hrs.
<p>In this course students explore the history and theology of worship in the Reformed Tradition in relationship to the larger Christian worship traditions. Attention is given to the particular emphasis of Reformed Worship during its history, and the meaning of these expressions for Reformed churches today.</p>		

WP 03151	MULTICULTURAL WORSHIP	3 hrs.
<p>This course explores in depth the theological and practical implications of worshipping in a culturally conscious way. Students will explore their own biases and prejudices, “exegete” their contexts by trying to see how diverse even the most homogeneously-looking congregation is, then plan and present worship services that are culturally conscious and faithful to the students’ traditions.</p>		

WP 03032	THE HYMNS AND POEMS OF CHARLES WESLEY	3 hr.s
<p>This is a study of the hymns and poetry of Charles Wesley, through which the relationship between <i>theologia prima</i> and <i>theologia secunda</i> will be explored. John Wesley called the Methodist hymnal “a little body of practical divinity,” meaning that Methodists learned much of their theology through hymns. The focus will be on the hymns surrounding the Christian year, and the hymns pertaining to theological themes. Some of Charles Wesley’s poems will also be considered. (See TH 03032).</p>		

WP 02950	HISTORY, THEOLOGY, AND PRACTICE OF THE SACRAMENTS	3 hrs.
	This is a cross-listed course - please see TH 02950 for description.	

WP 02654	ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS OF CHRISTIAN LITURGIES This is a cross-listed course - please see ET 02654 for description.	3 hrs.
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WP 02532† PREACHING FROM THE PEWS 3 hrs.

This course will explore Christian preaching from the stand-point of the listener. Through a variety of topics and assignments, the course will encourage students to remain “in the pews” as they develop their own homiletical theology and preaching methods. Contemporary studies in sermon listening, communication theory, and classical and modern/postmodern rhetoric will inform the class as we work towards a theological understanding of sermon listening as Christian practice. Students will prepare, deliver, and evaluate sermons guided by close attention to the role of the listener in the sermon. As part of the course, students will interview sermon listeners with a prescribed interview methodology, and will write and deliver one or more sermons that pay close attention to the role of the listener in the sermon. Prerequisite: WP 20000.

WP 02531 THE ELEMENTS AND ESSENTIALS OF EXPOSITORY PREACHING 3hrs.
This course will present a biblical understanding of the ministry of preaching, with a pri-

mary focus of developing an understanding and appreciation of expository preaching. This will be accomplished through a variety of teaching instruments including the use of video, audio, in class preaching and reading of assigned texts and supplementary articles; also through discussion and interaction with guest practitioners (area preaching pastors). Significant emphasis will be devoted to the distinctive features relevant to preaching various biblical literary genres (an epistle, a psalm, a narrative, apocalyptic), with an intentional sensitivity to the Bible's overarching redemptive storyline. Attention will also be given to improving specific aspects of preaching, essential to effective communication. The student will prepare and preach sermons that will be video-taped and evaluated by professor and peers. Prerequisite: WP 20000

WP 02520† IMAGINATION IN PREACHING 3 hrs.
An examination of imagination and its role in theological reflection and biblical interpretation for preaching to contemporary consciousness. Prerequisite: WP 20000.

WP 02420 THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY CHURCH MUSICIAN 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see TA 02420 for description.

WP 02419 HYMNOLOGY 3 hrs.
An introduction to the study of the hymns and their use in Christian churches. Attention will be given to the characteristics of hymns, texts, tunes, the marriage of text and tunes as well as theological analysis of selected hymns. Contemporary hymnals will be examined as well as music from a number of Christian traditions.

WP 02318† SERMON WORKSHOP 3 hrs.
A workshop experience of developing, delivering, and analyzing sermons based on texts from the Revised Common Lectionary. Prerequisite: WP 20000.

WP 02114† PREACHING AND THE GOSPEL READINGS OF THE LECTIONARY 3 hrs.
Interpreting texts from the Common Lectionary appointed for a selected period in Year A, B, or C, with attention given to their preaching values. Prerequisite: WP 20000

WP02521 PREACHER AS STORYTELLER: THE IMPORTANCE OF NARRATIVE IN PREACHING 3 HRS
This course will link the art of storytelling with the ministry of preaching by focusing on narrative theory and how it informs various methods of sermon design and delivery. A centerpiece of the course will be a four-day trip to the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee. Students will learn skills in the art and craft of storytelling and sermon design by sharing their own stories, children's sermons, and sermons in both the classroom and local churches. Prerequisite: WP20000 (qualifies as a required preaching elective).

WP 01923 PREACHING FOR SOCIAL CHANGE 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see CM 01923 for description.

WP 01913† PREACHING ON CONTEMPORARY SITUATIONS 3 hrs.
Bringing the biblical witness to bear on ethical, social, and political situations in the contemporary world through the sermon. Prerequisite: WP 20000. (See CM 01913).

WP 01875 PERFORMANCE AND PULPIT RHETORIC 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (SR 01875/TA 01875)- please see SR 01875 for description.

WP 01755 RITUAL AND PASTORAL CARE 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course - please see PC 01755 for description.

WP 01610† FEMINIST/WOMANIST THEOLOGY FOR PREACHING 3 hrs.

AND WORSHIP

A study of feminist/womanist theology in relation to the homiletical and liturgical practice of the church. Prerequisites: WP 20000 and TH 10000.

WP 01569 AFRICAN AMERICAN WORSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE 3 hrs.
This is a cross-listed course (AA 01569/CM 01569)- please see AA 01569 for description.

WP 01408 PREPARING LITURGIES AND RITUALS FOR 3 hrs
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

A course in designing worship liturgies from various Christian traditions, including services for Sunday worship, special days in the Christian year, celebrations of baptism and Eucharist, and weddings and funerals. Prerequisite: WP 20000.

WP 01307† PREACHING FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT 3 hrs.
IN CONGREGATIONS

By focusing on the listening community as persons who have already responded to the reality of God in faith, this course will explore the relationship of preaching to Christian faith development. Drawing on theology, developmental theory, and homiletic theory, students will analyze congregations and sermons in relation to faith development. Students will be asked to design and deliver their own sermons in class. Prerequisite: WP 20000

WP 01205† PREACHING: THE INDUCTIVE APPROACH 3 hrs.
This course will focus on inductive methods of preaching. Students will develop, write, and deliver sermons that employ story, narrative, plot, and autobiography in the interpretation of biblical texts. Prerequisite: WP 20000.

WP 01104 WORSHIP AND PREACHING PRACTICUM 3 hrs.
A laboratory course in which students will preach sermons, design liturgies, lead worship, practice administering the sacraments, and evaluate each other's performance within a community of peers. Prerequisite: WP 20000.

WP 00099 INDEPENDENT STUDIES IN WORSHIP AND PREACHING 3 hrs.
Studies in specialized areas as selected by the student and approved by the professor.

WP 00080 M.A.R. THESIS IN WORSHIP AND PREACHING 3 hrs.
Students in the Master of Arts (Religion) degree program may choose to complete a master's thesis in the student's research area. The thesis will be 50 to 75 pages in length, and will be supervised by a professor in that discipline. There will be an oral defense of the thesis when completed. Prerequisite: MA 07548, which may not be taken concurrently.

WP 02531 PREACHING WITH CULTURAL RELEVANCE 3 hrs
This course will help the students focus on critical thinking, multicultural understanding and Christian faith. Students will experience theological growth as they study the historical development of African preaching. They will be challenged by addressing the role of preaching as they address social issues which incorporate the complexities of the American and African cultures.

YOUTH MINISTRY

YM42352 PASTORAL CARE OF ADOLESCANTS 3hrs

Students taking this course will develop skills for pastoral care with youth and their families. Focus will be given to the development of community and building of leadership in ministry. This course will also provide students with an understanding of their own unique leadership in ministry. This course will also provide students with an understanding of their own unique leadership style and a look inside the world of today’s teenagers

YM32352 COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL TO YOUTH 3hrs

This course will provide students with an understanding of male and female adolescent development. Students will learn how to develop solid biblical and theological lessons using a variety of techniques and settings, so that they can understand how to program and work with various age levels of youth.

YM 22352 ADVANCED STUDIES IN YOUTH, CULTURE AND CHURCH 3hrs

Emphasizes integrative work interpreting the relationship between youth, society, and culture through the framework of a theological tradition. Readings emphasize the interdisciplinary nature of youth ministry, drawing from historical, sociological, systematic, and biblical texts as well as practical theology. Students will go “in depth” in a subject area of their choice that demonstrates practical theological reflection on an issue of significance that relates to youth, church, and culture. Class includes a mandatory immersion experience. Prerequisite: Theological Foundations in Youth Ministry.

YM 12352 THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS FOR YOUTH MINISTRY 3hrs

This course focuses on ministry with young people. It is designed to assess various normative lenses through which one understands the theological foundations for ministry with young people. Students will examine various theological starting points for conceiving youth ministry. In addition, this course will provide an understanding of the sociological and psychological development of youth identity and comprehension of the historical development of adolescence.

YM 02764 DISCOVERING SACRED SPACE IN YOUTH MINISTRY 3hrs

The frantic pace and constant busyness of contemporary youth ministry can pull youth workers away from healthy relationships with friends, family, self, and God. In this course students will explore practices for sustaining vital and healthy relationships in the midst of the busyness of youth ministry. Topics will include historic Christian spiritual practices, maintaining healthy personal and professional relationships, development of personal discipleship in ministry, setting personal boundaries as a minister, and an exploration of a theology of Sabbath and rest. Through course participation in the Youth Worker Summit, students will engage in resource sharing, networking with youth ministry leaders, and will participate in a professional leadership development seminar led by staff of the Disney Institute.

YM 02656	YOUTH MINISTER AS PASTOR AND LEADER	3hrs
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This course is an introduction to various roles played by the youth leader in ministering to the spiritual, personal and social needs of adolescents in congregational and parachurch settings. First, we will explore the role of youth minister as pastor and caregiver as we gain a broader understanding of the specific needs and hurts of contemporary American youth. Second, we will explore the role of youth minister as leader in the Christian community by examining the theological foundations of Christian leadership, personal leadership styles, group communication dynamics, and the nature of “second chair” leadership. Finally, we will consider the role of the youth leader in “equipping the saints” through conversation with missional ecclesiology.

YM 07238	CHILDREN OF DIVORCE	3hrs
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This weekend intensive course explores the impact of divorce on young people. Usually (both in the church and culture) we have seen divorce as a painful occurrence that can nevertheless be overcome if the young person can be taught to think correctly about the divorce of his or her parents (“it isn’t your fault!”) Yet, such a perspective tends to distract us from larger realities. Divorce at its core thrusts young people into questioning their very existence, “If i exist because of the relationship of these two people, who am I, and how can I be in the world, if they are no longer together?” This seminar will examine this all too common cultural reality from a philosophical and theological perspective, seeing what difference this makes for our ministries.

YM 03462/03463	YOUTH MINISTRY PRACTICUM I	1hr
	YOUTH MINISTRY PRACTICUM II	1hr

Students will gain in -the-trenches youth ministry experience by serving in a local church as a part of their practicum experience. The program is designed to all students to work full or part-time as a youth minister during their education allowing them to put all the pieces together--everything they learn from the peers in their cohort, the professors in the classroom, and from their coach.

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