

CURRICULAR OFFERINGS

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 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 04390 Introduction To African American Religious Studies (3 hrs.)

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.

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: Prophetic Rhetoric of Bishop Henry McNeal

Turner (3 hrs.) 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 (CH 004322 and or TH 04322).

AA 04321 The African American Prophetic Tradition (3 hrs.)

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 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 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 03766 African American Pastoral Care (3 hrs.)

This is a cross-listed course - please see PC 03766 for description.

AA 03605 Preaching As Celebration: African-American Perspective (3 hrs.) This is a cross-listed course - please see WP 03605 for description.

AA 03517 Martin Luther King, Jr. - In The Quest For The Beloved Community (3 hrs.)

This is a cross-listed course (CH 03517/CM 03517)- please see CM 03517 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 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 CM01569 or WP 01569).

CHURCH HISTORY

CH 10000 Introduction to church History (3)

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.)

A course devoted to selected topics in American Pan-Methodism (e.g., AME, AMEZ, CME & UMC).

CH 05646 The Holocaust And Its Roots (3 hrs.)

This is a cross-listed course - please see CM 05646 for description.

CH 05377 Pentecostalism (3 hrs.)

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, especially as the home of the Church of God in Christ, the largest Pentecostal denomination in America. (See TH 05377)

CH 05143 The Development of Wesleyan Thought (3 hrs.)

This course provides a study of the historical development of Wesleyan theology from John Wesley to John B. Cobb and Jose Miguez-Bonino.

CH 04941 Wesley and the Poor (3 hrs.)

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 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 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 04322 The Forgotten Prophet: Prophetic Rhetoric of Bishop Henry McNeal

Turner (3 hrs.) This is a cross-listed course (AA, 04322, CH 004322 and or TH 04322, SR 04322). Please see AA 04322 for course description.

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 03834 Cumberland Presbyterian History and Doctrine (3 hrs.)

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.

CH 03735 Disciples of Christ History and Polity (3 hrs.)

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).

CH 03618 Subversive Sisters and High-Heeled Holiness: A History of Women in the Christian Tradition (3 hrs.)

An overview of Christian history from the perspectives of women. This course examines the lived religious experiences of women through an examination of primary and secondary texts, with an emphasis on how women have exercised agency in answering God's call. The course will also address practical strategies for women in ministry in our time.

CH 03517 Martin Luther King, Jr. - In The Quest for the Beloved Community (3 hrs.)

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.)

The life and writings of C.S. Lewis are examined in this course in the context of spiritual formation and spiritual theology.

CH 03223 The Practical Theology of John Wesley (3 hrs.)

This course offers an in-depth study of the life and theology of John Wesley. It focuses on the type of theological reflection that Wesley characterizes as "practical divinity," an approach to the theological task that places emphasis on the Christian life as seen in the practice of discipleship, the character of Christian community, and the experience of present salvation. This is a cross-listed course (TH 03223).

CH03022 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.

CM 02886 Evangelism and Discipleship in the Wesleyan Tradition (3 hrs.) This is a cross-listed course; please see PM 02886 for course description.

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 02870 Means of Grace in the Wesleyan Tradition (3 hrs.) This oss-listed course; please see TH 02870 for course description.

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 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 00071)

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 Context and Models for Mission and Evangelism (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. Historical, biblical, theological, and practical models are examined. By bringing classroom learning into dialogue with field education, the course explores contemporary developments in the field of mission and considers implications for ministry in a variety of contexts. This course meets United Methodist Church ordination requirements.

CM 08176 20th Century Saints and Martyrs (3 hrs.) This is a cross-listed course - please see CH 08176 for description.

CM 06540 African Traditional Religions (3 hrs.)

This is a cross-listed course - please see AA 06540 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 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 05149 Christian Dialogue With World Religions (3 hrs.)

This course aims to provide a basic introduction to 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 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 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 Gethsemane 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 Inter-faith's work organizers, pastors, leaders, and selected congregations will serve as facilitators and models of relational organizing.

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 04541 Two Pillars of Judaism: Sacred Time and Sacred Place (3 hrs.) This course will explore two of the pillars of Jewish life, 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 millennium. 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. (See CH 04541)

CM 04511 Modern Judaism (3 hrs.)

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).

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 04106 Transformational Leadership for Ministry in the Urban Context
(3 hrs.)

This is a one week intensive course designed to orient students to the unique challenges of becoming transformational Christian leaders in the contemporary urban context. Specific attention will be given to the theology and spiritual practices that sustain urban ministry, theories and models of transformational Christian leadership, the importance of worship in the seeking of justice, and the cultivation of shalom imagination within the church and community. (See PM 04106).

CM 03885 The Writings of Rene Girard (3 hrs.) "His way of seeing (Greek *theoria*, contemplation, speculation, and 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) This quote from the Girard Reader sets the context for a seminar which will expose students to the thought and ideas of Rene Girard.

CM 03517 Martin Luther King, Jr. - In The Quest for the Beloved Community
(3 hrs.)

This course is an examination of the background, life and legacy of King, highlighting "The beloved community," as a model for mission. (See AA 03517 or CH 03517)

CM 02682 Revitalizing the Local Church (3 hrs.)

To provide an overview of the pastor's role in established rural, suburban, and urban churches that are in the "maintenance mode" or experiencing decline, this class will examine a step by step process of analyzing the local church and its community, creating a vision for the church, and developing a long range planning process for change. Prerequisites: PM 10000 or CM 20000. (See PM 02682).

CM 02456 Poverty, Imprisonment, and Resistance Theology in Atlanta: The Open Door Community (3 hrs.)

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 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 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 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 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 01569 African American Worship and Congregational Life (3 hrs.)

This is a cross-listed course (AA 01569/WP 01569)- please see AA 01569 for description.

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. (See CH 00070).

CM 00064 Celtic Christianity (3 hrs.)

The writings of Celtic speaking Christians in Ireland and Scotland are examined in this course to see if they comprise, in the words of Thomas O'Loughlin, "a local theology." (See CH 00064).

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

EM 20000 Introduction to Educational Ministry (3 hrs.)

The purpose of this class is to prepare educators, pastors, and other leaders in the church to effectively evaluate, design, implement, and lead Christian education endeavors.

EM 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 CM 04764)

EM 04684 Working With Black Youth (3 hrs.)

This course explores various cultural dimensions of black youth today, including the hip-hop culture. It looks at

how the church can develop ministry that engages young people and begins and continues the process of spiritual formation and discipleship. This course also looks into some specific programs of ministry that have proven to be successful. (See AA 04684).

EM 03810 Christian Education in the African American Church (3 hrs.) Christian education is reviewed in an African American Church context in this course. It further examines the craft, commitment and context of Christian teaching by and for African Americans. (See AA 03810).

EM 03539 Hollywood Jesus: Understanding and Interpreting Jesus Movies for Christian Education (3 hrs.)

This course examines the phenomenon of “Jesus movies” through nine decades of movie making -from the 1920’s until the present - with an emphasis on 1960-1990. Students will learn to “read” and interpret Jesus films through several dimensions: artistic, literary, historical, and theological. Students will experience several ways in which movies can be used in Christian education settings in the local church.

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 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 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 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. Prerequisite: MA 07548

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 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 03268 Introduction to Bioethics: Christian Perspectives (3 hrs.)

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.

ET 02893 Christian Political Thought (3 hrs.)

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.

ET 02818 Farming, Food And Faith: A Theology and Ethics of Agriculture (3 hrs.)

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.

ET 02790 Spirituality and Social Justice (3 hrs.)

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 spiritual practices and work for social justice.

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 01993 The Church's Call to Radical Hospitality (3 hrs.) This is a cross-listed course - please see CM 01993 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 MAR 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. Prerequisite: MA 07548.

FAITH AND HEALTH

FH 19900 Introduction to Congregational Health (3 hrs.)

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 and Health: A Theological Perspective (3 hrs.)

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 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 and second. 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.

RELIGIOUS HERITAGE

HT 10000 (3hrs)

This course introduces student to the history of the church and its theological legacy in the period from the first to the fifteenth century. It explores the interplay of institutional and theological developments that have shaped the church historically, and it explores the ongoing meaning and significance of this heritage for the contemporary church and its ministry in the world.

HT 20000 (3hrs)

This course introduces students to the history of the church and its theological legacy in the period from the sixteenth to twenty-first centuries. It explores the interplay of institutional and theological developments that have shaped the church historically, and it explores the ongoing meaning and significance of this heritage for the contemporary church and its ministry in the world.

MASTER OF ARTS Integrative Seminar

MA 07548 M.A.R. Integrative Seminar (3 hrs.)

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.

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 Greek Rhetoric (3 hrs.) 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 Labor and Justice (3 hrs.)

This is a cross-listed course - please see ET 04120 for description.

NT 04019 Apostles, Preachers And Widows: Women in the Early Jesus Movement (3 hrs.)

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 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.)

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.

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 03210 Acts of the Apostles (3 hrs.)

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.

NT 03133 "No Shame Here": Paul the Prisoner and His Letter to the Philippians (3 hrs.)

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 post-colonial 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.

NT 00099 Independent Studies in New Testament (3 hrs.)

Studies in specialized areas as selected by the student and approved by the professor.

NT 00080 M.A.R. Thesis in New 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.

OLD TESTAMENT

OT 10000 Introduction to Interpreting the Old Testament (3 hrs.)

An introduction to the literature, history, and methods of interpreting the Old Testament. The course intends to assist the student in appropriating the biblical texts for the practice of ministry.

OT 03540 Old Testament Theology (3 hrs.)

The aim of this seminar is to explore the possibilities and problems of considering the diverse materials of the Hebrew Bible in a systematic manner. Students will be expected to read extensively from the work of Old Testament theologians. Efforts will be made to relate Israel's faith to contemporary issues in a way that allows the biblical material to serve theologically as the "Old Testament" for Christians and as an affirmation of faith for non-Christians. Prerequisite: OT 10000.

OT 03253 Preaching From the Prophets (3 hrs.)

This is a cross-listed course - please see WP 03253 for description.

OT 03139 Apocalyptic (3 hrs.)

Primary attention will be given to Daniel in this course, although portions of Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Zechariah will be considered. Special focus will be on current sociological approaches to understanding apocalyptic literature, as well as the problems and possibilities of interpreting apocalyptic literature today. Prerequisite: OT 10000.

OT 02735 The Wisdom Literature (3 hrs.)

This course will study the books of Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes and the Apocryphal books of Ecclesiasticus (Ben Sirach), and the Wisdom of Solomon with an eye toward their literary forms as well as their theological and anthropological statements. Prerequisite: OT 10000.

OT 02634 The Psalms (3 hrs.)

The formation of the Psalter, the various types of psalms, their setting in Israel's life and worship, the religion reflected by the psalms, and the poetry of the psalms will be studied. Attention will be given to the continuing significance of the psalms for contemporary faith and practice. Prerequisite: OT 10000.

OT 02532 Hebrew Prophets II (3 hrs.)

This course will study the prophets of the Babylonian Period (e.g., Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and 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, and 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 to Biblical Interpretation (3 hrs.)

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. Prerequisite: MA 07548

PASTORAL CARE

PC 20000 Introduction to Pastoral Care: Theology, Traditions, and Practice (3 hrs.)

This course assumes that pastoral care is a ministry of the church, both through the ordained representatives and the congregation as a whole. Therefore, it will be of interest to both those students who are pursuing ordination and those who seek other avenues of expressing Christian faith and care in the church and the world. This course will not explore counseling as a specialized ministry beyond the congregation, though general matters pertaining to pastoral counseling and therapeutic intervention as they arise in the course will be discussed.

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. 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 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 and 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 02979 Pastoral Care in the Wesleyan Tradition (3 hrs.)

This course explores pastoral care rooted in Wesleyan history, tradition, theology, and practice. It critically engages the Wesleyan tradition as a source for contemporary understandings of pastoral theology and pastoral care, and it equips students for the ministry of pastoral care as informed by the Wesleyan tradition by introducing them to a range of contemporary pastoral care ministries broadly based within the Wesleyan tradition. (Cross listed with CH02979)

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.

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 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 and 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 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. Prerequisite MA 07548

PARISH MINISTRY

PM 20000 Theology and Practice of Pastoral Ministry

This course examines the roles, function, and theological considerations for the practice of pastoral ministry. Ministry identity, call, and foundational pastoral tasks are discussed. The purpose of the course is to provide general information about pastoral ministry in order to help students: (1) understand the dynamics of pastoral ministry, (2) be acquainted with specific tasks of pastoral ministry, (3) to develop a biblical and theological vision for pastoral ministry, (4) to clarify calling and identity as a pastor, (5) to engage with issues, challenges, and obstacles toward faithful and effective pastoral ministry, and (6) to be better prepared to engage in the practice of a biblically-based and theologically driven ministry. Emphasis will be made on the practical matters of ministry.

PM- 10308 Financial Leadership for Ministry (3hrs.)

How will you as a minister develop an approach to both personal and church finances that will reflect your theological convictions? How will you organize your own finances and provide leadership within your church in addressing financial matters? In this course, we will seek to answer those questions by considering biblical and theological resources for developing a theology of finance, along with developing the tools needed for personal financial planning and the management of finances in a church setting.

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 04106 Transformational Leadership for Ministry in the Urban Context (3 hrs.) This is a cross-listed course; please see CM 04106 for course description.

PM 03420 Using Media in Ministry (3 hrs.)

This course will examine the impact and utility of New Media to the work of Christ's church. As a tool to facilitate communication of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the dissemination of life-changing information, the field of new media affords many opportunities to support effective ministry in the Twenty-First Century. New media has emerged from the convergence of traditional media, technological advances in digital media, and internet communications. This course will teach students how to develop new media content and apply best practices in support of effective ministry in urban and global settings.

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: History, Doctrine, and Polity (3 hrs.)

This course is designed to introduce students to the history, doctrine, and polity of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America from the time of its founding in 1784. While some attention will be given to the various branches that split from the dominant tradition in American Methodism, this course will primarily follow the ecclesiastical line that eventually became the United Methodist Church, at the time of its formation in 1968. For students pursuing ordination in the United Methodist Church in particular, the course is designed to fulfill the second half of the disciplinary requirements for history, doctrine, and polity as outlined in the United Methodist Book of Discipline. (See CH 02690).

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 02886 Evangelism and Discipleship in the Wesleyan Tradition 3hrs.

This course is designed to introduce students to two key areas of practical theology in the Wesleyan tradition: evangelism and discipleship. While both concepts are widely used on the church catholic, this course will engage them from within the Wesleyan tradition in particular. The course is appropriate for both beginning and advanced students. The course is also designed to satisfy the evangelism requirement for students seeking ordination in the United Methodist Church. (See CM 02886).

PM 02879 Leadership Development for Ministry: Spiritual Practices and Theories (3hrs.)

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 02829 Early Methodism: History, Doctrine, and Polity (3 hrs.)

This course is designed to introduce students to the history, doctrine, and polity of the early Methodist movement

in 18th- century Britain. The time period covered in the course will correspond roughly to the life and ministry of John Wesley (1703-1791), though attention will also be given to both the pre-18th century historical background of the Church of England and continental Pietism as well as to the early development of American Methodism in the latter decades of the 18th century. Since the course will focus on the period of Methodist history prior to the beginning of major denominational splits, it is appropriate for all students from Wesleyan and/or Methodist backgrounds who desire grounding in the historical and theological foundations of Methodism. For students pursuing ordination in the United Methodist Church in particular, the course is also designed to fulfill the first half of the disciplinary requirements for history, doctrine, and polity as outlined in the United Methodist Book of Discipline. (See CM 02689).

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 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 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 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. Prerequisite: MA 07548

RHETORIC AND RELIGION

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 rhetorical 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 (AA, 04322, CH 004322 and or TH 04322). Please see AA 04322 for course 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 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.

THEOLOGY AND ARTS

TA 05702 The Marriage of Micah and The Muse: Coupling of Prophetic Vision and Artistic Imagination (3hrs.)

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 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 (3hrs.) This is a cross-listed course - please see AA 03564 for description.

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 During the Reformation

(3hrs.)

The aim of this class is to study the multi-faceted 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 Worship, Education and Social Action (3hrs.)

Inter-Play 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. Inter-Play 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.)

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 02992 Art As Communication in Educational Ministry (3 hrs.) This is a cross-listed course - please see EM 02992 for description.

TA 02420 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 Storytelling, Dance, Drums and Music (3hrs.)

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.

THEOLOGY

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 the 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 05829 Male and Female God Created Them: A Theology of Gender and Sexuality (Formerly Listed as Feminist Theology) (3hrs.)

This course explores how to think theologically about being male and female. It will attend to how society constructs masculinity and femininity and it will devote attention to developing new theological models for thinking in grace-filled ways about gender, sexuality, and family. Students will read a variety of theological texts that highlight how traditional Christian doctrines shape and are themselves shaped by your understanding of gender, sexuality, and family. The goal of this course is to enable students to develop a rich theology of gender, sexuality, and family that will inform their ministries and personal lives.

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 05252 Theology Since the Reformation (3 hrs.)

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.

TH 05182 Theology in America (3 hrs.)

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 Europe- an 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.

TH 05081 Major Themes in the Reformed Tradition (3 hrs.)

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.

TH 04931 The Theological Legacy of H. Richard Niebuhr (3 hrs.) This is a cross-listed course - please see ET 04931 for description.

TH 04710 The Doctrine of Creation (3 hrs.)

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)

TH 04178 Mary, Mystics And Martyrs: Models And Mentors of the Faith (3hrs.) 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 04322 The Forgotten Prophet: Prophetic Rhetoric of Bishop Henry McNeal Turner (3 hrs.) This is a cross-listed course (AA, 04322, CH 004322 SR 04322). Please see AA 04322 for course 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 04179 Eyes on the Prize: African American Religious Thought (3hrs.) This is a cross-listed course - please see AA 04179 for description.

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 03223 The Practical Theology of John Wesley

This is a cross-listed course (CH 03223) - please see CH 03223 for course description.

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, inter-faith, 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 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 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 02870 Means of Grace in the Wesleyan Tradition (3 hrs.)

This course will explore the theology of the means of grace in the Wesleyan tradition. As the "sacramental grammar" of Wesleyan theology, the means of grace stand at the heart of both the doctrine of sanctification and the practice of discipleship in that tradition. This course will engage both primary sources (from John and Charles Wesley) as well as secondary sources (from contemporary scholarship on the means of grace). About half the course will be

taken up with a study of the sacraments (i.e. Baptism and Holy Communion) and the other half will consider the other means of grace in the Wesleyan categories of “instituted” and “prudential”. (See CH 02870).

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 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.)

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.

WORSHIP AND PREACHING

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

WP 20000 Theology of Worship and Preaching (3 hrs.)

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.

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 03888 Contemporary Trends in Christian Worship (3 hrs.)

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

WP 03605[†] Preaching as Celebration: African American Perspective (3 hrs.) 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 03165 Reformed Worship (3 hrs.)

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.

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 (3 hrs.) This is a cross-listed course - please see ET 02654 for description.

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 primary 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 02521 Preacher as Storyteller: The Importance of Narrative For Preaching (3hrs.)

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 Jones- borough, 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 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 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 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.

WP 02318† Sermon Workshop (3 hrs.)

A workshop experience of developing, delivering, and analyzing sermons based on text. Prerequisite: WP 20000

WP 02114† Preaching and the Gospel Readings of the Lectionary (3hrs.) 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

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 01755 Ritual and Pastoral Care (3 hrs.)

This is a cross-listed course - please see PC 01755 for description.

WP 01569 African American Worship and 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 Christian Worship (3hrs.)

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 in Congregations (3hrs.) 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[†]

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 Prerequisite: MA 07548

YOUTH MINISTRY

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 02656 Youth Minister as Pastor and Leader (3hrs.)

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 03462/03463 Youth Ministry Practicum I (3hrs.) / Youth Ministry Practicum II (3hrs.)

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.