BI - Biblical Interpretation

BI-316 Old Testament Exegesis: Job

English texts, with attention to literary and interpretive features, methods and theological issues.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters P. Cho

BI-318 Suicide, Martyrdom, and Resurrection in In the Hebrew Bible

An exegesis course on select texts about persons who express a willingness to die in the Hebrew Bible, such as Judah, Moses, Samson, the Suffering Servant, Job, Esther, and Daniel. The course will explore the theme of self-sacrifice within diverse texts with emphasis on the implications for biblical theology.

2.00 credit hours

Summer 1 Masters 2023

P. Cho

BI-319 Prophets & Prophecy in Israel

English texts. Reading the Bible's prophetic texts with particular attention to cross-cultural connections, ancient and modern. Readings reflect current issues such as authority, creation care, intimate partner relations, national identity/security, trauma, and media effects.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters

K. Brown

I. Hebrew Scripture

BI-101 Introduction to Hebrew Bible 1

Origins, critical methods, outstanding theological ideas of Hebrew Bible texts. Part 1 of a two semester survey of Hebrew scriptures. Part 2 is offered during the Spring semester. Both semesters are required to fulfill Hebrew Bible requirements in the Master's degree programs.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters P. Cho

Fall 2022 Masters D. Dombkowski Hopkins

Fall 2023 Masters P. Cho Fall 2023 Masters Y. Norton

BI-102 Introduction to Hebrew Bible 2

Origins, critical methods, outstanding theological ideas of Hebrew Bible texts. Part 2 of a two semester survey of Hebrew Scriptures. Both semesters are required to fulfill the Hebrew Bible requirement in the Master's degree programs.

3.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters P. Cho

Spring 2023 Masters D. Dombkowski Hopkins

BI-311 Old Testament Exegesis: Exodus

Exegetical course on the Book of Exodus which explores the cultural and intellectual contexts of its formation, the history of composition, the literary artistry, and the theological depths of the canonical text. Explores its ongoing importance for the life and faith of the church today.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2023 Masters P. Cho

II. New Testament

BI-171 Introduction to New Testament: Gospels

Origins, critical methods, outstanding theological ideas of New Testament texts. Part I of a two-semester survey of New Testament Scriptures. Part 2 is offered during the Spring semester. Both semesters are required to fulfill New Testament Requirements in the Master's degree programs.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters

Fall 2022 Masters

Fall 2023 Masters

Fall 2023 Masters

C. Works

BI-172 Introduction to New Testament: Epistles

Origins, critical methods, outstanding theological ideas of New Testament texts. Part 2 of a two-semester survey of New Testament Scriptures. Both semesters are required to fulfill New Testament Requirements in the Master's degree programs.

3.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters L. Holmes
Spring 2023 Masters C. Works

BI-443 New Testament Exegesis: Luke

English texts, with attention to literary and interpretive features, methods, and theological issues

3.00 credit hours

Prereq: Introduction to New Testament: Gospels and Epistles

Spring 2023 Masters L. Holmes

BI-444 New Testament Exegesis: John

English texts, with attention to literary and interpretive features, methods, and theological issues

3.00 credit hours

Prereq: Introduction to New Testament: Gospels and Epistles

Fall 2023 Masters L. Holmes

III. General Bible

BI-551 Directed Study: Bible

1.00 credit hour

Spring 2023 Masters L. Holmes Spring 2023 Masters C. Works

CF - Christian Teaching & Formation

CF-128 Approaches to Christian Education and Formation

Explores the theory, practice, theology, and contextual concerns of learning and teaching in Christian education both in and beyond the church.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2023 Masters E. Peck

CF-131 Teaching the Bible

The process of teaching the literature and history of the Old and New Testament scriptures in the Church. Focus on youth and adult learners.

3.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters E. Peck

CF-175 Scripture, Story, and Play

Official training in Godly Play method, including reflection on this method for different ministry settings.

2.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters E. Peck

CF-201 Foundations of Christian Spirituality

Common and enduring elements of the spiritual life and their unique expressions in Christianity. An examination of spiritual theology including conversion, salvation, stages of growth, spiritual disciplines, prayer, ascetical and mystical dimensions, spiritual empowerment, and spiritual direction in order to write one's faith-autobiography.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters A. Thomas Fall 2023 Masters A. Thomas

CF-206 Spirituality & Ecojustice Along the Ancostia River

Discovery of more harmonious relationships with creation through study of, and spiritual experience in, the local Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. Emphasis on spiritual practice.

2.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters E. Norcross

CF-208 Christian Contemplatives & Their Practices

Explores historic tradition of Christian mysticism from Pseudo-Dionysus to Thomas Merton and Howard Thurman. Examines practical applications for Christian worship and spirituality.

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters D. Davis

CF-222 Capstone Yca Church Studies Program

This course allows students to integrate their work across the Children and Youth Advocacy specialization.

2.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters E. Peck

CF-240 Theological Foundations for Youth Ministry

Exploration of biblical, theological and philosophical foundations undergirding the practice of ministry to, with and through young people with special emphasis on cultural and contextual considerations that enhance relational youth ministry.

3.00 credit hours

Summer 1 Masters 2023 E. Peck

CH - History of Christianity

CH-101 The Church in History: Early Church To Reformation

Historical life of the church to the 16th century: institutional formation and doctrinal development in historical context.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters C. Harrell
Fall 2022 Masters A. Oden
Fall 2023 Masters C. Harrell
Fall 2023 Masters B. Mitchell

CH-102 The Church in History: Reformation To Present

Historical life of the church from the Reformation to the present: institutional formation and doctrinal development in historical context.

3.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters C. Harrell Spring 2023 Masters B. Mitchell

CH-206 American Revivals and Pentecostalism.

History from John Wesley to the present. Examination of great awakenings, theologians, revivalists, spiritual writers and social reformers of Evangelicalism, Pentecostalism, Charismatic and healing movements in America. Attention to abolitionism and African-American religion.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters P. Wingeier-Rayo

CH-210 The Life and Writings of Martin Luther King, Jr.

An historical, theological and socio-cultural analysis of the life and writings of Martin Luther King, Jr. with particular focus on the implications of King's work on the contemporary church and society. 2.00 credit hours

Summer 1 Masters 2023 C. Hunt

CH-245 Saints and Spiritual Traditions

A study of saints to illustrate major spiritual traditions (Benedictine, Celtic, Orthodox, Franciscan, Ignatian, Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal, African-American, Liberationist, etc.) with reference to art work and spiritual practices for use today.

2.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters A. Thomas

CM - Congregational Life & Ministry

CM-110 Leading Innovation in the Church

Explores principles and practices of leadership that drive innovation for greater missional effectiveness in congregations and nonprofits. Draws upon emerging insights from scholars and practitioners from business, academic, and ecclesial sectors.

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters V. Dingus

CM-118 Ministry in African American Community

A theoretical and practical analysis of historical and contemporary issues related to the ministries, both pastoral and lay, of African American churches and communities.

2.00 credit hours

Spring ters C. Hunt

CM-130 Reviving Dying Churches & Communities

This course will offer students practical and strategic approaches to transforming churches and commnunities in decline. Patricipants will come away from the course having learned skils in spiritual, leadership, and economic development - each critical to the transformation process.

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters J. Daniels Fall 2023 Masters J. Daniels

CM-133 Best Practices in Church Leadership And Administration

Positive models for approaching specific leadership and administration issues typically faced by pastors in the first years of ministry; emphasis on local church experience and the constant need to filter that experience through the lenses of vocation, polity, and theological reflection. An introductory level course that will help students identify particular issues for further study while in seminary.

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2023 Masters

L. Parks

CM-135 Personal Finances for Religious Professionals

Introduction to basics of financial management, including link of financial health to overall health, consumerism, debt management, tax considerations, legal issues, saving and investing, risk management and insurance, and health care and retirement benefits.

2.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters L. Weems

CM-136 Leadership and Administration For Small Churches

Various exercises in ecclesiology for the sake of uncovering a contemporary vision of hope for small churches. The application of this vision to the fiscal, sociological, cultural, and denominational challenges facing small churches. Includes leadership and administration topics such as starting out, discerning direction, time management, and the character of the called.

2.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters L. Parks

CM-147 Good News Through Community Economic Development

Discover the church's role in local economic justice, founded on a Trinitarian view of "God the Economist," engaging the community economic development (CED) ecosystem from a "decentered" approach informed by CED best practices.

2.00 credit hours

Summer 1 Masters 2023 D. Kresta

CM-150 Leadership & Practices of the Missional Church

Leadership and practices of the missional church in the contemporary United States. Transforming leaders and congregations from internal to external focus; from developing programs to forming missional leaders; from church-based to community-engaged practices.

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters P. Wingeier-Rayo

CM-154 Ministry in Rural Context

This course will focus on the distinctive realities of rural communities and explore contextual approaches to discipleship, leadership, pastoral care, and other areas of ministry.

2.00 credit hours

Summer 2 Masters 2023 J. Lemaster-Smith

CM-155 Innovation Ministry by Design

Introduces the design thinking process, grounds it theologically, and offers students an opportunity to engage it in conversation with Christian faith communities, exploring examples of innovative ministry in new plants and established churches.

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters E. Peck

CM-230 Foundations of Urban Ministry

Development of a theological and biblical vision for urban ministry; an exploration of the racial and social justice vision of The Beloved Community of M. L. King, Jr. and The Kingdom of God in the Social Gospel of Rauschenbusch; an examination of biblical texts as resources for urban ministry; and an opportunity to learn literary and socio-historical exegetical methods.

3.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters

C. Hunt

CM-244 Leadership in Health Ministry

This online course prepares and equips students with knowledge and skills to engage in health ministry leadership in congregational, community, organizational, and denominational settings.

2.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters T. Pruski Fall 2023 Masters T. Pruski

CM-251 Polity of the United Methodist Church

The Constitution and structural relationships of The United Methodist Church are examined with a particular focus upon the workings of the local church. Fulfills the UM Polity requirement for election to probationary membership and commissioning in The United Methodist Church as specified in The Book of Discipline 2008, Par. 324.4a. 2.00 credit hours

Spring ters L. Parks Summer 2 Masters 2023 L. Parks

CM-270 The Praxis of Holistic Evangelism

Theological foundations of Christian evangelism. Various models of theological praxis from the early to the contemporary church. Particular emphasis on contemporary strategies for evangelism and theological criteria for critical evaluation. Fulfills the Evangelism requirement for election to probationary membership and commissioning in The United Methodist Church as specified in The Book of Discipline 2008, Par. 324.4a.

2.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters H. Lear

CM-271 Evangelism in the Wesleyan/Methodist Tradition

Wesley's theology of evangelism, appropriation and development of evangelistic purpose by early Methodist movements, historical models of Wesleyan evangelism, contemporary models of evangelism within the Wesleyan/Methodist tradition. Fulfills the Evangelism requirement for election to probationary membership and commissioning in The United Methodist Church as specified in The Book of Discipline 2008, Par. 324.4a.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2023 Masters Doug Powe

CM-273 Evangelism and Emerging Generations

An exploration of the theology and practice of Christian evangelism in relation to youth and young adults in a postmodern, post-Christendom world culminating in the development of a practical theological response to evangelism with young people in particular socio-cultural contexts. Fulfills the Evangelism requirement for election to probationary membership and commissioning in The United Methodist Church as specified in The Book of Discipline 2008, Par. 324.4a. 2.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters Doug Powe

CM-290 Introduction to the Study of African American Religion

This course will provide a general survey of key themes associated with the study of the African American religious experience. This course is the foundational core course of the African American Church Studies specialization and certificate.

1.00 credit hour

Fall 2022 Masters C. Hunt Fall 2023 Masters J. Young

CM-315 Conflict Resolution

Skill building in listening, responding, asserting self, problem solving, and dealing with conflict. Intentionality and skill building in the resolution and management of difference and conflict resolution in various church outcomes and contexts. Intentionality about the role of emotions in group setting. Details about the difference between and implication of IQ and EQ (Emotional Quotient).

1.00 credit hour

Spring ters R. Wellington

CM-405 Community Engagement Fellows Seminar 1/1

Introduction to theology and practice of community engagement. Seminar explores tools for community engagement (ethnographic data, case studies, asset mapping, demographic data, congregational studies) and prophetic witness in public life, and creates a collaborative environment for fellow project development. Only open to Community Engagement Fellows

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters L. Parrish

CM-407 Community Engagement Fellows Seminar 2/1

CM-407 Community Engagement Fellows Seminar 2/1 Second year of study of theology and practice of community engagement. Fellows undertake community engagement project through ministry entrepreneurship plan development and implementation; deepen theological understanding of community transformation. Only open to Community Engagement Fellows. 2 credit hours. Pre-req CM-406. 2.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters L. Parrish

CM-408 Community Engagement Fellows Seminar 2/2

Second year of study of theology and practice of community engagement. Fellows implement their community engagement ministry project and examine its fruitfulness, and write a case study. Only open to Community Engagement Fellows. 2 credit hours. Pre-req CM-407. 2.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters C. Hunt

CM-409 Community Engagement Fellows Seminar 3/1

Third year of study of theology and practice of community engagement. Fellows work on community engaged ministry project, continuing assessment and exploring sustainability. Only open to Community Engagement Fellows. 1 credit hour. Pre-req CM-408.

1.00 credit hour

Fall 2022 Masters L. Parrish
Fall 2023 Masters L. Parrish

CM-410 Community Engagement Fellows Seminar 3/2

Third year of study of theology and practice of community engagement. Fellows work on community engaged ministry project, focusing on sustainability and transition. Only open to Community Engagement Fellows. Pre-req CM-409.

1.00 credit hour

Spring 2023 Masters C. Hunt

CM-450 Integrative Seminar: African American Church Studies Program

This course allows students to integrate their work across the African American church studies specialization.

1.00 credit hour

Spring 2023 Masters V. Miles

CM-531 Samuel Dewitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry

Reflections on and insights from the Children's Defense Fund summer Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry.

Registration must be complete at both Wesley and directly with the Institute.

2.00 credit hours

Summer 1 Masters 2023 L. Parrish

CM-551 Directed Study: Congregational Life and Historical Theology

1.00 credit hour

Spring 2023 Masters

Spring 2023 Masters W. Sinkfield
Spring 2023 Masters P. Wingeier-Rayo

EP - Ethics & Public Theology

EP-200 What Is Public About Theology

dimensions of basic topics in systematic theology in order to provide the groundwork for future study in public theology: exploring such topics as Reason and Revelation, Christology, Trinity, Theological Anthropology and the Church.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters R. Elgendy Fall 2023 Masters R. Elgendy

EP-203 The Public Witness of the Latinx Church Public Theology in the United States

The course introduces students to the Latinx Church through historical and ethico-theological exploration of its engagement in issues of justice, both at the national elvel and in the student's own communities. 3.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters L. Crena

EP-205 Christians in the Anthropocene: Living and Learning From the Earth

This course seeks to locate students in the current environmental crisis, engaging with scientists, political scientists, philosophers, and theologians to help students grapple with problems caused by human agency that yet seem to exceed human capacity to address. After an introduction to broad currents in environmentalism, students will engage with a variety of Christian approaches to living faithfully in the Anthropocene. The course will conclude by exploring works that show some of the promise of attending to the Earth for Christian faithfulness: that is, not only can good Christian theology help the Earth, but attending to the Earth can also help Christians live faithfully on Earth.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2023 Masters L. Crena

EP-210 Resisting Christian Nationalism

Christian Nationalism is an urgently important phenomenon in the contemporary U.S. church; this course assumes that its distinguishing features are harmful distortions of the gospel. The course would help students to analyze it theologically and politically. It would prompt them to investigate the possibility of their complicity with it, perhaps in unexpected or mediated ways. It would give them an occasion to articulate their own Christian witness explicitly in relation to it. Finally, it would consider practical techniques and skills - for instance, what to do about parishioners who encounter/perpetuate conspiracy theories; what to do about the lingering influence of white identity politics in local churches and other contexts - for faithful ministry of all sorts.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2023 Masters R. Elgendy

EP-282 Faith, Politics & Public Square

Exploration of significant public issues and political processes and their theological and practical implications. Involves seminars and meetings with public officials, political figures, lobbyists, advocates, and activists based within and outside the church.

4.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters L. Crena

EP-303 Sources of Christian Moral Insight

Consideration of the four traditional sources of moral insight and authority for Christian faith: Scripture, Tradition, Reason, and Experience. Discussion of the meaning of the "quadrilateral" by those who formulated it, and as understood today. Relationships of these, and how they can and cannot legitimately function in diverse Christian communities.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters R. Elgendy

EP-304 Cross, State, & Citizenship

An examination of Christian political ethics, including reflection on citizenship and the state, protest and resistance, structures of race, class, and gender, and selected contemporary approaches to policy 3.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters R. Elgendy

EP-305 The Ethical Self & Prophetic Witness

3.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters L. Crena Fall 2023 Masters L. Crena

EP-490 Capstone Project in Faith & Public Life

This course is the capstone project for the public theology specialization.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters R. Elgendy Spring 2023 Masters R. Elgendy

EP-551 Directed Study: Ethics

1.00 credit hour

Spring 2023 Masters R. Elgendy

IS - Integrated Theological Studies

IS-100 Master of Arts Integrative Seminar

Mandatory course for Master of Arts students in their final or penultimate semester prior to graduation. Includes the organization and presentation of a capstone project.

1.00 credit hour

Fall 2022 Masters B. Mitchell Spring 2023 Masters B. Mitchell Fall 2023 Masters B. Mitchell

IS-114 Academic Writing for Seminarians Students

Critical reading, reflective thinking and expository writing practicum for theological education. Integrated modules review writing conventions; refine writing techniques; and research writing tools.

1.00 credit hour

Fall 2022 Masters R. Stewart
Fall 2022 Masters R. Stewart
Spring 2023 Masters R. Stewart

IS-205 International Student Seminar

Mandatory course for all incoming international Masters students in their first semester of study. Designed to support successful adaptation to U.S. cultural and educational values. Topics include cultural adjustment and adaptation, cross-cultural communication, and major themes in American life and educational systems, with exploration of Washington, D.C. Educational themes are combined with practical skills in reading, listening and speaking. Open only to international students (F-1 visa holders) and their spouses (F-2 visa holders).

1.00 credit hour

Fall 2022 Masters K. Santiago

IS-218 Writing for Ministry and the Ministry of Writing

A practical approach to effective writing for those preparing for Christian ministry or active lay participation in the church.

2.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters R. Stewart

IS-501 Master of Theological Studies Paper

A cumulative paper for students in the Master of Theological Studies degree program which may focus on a problem requiring in-depth research in a particular discipline area or may serve broadly to integrate learning over the course of the degree. See academic calendar for proposal and submission deadlines.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters P. Cho Spring 2023 Masters P. Cho

Fall 2023 Masters

IS-551 Directed Study: Integrated Theological Studies

1.00 credit hour

Spring 2023 Masters W. Sinkfield

MM - Practice in Ministry & Mission

MM-101 Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry 1

An adaptation of the early Methodist class meeting, these weekly groups are designed to introduce students to the sustained practice of spiritual disciplines and provide a model of mutual accountability. A two-semester course for all M.Div. students, to be taken during first year of studies. Graded Pass/Fail only. Each fall semester.

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters E. Peck E. Peck Fall 2022 Masters W. Sinkfield Fall 2022 Masters W. Sinkfield Fall 2022 Masters Fall 2023 Masters E. Peck Fall 2023 Masters E. Peck W. Sinkfield Fall 2023 Masters Fall 2023 Masters W. Sinkfield

MM-102 Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry 2

An adaptation of the early Methodist class meeting, these weekly groups are designed to introduce students to the sustained practice of spiritual disciplines and provide a model of mutual accountability. A two-semester course for all M.Div. students, to be taken during first year of studies. Graded Pass/Fail only. Each spring semester.

1.00 credit hour

Prereq: MM-101

Spring 2023 Masters E. Peck Spring 2023 Masters E. Peck

MM-311 PMM: Practice in Ministry and Mission Colloquy 1/1

First of two consecutive semesters (Fall/Spring) following completion of the first 27 hours (see M.Div. degree requirements). Placement in a learning setting - arranged through the PMM office - is required by May 1 of the prior year. Prerequisite: MM-102.Graded Pass/Fail only. Each fall semester.

1.00 credit hour

Prereq: MM-101 and -102, completion of Ministry and Social Sciences req., and 30 credit hours of total study

Fall 2022 Masters D. Whitten
Fall 2022 Masters D. Whitten
Fall 2022 Masters N. Works
Fall 2022 Masters N. Works

MM-312 PMM: Practice in Ministry and Mission Colloquy 1/2

Second of two consecutive semesters (Fall/Spring) following completion of the first 27 hours (see M.Div degree requirements). Placement in a learning setting - arranged through the PMM office - is required by May 1 of the prior year. Prerequisite: MM-311. Each spring semester.

1.00 credit hour

Prereq: MM-311

Spring 2023 Masters D. Whitten
Spring 2023 Masters D. Whitten
Spring 2023 Masters N. Works
Spring 2023 Masters N. Works

MM-313 PMM: Practice in Ministry and Mission Colloquy 2/1

First of two consecutive semesters (Fall/Spring) of the second year of PMM placement. Prerequisite: Completion of first year PMM colloquy: MM-312 or -342. Graded Pass/Fail only. Each fall semester.

1.00 credit hour

Prereq: MM-312 or MM-347

Fall 2022 Masters D. Whitten Fall 2022 Masters D Whitten Fall 2022 Masters N. Works Fall 2022 Masters N. Works Doug Powe Fall 2023 Masters Fall 2023 Masters Doug Powe Fall 2023 Masters D. Whitten D. Whitten Fall 2023 Masters

MM-314 PMM: Practice in Ministry and Mission Colloquy 2/2

Second of two consecutive semesters (Fall/Spring) of the second year of PMM placement. Prerequisite: MM-313. Graded Pass/Fail only. Each spring semester.

1.00 credit hour

Prereg: MM-313

Spring 2023 Masters D. Whitten
Spring 2023 Masters D. Whitten
Spring 2023 Masters N. Works
Spring 2023 Masters N. Works

MM-321 PMM: Student Pastor Program Seminar 1/1

First of two consecutive semesters of weekly ministry reflection seminar for first year SPP students. Each student will develop a local church mission statement and an evaluation process with the Learning Partners and an approved Pastoral Mentor. Prerequisite: Limited to persons in the Student Pastor Track. Corequisites: Registration for MM-101. Graded Pass/Fail only. Each fall semester.

1.00 credit hour

Fall 2022 Masters D. Whitten Fall 2022 Masters N. Works

MM-322 PMM: Student Pastor Program Seminar 1/2

Second of two consecutive semesters of weekly ministry reflection seminar for first year SPP students. Each student will develop a local church mission statement and an evaluation process with the Learning Partners and an approved Pastoral Mentor. Prerequisite: MM-321. Graded Pass/Fail only. Each spring semester.

1.00 credit hour

Prereq: MM-321

Spring 2023 Masters D. Whitten Spring 2023 Masters N. Works

MM-323 PMM: Student Pastor Program Seminar 2/1

First of two consecutive semesters of bi-weekly ministry reflection seminar for second year SPP students. Each student will develop a local church mission statement and an evaluation process with the Learning Partners and an approved Pastoral Mentor. Graded Pass/Fail only.

1.00 credit hour Prereg: MM-322

Fall 2022 Masters D. Whitten Fall 2022 Masters N. Works

MM-324 PMM: Student Pastor Program Seminar 2/2

Second of two consecutive semesters of bi-weekly ministry reflection seminar for second year SPP students. Each student will develop a local church mission statement and an evaluation process with the Learning Partners and an approved Pastoral Mentor. Graded Pass/Fail only.

1.00 credit hour Prereg: MM-323

Spring 2023 Masters D. Whitten Spring 2023 Masters N. Works

MM-347 Summer PMM I

For PMM I students: A full-time (35-40 hours per week), 10 week, supervised summer internship at an approved field placement setting. This hybrid colloquy provides students with an opportunity for reflection and analysis of their ministerial experiences. Regular colloquy discussions and assignments will occur on-line during the summer weeks of the internship. There are two required face-to-face meetings of the colloquy-one in the Spring to introduce the course and one in the Fall for concluding reflections. Pass/Fail only. Each summer term. 2.00 credit hours

Prereq: MM-101 and -102, completion of Ministry and Social Sciences req., and 30 credit hours of total study

Summer 1 Masters 2023 D. Whitten Summer 1 Masters 2023 N. Works

MM-348 Summer PMM II

For PMM II students: A full-time (35-40 hours per week), 10 week, supervised summer internship at an approved field placement setting. This hybrid colloquy provides students with an opportunity for reflection and analysis of their ministerial experiences. Regular colloquy discussions and assignments will occur on-line during the summer weeks of the internship. There are two required face-to-face meetings of the colloquy-one in the Spring to introduce the course and one in the Fall for concluding reflections. Prerequisites: MM-312 or MM-347. Graded Pass/Fail only. Every summer term.

Prereq: MM-347 or MM-311/MM-312

Summer 1 Masters 2023 D. Whitten Summer 1 Masters 2023 N. Works

MM-350 PMM: Intercultural Immersion

Participation in an immersion experience in a intercultural context, either internationally or in the United States. Required of all M.Div students. Prerequisites: MM-301, MM-311, MM-321, MM-331, or MM-341. Graded Pass/Fail only. Offered each semester including summer term.

2.00 credit hours

2.00 credit hours

Prereq: Completion of 30 credit hours.
Fall 2022 Masters N. Works
Spring 2023 Masters N. Works

Fall 2023 Masters

MM-360 PMM: Practice in Ministry and Mission Colloquy 1/1

First of two consecutive semesters (Fall/Spring) following completion of the first 27 hours (see M.Div. degree requirements). Placement in a learning setting - arranged through the PMM office - is required by May 1 of the prior year. Prerequisite: MM-102.Graded Pass/Fail only. Each fall semester.

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2023 Masters Doug Powe
Fall 2023 Masters Doug Powe
Fall 2023 Masters D. Whitten
Fall 2023 Masters D. Whitten

NC - Non Credit

NC-001 Continuing Enrollment

0.00 credit hours Fall 2022 Masters Spring 2023 Masters Fall 2023 Masters

NC-005 Orientation

This is the new student orientation module for the seminary. This should only be taken by new students and you will be directed to register for this by the office of admissions.

0.00 credit hours Fall 2022 Masters Spring 2023 Masters Fall 2023 Masters

PC - Pastoral Care & Counseling

PC-101 Counseling Skills for Pastoral Ministry

Skill-building in listening, responding, asserting self, dealing with conflict and problem solving. An overview of the counseling process with some focus on life-stage development, stress, crisis and bereavement. A laboratory course including audio and video role-play and verbatims.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters J. Comstock Spring 2023 Masters J. Comstock Fall 2023 Masters J. Comstock

PC-111 Pastoral Care and Counseling in Contexts

A survey introducing basic areas of care and counseling of the minister in parish situations: visitation, hospital ministry, addictions and co-dependence, etc., with attention to issues of gender, cross-culture, spirituality and sexual orientation as related to social justice issues of the church. Theory and skill-building involved.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters C. Johnson Spring 2023 Masters C. Johnson Fall 2023 Masters M. Koppel

PC-145 Pastoral Care for Lgbtqia+ Persons and T He Congregation

An introduction to pastoral care for LGBTQIA+ persons, their families, and the congregation, including an overview. LGBTQIA+ studies, queer theology, advocacy, pastoral care strategies, family support, and community partnerships and resources.

2.00 credit hours

Spring ters L. Yates

PC-201 Introduction to Chaplaincy: An Overview

An introduction to the history, skills, and knowledge necessary for this specialized ministry. Includes an overview of chaplaincy in healthcare, colleges, prisons, and the military.

2.00 credit hours

Summer 1 Masters 2023 T. Primer

PC-226 Spirituality of Pastoral Care and Counseling

Investigation of interrelationship between spirituality, care and counseling. The theoretical and professional development of religious leaders and care givers including attention to: nature of spirituality and spiritual well-being and assessment; spiritual care and pastoral conversations; spiritual direction and relationship to pastoral care and counseling; religious problems in pastoral care and counseling. 2.00 credit hours

Summer 2 Masters 2023 M. Koppel

PC-256 Caring for Community Through Nonprofit

Responds to community care needs out of practical theological reflection. Addresses the establishment of a non-profit, fundraising, and grant writing. Also, addresses outreach to marginalized people: immigrants, the homeless, mentally ill,and chemically dependent. 3.00 credit hours

Fall 2023 Masters J. Strukova

PC-404 Death, Dying and Bereavement

Pastoral theological analysis and care with dying persons, family members, and congregations with attention given to diverse contexts and practical skill development.

2.00 credit hours

Prereq: PC-101 or PC-111
Fall 2023 Masters M. Koppel

PC-491 Clinical Pastoral Education 0.5 Unit

Clinical pastoral training and supervision in approved institutions such as D.C. area's Catholic University Pastoral Center, Sibley Memorial Hospital, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington Hospital Center, Asbury Village, National Institutes of Health, etc. One half-unit of C.P.E. Students secure their own placement and then can opt to register for credits. Wesley will pay site fees. Contact Dean's Office for more information.

3.00 credit hours

Prereq: PC-101 or PC-111
Fall 2022 Masters
Spring 2023 Masters
Summer 1 Masters 2023
Fall 2023 Masters

PC-493 Clinical Pastoral Education 1.0 Unit

Clinical pastoral training and supervision in approved institutions such as D.C. area's Catholic University Pastoral Center, Sibley Memorial Hospital, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington Hospital Center, Asbury Village, National Institutes of Health, etc. One full unit of C.P.E. Students secure their own placements and then can opt to register for credits. Wesley will pay site fees. Contact Dean's Office for more information.

6.00 credit hours

Prereq: PC-101 or PC-111

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PW - Preaching and Worship

PW-101 Foundations of Christian Worship

Theological foundations, history, and practice of Christian worship with particular attention given to the sacraments and the liturgical calendar; ecumenical and related to congregational life and faith.

3.00 credit hours

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PW-125 Foundations of Preaching

Purpose and practice of preaching. Homiletical theory and method.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters V. Miles
Spring 2023 Masters V. Miles
Fall 2023 Masters V. Miles

PW-126 Intergenerational Worship

This course focuses on the biblical, theological, and formational importance of intergenerational worship. Students will consider the challenges and necessity of intergenerational worship and develop tools for leading all-age worship.

3.00 credit hours

Spring ters H. Na

PW-307 The Christian Funeral & Wedding

This course will explore the theological dimensions and ritual practices of Christian rites of marriage, death, and burial that have developed over the course of the church's history.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters A. McCullough Fall 2023 Masters A. McCullough

PW-312 Sacramental Theology & Worship Leadership

A worship practicum in which practices from the early church to the present will be investigated to develop a sound and effective strategy for planning and leading worship for diverse and multi-generational congregations. Multiple ways of practicing baptism and the Lord's Supper will be examined for theological insight and effective leadership in ministry

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2023 Masters H. Na

PW-320 Worship & Digital Media Year

This course explores the current ways digital media and worship intersect in global Christian communities. What are key concerns and practices of incorporating digital media in worship? How do various Christian communities exercise their conceptualizations of what worship is through the way they use digital media and vice versa? This course takes a decolonial approach to frame these conversations within histories of power and resource inequities. In addition to providing guiding concepts in order to historically contextualize the digital era and the contemporary landscape of media ecosystems, the seminar will also equip students to research current trends, provide opportunities to craft ministerial strategies for their respective worship settings, and take part in hands-on learning experiences.

2.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters H. Na

PW-340 Preaching Practicum: Preaching for Sunday Worship

Development of skills of sermon preparation, delivery and critical analysis, based on sermons written for and preached to the class. Offered in topical or general sections.

2.00 credit hours

Prereq: Foundations of Preaching
Summer 2 Masters 2023 J. Cope
Fall 2023 Masters V. Miles

PW-346 Women and the Preaching Life

This course engages preaching from the perspective of diverse communities of North American women who are scholars and practioners in preaching, with attention to their reflections on theology, biblical interpretation, social transformation, and the intra/inter-personal dynamics of preaching.

3.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters V. Miles

PW-353 Preaching Hope in Times Like These

Explores the potential of preaching grounded in an embodied theology of Hope to nurture imaginative abundance and purposeful Hopefilledaction despite, social, ecclesial, and relational challenges of today

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters V. Miles

PW-376 Chapel Colloquy

Practicum that assist with chapel service, must have permission of the Chapel Elder.

1.00 credit hour

Fall 2023 Masters H. Na

PW-551 Directed Study: Preaching and Worship

1.00 credit hour

Fall 2022 Masters H. Na Spring 2023 Masters H. Na Fall 2023 Masters B. Epperly

RA - Religion and the Arts

RA-109 Chapel Visuals

Chapel Visuals explores all varieties of art within religious and spiritual spaces. Students will explore principles of design and visual proclamation for an architectural setting through artistic expression and collaborative work with students and the Chapel Elder. Through required readings, discussion, and collaboration, participants will learn from artists, theologists, and pastors to explore the impact of art in worship. Participants in conjunction with the professor will establish sacred spaces both on campus and at home and contribute to the Wesley Chapel for worship. We will develop design proposals for visual elements in community worship spaces, taking into account the liturgical calendar, lectionary readings, and special celebrations. No artistic experience necessary.

2.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters J. Houff

RA-112 Art and the Sacred in Washington Dc

Theological themes and major styles of art encountered through studio lectures, slide presentations, and field trips to this city's painting, sculpture, manuscript illumination, icons, and stained glass. Application of learnings to local church.

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters A. Rosen

RA-129 Creative Process As Spiritual Practice

Explores interplay between contemplative prayer, creativity and the act of making. Focuses on experiental nature of creative process and Benedictine spirituality. Exposes students to other traditions that incorporate making in prayer practices. No arts experience necessary. 2.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters J. Houff Fall 2023 Masters J. Houff

RA-130 Chapel Choir

Participation in singing for community worship: reflection on the role of church music in Christian worship. May be taken a maximum of six semesters for credit.

1.00 credit hour

Fall 2022 Masters T. Tyler Spring 2023 Masters T. Tyler

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RA-141 Faith on Film

An intensive course designed to help students understand and analyze the art of filmmaking and film viewing from a theological perspective, focusing on themes of isolation, solidarity, and community. Coursework will include viewings of several classic and contemporary films, short readings in film theory and criticism, daily online discussions, and a final paper/project.

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters D. Abts

RA-144 Scripture in Literature

An exploration of how writers from diverse times, places, and cultural contexts-including Augustine, William Shakespeare, T.S. Eliot, Flannery O'Connor, Derek Walcott, and James Weldon Johnson, among others-have adapted and re-imagined biblical narratives, motifs, and themes in their work.

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2023 Masters D. Abts

RA-147 Graphic Novels & Religion

From Seoul to New York to Paris, the graphic novel is one of the world's most popular, fastest growing art forms. It is also one of the most thought provoking. In this class, we examine religious questions through close readings of graphic novels by artists of multiple faiths and cultures.

2.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters A. Rosen

RA-154 Receptions of the Psalter in Music and Literature

This course examines musical and literary receptions of select psalms across the centuries and in dialogue with diverse voices. By exploring its afterlife in art, students will gain a fresh insight into the Psalter's enduring theological, devotional, and creative power.

2.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters D. Abts

RA-155 The Poet As Preacher Literature

This course explores connections between the language of theology and the language of poetry, focusing on ways that great preachers and theologians have used poetry to articulate important theological insights. Preacher-poets studied include John Donne, George Herbert, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Howard Thurman, and R. S. Thomas. 2.00 credit hours

Summer 1 Masters 2023 D. Davis

RA-173 Performing Scripture

Hands-on exploration, experimentation, instruction, interpretation, comparison, and coaching in the internalization and performance of scripture for worship, education, pastoral care, Bible study, evangelism, missions, and spiritual formation.

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2023 Masters T. Radosevic

RA-175 Biblical Storytelling

An exploration of biblical storytelling -- traditional oral presentations, electronic renderings, and a combination of the two -- in various ministry settings in the context of our digital culture, including the role and practice of biblical storytelling.

2.00 credit hours

Spring ters T. Radosevic

RA-260 Jewish Art From the Bible to Today

Jews may be a 'people of the book' but-despite stereotypes-they are also a people of the image, with a long, rich, and varied visual culture.

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2023 Masters A. Rosen

ST - Systematic Theology

ST-180 Philosophy for Theology

Introduces students to the history and questions of philosophy with special emphasis on developments that are important for understanding Christian theology.

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters B. Mitchell Summer 1 Masters 2023 C. Dreisbach

ST-181 Philosophical Backgrounds

Introduction to the history and problems of philosophy, with special emphasis on the questions of philosophical theology and their implications for Christian theology and social practice.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2023 Masters J. Young

ST-202 Systematic Theology in a Contemporary World

Introduction to contemporary Christian theological perspectives of God, humanity, sin and evil, Jesus Christ, salvation, the church and ethics. Attention to formulating one's own theological perspective and relevance to ministry. Fulfills the "theology" requirement for Basic Graduate Theological Studies.

3.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters T. Taylor

ST-222 Theological Conversations for Dismantling Racism

This course will examine critically the myth and construction of race. The course explores the cultural production of racism and white privilege particularly in the American Christian heritage. It equips students to journey through the academic and dialogical process intended to dismantle, decolonize, and disrupt white supremacy in the Christian Church and society. The course design is a community model of learning how to move from conversations to activism and advocacy. The resources are culture centered in pedagogy and delivery. Upon successful completion of the course, students can facilitate conversations on dismantling racism.

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters

ST-232 Queer Theology, Queer Lives

A. Price

This course sets aside apologetics to consider how queer life can be a site of revelation and how queer theology holds lessons for all Christians.

2.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters R. Elgendy

ST-253 Social Justice & Cinema: Racism, Colonialism & the Rights of the Marginal Ized

Scholars will critically analyze themes of social justice as presented in internationally-acclaimed films within culturally diverse contexts 2.00 credit hours

Summer 1 Masters 2023 D. Barnes

ST-260 Challenging the Tenacity of White Supremacy in the U.S.

This study is designed to stimulate serious reflection in ways the Church can exercise its prophetic role in fighting discriminatory practices and promote a just and inclusive social order.

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2023 Masters B. Mitchell

ST-297 Process Theology

Critical analysis of openness and process theologi es. Emphasis placed on relational categories for understanding God and existence. Topics of study include science and religions dialogues, theodicy, divine love, omnipotence, and omniscience. Exami nation of the compatibility of these theologies with contemporary Wesleyan theologies.

2.00 credit hours

Summer 2 Masters 2023 B. Epperly

ST-305 Systematic Theology 1

Revelation and theological knowledge: the doctrines of God, creation, providence, human nature, person and work of Christ, the Holy Spirit, church, and eschatology.

3.00 credit hours

Prereq: Introduction to Hebrew Bible, Introduction to New Testament, The Church in History and Undergraduate Philosophj

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Fall 2023 Masters J. Young

ST-306 Systematic Theology 2

Revelation and theological knowledge: the doctrines of God, creation, providence, human nature, person and work of Christ, the Holy Spirit, church, and eschatology.

3.00 credit hours

Prereq: ST-305

Spring 2023 Masters S. Clarke Spring 2023 Masters B. Mitchell

ST-463 History of The United Methodist Church

Introduction to the narratives forming personal and corporate identity of United Methodists today, including founders' stories, phases of the denomination, persons representative of major developments, and stories that counter present perceptions. Fulfills the UM History requirement for election to probationary membership and commissioning in The United Methodist Church as specified in The Book of Discipline 2012, Par. 324.4a.

2.00 credit hours

Prereq: CH-102

Fall 2022 Masters D. Tzan
Summer 1 Masters 2023 C. Harrell
Summer 2 Masters 2023 C. Yoon
Fall 2023 Masters D. Tzan

ST-464 Doctrine of The United Methodist Church

Introduction to the primary sources for United Methodist theology; preparation for the candidacy and provisionary membership examinations in theology; experimentation in translating Methodist doctrine into sermons, lessons, and liturgy; and engaging the contemporary issue of clergy health in conversation with John Wesley. Fulfills the UM Doctrine requirement for election to probationary membership and commissioning in The United Methodist Church as specified in The Book of Discipline 2012, Par. 324.4a.

2.00 credit hours

Prereq: CH-102

Spring 2023 Masters P. Wingeier-Rayo Summer 2 Masters 2023 C. Harrell

ST-551 Directed Study: Systematic Theology

1.00 credit hour

Fall 2022 Masters C. Hunt Spring 2023 Masters R. Elgendy

WR - World Religions

WR-201 World Religions As Resource for Christian Theology and Church Ministry

Developing a respectful understanding of the basic beliefs and practices of the major world religions; theological options for correlating Christian faith with religious plurality and conceptualizing ministries in pluralistic settings.

3.00 credit hours

Spring 2023 Masters S. Clarke

Spring 2023 Masters P. Wingeier-Rayo

Fall 2023 Masters S. Clarke

WR-240 When Does Life Begin and End? Jewish Answers From Rabbinic Literature

Intro to Rabbinic literature, including Mishnah, Talmud, Responsa, and Midrash. Focused on when life begins and ends, according to legal and literary traditions of the ancient Rabbis.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters F. Reiner

WR-261 Islam: History and Traditions

A general orientation to Islam, its history and practice, across time and space until the present day. Introduces the basic belief system - the Muhammadan Paradigm - and the concept of law, as well as popular and divergent forms of Islam and mysticism. Examines Islamic culture: art, architecture, music, and celebrations.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2022 Masters M. Sayilgan Spring 2023 Masters M. Sayilgan Fall 2023 Masters M. Sayilgan

WR-305 Scripture in World Religions

Engaging with the scriptures of major world religions and their understanding of sacred text and word.

2.00 credit hours

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