

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### DESCRIPTION

The Course of Study is an experiential and classroom learning process for licensed Local Pastors. The basic summer program consists of two terms of two weeks each, with two classes taken per term. Each course requires reading books and writing papers in advance and classroom attendance. Full-time Local Pastors are expected to complete four courses during the summer, normally completing the program in five years. Students should try to take courses in sequence from Year 1 to Year 5. Part-time Local Pastors are expected to complete two courses each year. In addition to basic summer Course of Study they may attend Weekend Course of Study courses.

### REQUIREMENTS

In order to attend Course of Study School, students must have a High School diploma, or equivalent; obtain recommendations from their District Superintendent and Conference Registrar; and have completed Licensing School as offered by the annual conference.

Unofficial records of grades are mailed from Wesley in Oct. to the student, student's District Superintendent and to the COS Registrar in Nashville, TN. **Official transcripts should be requested from the GBHEM in Nashville by e-mailing Linda Heist.**

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## WEEKEND COS at WESLEY

In January 2011 Wesley began offering Weekend Course of Study for part-time local pastors. These courses are offered on selected weekends with four classes being offered each term. Each class takes place over two weekends about one month apart with pre-work required each weekend. Students may take one class per term.

Weekend Course of Study is an option to assist part-time local pastors in completing the program without having to take two weeks off from work or away from family. This is an option and not required to complete COS. Part-time local pastors may complete COS by taking courses in the summer, or by combining summer and weekend courses.

\*beginning Fall 2013 we will offer four courses per term.

### 2014 WEEKEND SCHEDULE

#### Winter Term : Registrations Due Dec 2013

January 3-4 & February 7-8, 2014  
CS 312 Theological Heritage: Reformation  
CS 413 Worship and Sacraments  
CS 511 New Testament 2  
CS 112 Theology in the Wesleyan Spirit

#### Spring Term: Registrations Due January 2014

March 28-29 & April 25-26, 2014  
CS 213 Formation for Discipleship  
CS 314 Pastoral Care and Counseling  
CS 411 Hebrew Bible 2  
CS 512 Contemporary Theology

Weekend classes follow this format:

#### First weekend:

Friday: 10am—1pm: Registration  
1pm—5pm: Class  
5pm—7pm: Worship and dinner on your own  
7pm—9pm: Class

Saturday: 8:30am light continental breakfast provided  
9am—1pm: Class

## COURSE OF STUDY SCHOOL OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**WESLEY**  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

**July 7, 2014 -  
July 31, 2014**

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# Wesley Summer Basic Course of Study Information

## CLASSES SCHEDULE

Students are required to attend all class sessions. Classes are held for 8 consecutive weekdays with a break over the weekend. Basic COS Classes will begin the Monday after the Fourth of July each summer with check-in and orientation and run for the next four weeks. Students should take two classes per term.

## REGISTRATION AND COURSE MATERIALS

To register complete the [registration form](#) (found on the website), obtain the necessary signatures, and mail to the WTS COS Registrar with a **\$35 nonrefundable check for each course postmarked by April 1**. The [study guides with the pre-course assignment](#) are available on the COS website at [www.wesleyseminary.edu](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu).

## ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING POLICY

Students should read all reading assignments listed in the Study Guide for courses they have registered for and have completed the assignments prior to arriving. Please submit assignments via Blackboard by midnight **June 1**, except for students taking 100 level courses who submit their papers in hardcopy to each instructor on the first day of class. Papers must be received by the faculty the last day of class to receive credit, however, there will be a reduction in grade penalty for late submission. A grade of "F" will be given if a paper is not received by the last day of class. No papers will be accepted after class is over. All students will receive Wesley log-on IDs to access Blackboard after they have registered for classes.

## WORSHIP

We have designed the program to include several opportunities for corporate prayer throughout the day. Students are invited to individual devotions before class as well as a noon Eucharist service in which the graduating class preaches and faculty administer the Eucharist. Students play a key role in planning and running the services. taking turns reading scripture, assisting with Eucharist and other worship activities. The whole community is involved and benefits from the corporate nature of the worship at Wesley. Students are invited to join the choir and sing during both the noon worship service and at the graduation service. We encourage creativity in worship and use of the newly renovated Oxnam Chapel's AV equipment to enhance the worship experience.

## FINANCES

### Summer July Intensive Term

**Registration Fee:** \$35.00 per course

**Housing and Meals:** Fee for housing and meals will be set early in 2013. Please check the website for housing and meal information. Everyone who is placed in housing by Wesley must take the meal plan.

**Tuition:** \$0 for July Intensive; It is paid for by the United Methodist Church.

**Facility Fee:** \$100.00 per term

\*\*Wesley reserves the right to adjust the printed fees.

Fees will be set for the following summer by March 1 each year by the Board of Governors. **At this printing Wesley has not set the 2014-2015 budget or confirmed a contract for off-site housing. Please watch the COS website for updates.**

Students are required to pay all fees when they arrive on campus. A spread sheet of expenses is available on the website. Most students also receive some financial assistance from their conference. Please check with your conference registrar to determine the level of support you may expect from your annual conference.

## FINANCIAL AID

Students who are experiencing financial difficulty may apply for a grant from the [Ellis L. Larsen Scholarship Fund](#). Each year Course of Study students raise funds to help classmates offset the cost of coming to Course of Study through bussing tables, selling shirts and other crafts. Grants are awarded by a committee and are granted on the basis of need. Applications are available on-line and should be returned to Sara Sheppard.

## HOUSING

Housing is available through Wesley Theological Seminary either on campus or off-site, however housing space on-campus is limited. Assignments are made according to health and mobility needs. Special housing requests must be accompanied by a doctors note each year.

Students may also choose to arrange their own housing.

## FIRST TERM - July 7—July 17

### FIRST YEAR

**CS-112** Theology in the Wesleyan Spirit, *Ellis Larsen*

**CS-114** Pastoral Leadership and Administration, *Chip Wright*

### SECOND YEAR

**CS-213** Formation for Discipleship, *Joe Bush*

**CS-212** Theological Heritage: Early Church, *Charles Harrell*

### THIRD YEAR

**CS-314** Pastoral Care and Counseling, *Gina Campbell*

**CS-311** New Testament I, *Mark Schaefer*

### FOURTH YEAR

**CS-411** Hebrew Bible II, *Becky Wright*

**CS-414** Personal and Social Ethics, *Joe Bush*

### FIFTH YEAR

**CS-512** Contemporary Theology, *Jim Noland*

**CS-514** Theology of the Practice of Ministry, *Stephen Rettenmayer*

## SECOND TERM - July 21—July 31

### FIRST YEAR

**CS-111** The Pastor as Interpreter of the Bible, *Becky Wright*

**CS-113** Pastoral Care for Spiritual Formation, *Michael Koppel*

### SECOND YEAR

**CS-211** Hebrew Bible I, *Pat MacNicoll*

**CS-214** Practice of Preaching, *Larry Buxton, Asa Lee*

### THIRD YEAR

**CS-313** Our Mission: Evangelism, *Doug Powe*

**CS-312** Theological Heritage: Reformation, *David Evans*

### FOURTH YEAR

**CS-412** Wesleyan Movement, *Robert Kohler*

**CS-413** Worship and Sacraments, *Carol Cook-Moore*

### FIFTH YEAR

**CS-513** Our Mission: Transforming Agent, *Jim Walker*

**CS-511** New Testament 2, *Jamie Coles*