

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 part-time local pastors 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 cosregistrar@gbhem.org**

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WESLEY WEEKEND COS

In January 2011 Wesley began offering Weekend Course of Study for part-time local pastors. These courses are offered on selected weekends. Each class take place over two weekends about one month apart with pre-work required each weekend. Students may take one class per term and must attend all class sessions to receive credit for the class.

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

2016 WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Summer Hybrid Term: Registrations Due June 2016 August 01 & September 16—17, 2016

CS 123 Formation & Discipleship
CS 221 Bible 2: Torah and Israel's History
CS 424 Ethics
CS 522 Theology in the Contemporary Church

Fall Term: Registrations Due August 2016 October 14-15 & November 4-5, 2016

CS 124 Transformative Leadership
CS 322 Theological Heritage 3: Medieval—Reformation
CS 423 Mission
CS 521 Bible 5: Acts, Epistles & Revelation

Winter Hybrid Term : Registrations Due Nov 2016 January 01 & February 24-25, 2017

CS 224 Administration & Polity
CS 321 Bible 3: Gospels
CS 422 Theological Heritage 4: Wesleyan Movement
CS 524 Theological Reflection: Practice of Ministry

Spring Term: Registrations Due January 2017 March 10—11 & April 21—22, 2017

CS 122 Theological Heritage 1: Introduction
CS 223 Worship & Sacraments
CS 324 Preaching
CS 421 Bible 4: Prophets, Psalms & Wisdom Literature

Weekend classes follow this format:

First weekend:

Friday: 10am—12:30pm: Registration
1pm—1:30pm: Worship in Oxnam Chapel
1:30pm—5:30pm: Class
5:30—7pm Dinner on your own
7pm—9pm: Class

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

Second Weekend:

Same as above starting at 1pm on Friday.

2017 WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Summer Hybrid Term: Registrations Due June 2017 August 01 & September 15—16, 2017

CS 121 Bible 1: Introduction
CS 222 Theological Heritage 2: Early Church
CS 323 Congregational Care
CS 523 Evangelism

Fall Term: Registrations Due August 2017 October 13-14 & November 3-4, 2017

CS 123 Formation & Discipleship
CS 221 Bible 2: Torah and Israel's History
CS 424 Ethics
CS 522 Theology in the Contemporary Church

Winter Hybrid Term : Registrations Due Nov 2017 January 01 & February 23-24, 2018

CS 124 Transformative Leadership
CS 322 Theological Heritage 3: Medieval/Reformation
CS 423 Mission
CS 521 Bible 5: Acts, Epistles & Revelation

Spring Term: Registrations Due January 2018 March 16—17 & April 20—21, 2018

CS 224 Administration and Polity
CS 321 Bible 3: Gospels
CS 422 Theological Heritage 4 : Wesleyan Movement
CS 524 Theological Reflection: Practice of Ministry

COURSE OF STUDY SCHOOL OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WESLEY

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

July 11, 2016 -
August 4, 2016

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Wesley Summer Basic Course of Study Information

JULY CLASS SCHEDULE

Students are required to attend all class sessions. Classes are held for 8 consecutive weekdays with a break over the weekend. Basic COS program 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 register for 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, and other materials](#) are available on the COS website at www.wesleyseminary.edu. Student check-in at WTS takes place the first Monday of each term from 3pm—7pm on the Wesley campus.

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 as instructed in your study guides for each course. Papers received after the due date (June 1 or first day of class) are marked down one-third grade; papers received after the first day of class are marked down two-thirds of a grade. Papers received on the last day of class will receive one whole grade reduction. 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.

TECHNOLOGY

Wesley uses Blackboard, an online learning tool to receive pre-course work during the summer July Intensive program. Faculty may also use Blackboard to disseminate reading assignments, give quizzes or for other learning tools. Students are encouraged to log on to Blackboard through My Wesley as soon as they receive their user ID and password from the school. This ID and password will remain the same for as long as they are a student at Wesley. Students have access to a course once they are enrolled by the registrar.

Students also will receive a student e-mail account. This will be used for all seminary correspondence. Please be sure to check your Wesley account or forward it to one that you use regularly.

FINANCES

Registration Fee: \$35.00 per course

Housing and Meals: Fees for housing and meals will be set early in 2014. Please check the website for housing and meal information.*

Tuition: There is no tuition charge for Course of Study School, it is paid for by the United Methodist Church.

Facility Fee: \$100.00 per term

**Wesley reserves the right to adjust the printed fees on the website. Fees will be set for the following summer by March 1 each year by the Board of Governors.

Students are required to pay all fees when they arrive on campus. A spread sheet outlining the cost of attendance will be available on the website once fees are set for the year. Most students also receive some financial assistance from their conference and/or churches. 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 magnets, chocolate, crosses and other handmade items they bring with them. Grants are awarded by a committee and are determined 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. ***At this printing Wesley has not set the 2015–2016**

ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Enrichment is an extracurricular program to assist students in areas of ministry not covered in the classroom learning. Courses rotates and may cover: global music, the use of technology in the church, biblical story telling, the use of art in worship, youth ministry, congregational issues in small church ministry, visiting Methodist historical sites in the area, mission opportunities and personal and spiritual care of the pastor. Enrichment is voluntary, however, we encourage students to take advantage of these resources and attend as they are able.

WORSHIP

We have designed the COS program to include several opportunities for corporate prayer throughout the day. Students are invited to individual devotions before class; a noon Eucharist service in which the graduating class preaches and faculty administer the Eucharist. And an evening worship time.

Students play a key role in planning and running the services. Each year (years 5—1) take 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 daily 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.

HYBRID COURSES

To accommodate seminary schedules we are moving the summer and winter weekend sessions to a hybrid format. The first session in August will be on-line and students will be expected to participate fully. The second weekend will take place on campus in September. Further information is available on the website.

FIRST TERM - July 11—July 21

FIRST YEAR

CS-122 Theological Heritage 1: Introduction
CS-124 Transformative Leadership

SECOND YEAR

CS-221 Bible 2: Torah and Israel's History
CS-222 Theological Heritage 2: Early Church

THIRD YEAR

CS-322 Theological Heritage 3: Medieval—Reformation
CS-321 Bible 3: Gospels

FOURTH YEAR

CS-421 Bible 4: Prophets, Psalms and Wisdom Lit.
CS-424 Ethics

FIFTH YEAR

CS-522 Contemporary Theology
CS-524 Theological Reflection: Practice of Ministry

SECOND TERM July 25— August 4

FIRST YEAR

CS-121 The Pastor as Interpreter of the Bible
CS-123 Formation & Discipleship

SECOND YEAR

CS-223 Worship & Sacraments
CS-224 Administration and Polity

THIRD YEAR

CS-324 Preaching
CS-323 Congregational Care

FOURTH YEAR

CS-423 Mission
CS-422 Theological Heritage 4: Wesleyan Movement

FIFTH YEAR

CS-523 Evangelism
CS-521 Bible 5: Acts, Epistles and Revelation