

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### DESCRIPTION

The Course of Study is an experiential and classroom learning process for licensed Local Pastors. The July summer program consists of two terms of two weeks each, with two classes taken per term. Each course requires reading books, writing papers in advance as well as class work on campus. Full-time Local Pastors are expected to complete four courses a year, 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 July summer Course of Study all local pastors, full and part time, are now allowed to attend Weekend Course of Study courses at programs run by a Regional School.

### 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 after each course to the student, student's local pastor registrar and to the COS Registrar in Nashville, TN. **Official transcripts should be requested from the GBHEM in Nashville by e-mailing [cosregistrar@gbhem.org](mailto: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. In 2016 these courses were expanded to include fulltime Local Pastors as well taking courses offered by a Regional School. At Wesley, we offer winter and summer sessions in a hybrid format so that half the class is on-line and half is face-to-face. The Fall and Spring sessions are all face-to-face requiring students to come to campus in Washington, DC two weekends which are scheduled about one month apart with pre-work required each weekend. Students take one class per session and must attend all class sessions to receive credit for the class. This format is an option and not required to complete COS.

### 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, 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, 2017

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

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.

### 2018 WEEKEND SCHEDULE

#### Summer Hybrid Term: Registrations Due June 2018 August 01 & September 14-15, 2018

CS 122 Theological Heritage 1: Introduction  
CS 223 Worship and Sacraments  
CS 324 Preaching  
CS 421 Bible 4: Prophets, Psalms and Wisdom Lit.

#### Fall Term: Registrations Due August 2018 October 12-13 & November 2-3, 2018

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

#### Winter Hybrid Term : Registrations Due Nov 2018 January 01 & February 22-23, 2018

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

#### Spring Term: Registrations Due January 2019 March 15-16 & April 19-20, 2019

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

## COURSE OF STUDY SCHOOL OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**WESLEY**  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

July 10, 2017 -  
August 3, 2017

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# Wesley July Summer 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. July summer 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 register 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](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu) under the “Current Student” link to the Course of Study Page. 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 on the website for courses they have registered for and have completed the assignments prior to arriving. Please submit assignments as instructed by your instructor for each course. Papers received after the due date will receive a penalty. 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 2017. 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. 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 by the deadline on the website.

## 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 2017-2018 budget. Please watch the COS website for updates.*  
<https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/course-of-study-current-students/>

## 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, art workshops, biblical languages, 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 and 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. Each year (years 1-5) 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 student schedules Wesley offers two weekend sessions in a hybrid format; Summer and Winter. The first session is offered on-line using Black board. Students must be able to access the Black board platform to participate. The second weekend will take place on campus. A schedule of upcoming session is listed on the reverse of the brochure.

## FIRST TERM - July 10—July 20, 2017

### 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 24— August 3, 2017

### 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

Questions about Wesley’s COS Program? Please contact Sara Sheppard at 202-885-8688 or email [ssheppard@wesleyseminary.edu](mailto:ssheppard@wesleyseminary.edu)