

BI - Biblical Interpretation

BI-318 Old Testament Exegesis: Willingness To Die 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.

3.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters 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

Summer 1 Masters K. Brown

BI-322 Old Testament Exegesis: Isaiah

English texts, with attention to literary and interpretive features, methods and theological issues. Prerequisite: BI-341.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2020 Masters P. Cho

BI-326 Old Testament Exegesis: Jeremiah

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

3.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters D. Dombkowski Hopkins

BI-338 Explorations in Trauma and Bible

Exploration of the relevance of trauma to the study of the Bible and of the Bible for a traumatized world through readings in the Bible and trauma theory

3.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters P. Cho

BI-368 Hope in the Gospel(s)

Examines how the Gospels reveal sources and foundations of hope, and how reading the Gospels can shape readers into people of hope.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2021 Masters L. Holmes

BI-371 New Testament Exegesis: Mark

Readings in English with attention to method and theological ideas.

3.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters L. Holmes

BI-374 New Testament Exegesis: John

Readings in English with attention and development to method and theological ideas.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2020 Masters L. Holmes

BI-429 Bodies, Books and God

A study of biblical references to writing which explores how ancient encounter with text was experienced as encounter with the LORD. Re-read through this lens, these references have new resonance for communities still seeking such encounter.

2.00 credit hours

J-Term ters 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 2020 Masters	P. Cho
Fall 2020 Masters	D. Dombkowski Hopkins
Fall 2021 Masters	D. Dombkowski Hopkins
Fall 2021 Masters	R. Sadler

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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters	P. Cho
J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters	D. Dombkowski Hopkins
J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters	P. Cho
J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters	D. Dombkowski Hopkins

BI-211 Biblical Hebrew 1

Biblical Hebrew language grammar and vocabulary for beginners. Part one of a two-semester sequence.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2020 Masters K. Brown

BI-212 Biblical Hebrew 2

Second semester of Biblical Hebrew language sequence.

3.00 credit hours

Prereq: BI-211

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters K. Brown

BI-213 Biblical Hebrew

Grammar, vocabulary and thought forms of Biblical Hebrew language.

6.00 credit hours

Summer 2 Masters D. Dombkowski Hopkins

BI-235 Divine Violence in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Sacred Traditions: The Legacy of the Biblical Joshua

A descriptive overview of divine-violence in the main Abrahamic faiths, with illustrations from the Conquest Narrative of Joshua (Josh. 1-12).

3.00 credit hours

Summer 2 Masters O. Creanga

BI-485 Grounded in the Living Word: Pastoral Practices and the Hebrew Bible

An interdisciplinary dialogue between Hebrew Bible and pastoral theology with attention to intersections between the biblical text and the human text with their resulting tension, ambiguities, and complexities, and their impact upon both biblical interpretation and ministerial practices.

3.00 credit hours

Prereq: Introduction to Hebrew Bible

Fall 2020 Masters D. Dombkowski Hopkins
Fall 2020 Masters M. Koppel

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 2020 Masters L. Holmes
Fall 2020 Masters C. Works
Fall 2021 Masters L. Holmes
Fall 2021 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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters C. Works
J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters C. Works
J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters L. Holmes
J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters C. Works

BI-262 New Testament Greek 2

Second semester of New Testament Greek language sequence.

3.00 credit hours

Prereq: BI-261

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters C. Wilson

BI-377 Paul and Practical Theology

This course explores Paul as a practical theologian and as a guide to doing practical theology the "Pauline way" now.

3.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters E. Peck-McClain

BI-449 New Testament Exegesis: 1 & 2 Corinthians

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

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters C. Works

BI-451 Paul's Urban Ministry

Examination of biblical texts and study of the first century milieu of Paul's churches. Social-scientific study of Paul's mission in urban centers of the Roman Empire by engaging a variety of evidence. Topics such as Paul's treatment of poverty, patronage households, slavery, identity, citizenship, and imperialism.

3.00 credit hours

Prereq: Introduction to New Testament: Epistles

Fall 2021 Masters

C. Works

BI-452 Women in the Letters of Paul

A study of the issues surrounding the portrayal of women in the letters of Paul with particular attention to the role of women in the Pauline mission, Paul's instructions regarding women in the early churches, and the comparison of Paul's writing with his contemporaries.

3.00 credit hours

Prereq: Introduction to New Testament: Epistles and Gospels

Fall 2020 Masters

C. Works

III. General Bible

BI-551 Directed Study: Bible

1.00 credit hour

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters D. Dombkowski Hopkins

CF - Christian Teaching & Formation

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

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters E. Peck-McClain

CF-133 Teaching and Learning in Christian Education for a Diverse World

The course discusses theological and pedagogical principles of multicultural Christian Education. It explores how to teach and engage Christian faith and Bible with immigrants, black and brown, Asian, or indigenous communities. Special attention will be given to the concept of cultural intelligence and culturally responsive pedagogies as essential tools for Christian educational ministry with diverse groups of learners.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2020 Masters

E. Peck-McClain

Summer 1 Masters

J. Strukova

CF-142 Teaching Environmental Justice to Young People

Introduces concrete strategies to educate, motivate, and empower young people for the ministry of environmental justice. Attention to scriptural study, protest, and public artmaking in worship and community engagement. Focus on access, representation, safety, and sustainability witnessed through specific communities.

2.00 credit hours

J-Term

C. Rosen

Fall 2021 Masters

C. Rosen

CF-153 Innovative Ministry by Design 2

This course presents the final steps of the design thinking process engaged in conversation with the practice of ministry and explores examples of innovative ministry in new plants and established churches.

1.00 credit hour

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters E. Peck-McClain

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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters A. Thomas

CF-205 Spiritual Gifts for the Contemporary Church

Exploration of the diverse gifts of the Holy Spirit found in the New Testament based on insights from classical Pentecostal, charismatic and mainline traditions in order to assist members in recognizing, developing and sharing their ministry with the local church.

2.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters A. Thomas

CF-206 Spirituality & Ecojustice Along the Ancoxia 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

Summer 2 Masters E. Norcross

CF-207 Prayer in the Early Church

This course will investigate the diverse forms of Christian prayer that flourished in the early Church-and which still play a vital role in modern Christian ways of praying.

2.00 credit hours

J-Term ters A. Petrin

CF-208 Saints and Mystics

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 2021 Masters D. Davis

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 E. Peck-McClain

CF-290 Cultivating Mental Health Through Spiritual Practices

This course integrates the subject of spirituality and spiritual formation with the issues of mental health as part of the holistic view of care for individual and community.

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2020 Masters J. Strukova

Fall 2021 Masters J. Strukova

CF-551 Directed Study: Christian Teaching and Formation

1.00 credit hour

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters E. Peck-McClain

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters E. Peck-McClain

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters E. Peck-McClain

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 2020 Masters R. Danker

Fall 2020 Masters C. Harrell

Fall 2021 Masters S. Grant

Fall 2021 Masters C. Harrell

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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters C. Harrell

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters B. Mitchell

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters R. Danker

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters C. Harrell

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 2021 Masters A. Thomas

CH-208 The Church and the Civil Rights Movement

An historical, theological and socio-cultural analysis of some of the major people, places and events of the Civil Rights Movement, with particular focus on the implications of the movement on the contemporary church.

2.00 credit hours

Summer 2 Masters C. Hunt

CH-217 Prophetic Literature in the African-American Tradition

Exploration of literature from the African-American religious tradition, from the period of slavery through the modern civil rights movement, which bears witness to the prophetic dimensions of the Gospel.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2021 Masters B. Mitchell

CH-246 Suffering, Meaning & Spirituality

This course studies and reflects on a variety of religious and theological texts from early Christianity to the present day that engage with the problem of suffering: its nature, its meaning, and our response to it.

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2020 Masters J. Estes

CH-252 Leadership and Discernment in the Early : Gregory the Great's "pastoral Care"

An introduction to Gregory the Great and his Pastoral Rule, as a window on early Christian pastoral theology on discernment and religious leadership, and reflection on its relevance for the present.

1.00 credit hour

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters J. Estes

CH-313 Women in Early & Medieval Christianity

Women in Early and Medieval Christianity - History of women in early and medieval Christianity with focus on historical and social contexts. Attention to primary sources.

2.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters J. Estes

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 2021 Masters V. Dingus

CM-116 Leadership in African American Churches

Exploring unique approaches to leadership in the Black Church with specific attention given to the culture and nuances of pastoral and lay leadership in African-American congregations and communities. Specific focus on clergy and lay leadership around worship, pastoral care, Christian education, evangelism, mission, and community and economic development.

2.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters Doug Powe

CM-119 Facing the First Pastorate

Administration and management to help those of all denominations prepare for leadership positions or to be more effective in current positions. Will address entering the initial position, transitions, dealing with conflict and uncertainty, visioning, staff and volunteers, laity in worship, program development, pastoral care, stewardship, and other personal concerns.

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2020 Masters Y. Hardman-Cromwell

CM-129 Planting New Faith Communities/ Evangelism

Introduction to the fast-changing world of new church planting and faith-community development in American Protestant Christianity. Church planting as a strategy for integrating new people into Christian life and practice. Best planting practices will be explored and the ways that planting strategies must change with the missional context.

3.00 credit hours

J-Term ters P. Nixon

CM-130 Reviving Dying Churches & Communities

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

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2020 Masters J. Daniels
Fall 2021 Masters J. Daniels

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.

1.00 credit hour

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters L. Weems
Fall 2020 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

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters L. Parks
Fall 2021 Masters L. Parks

CM-137 Church Finances

Exploration of various types of budgets within a congregation, categories of income and expenses, building budgets, methods of giving, accurate tracking of giving and proper financial administration of funds, examining all from both a theological perspective and from the best practices of financial transparency and accountability.

1.00 credit hour

Summer 1 Masters L. Weems

CM-139 Beginning Ministry in a New Setting

Best practices in leaving a ministry setting and preparing the way for your successor, entry into a new setting (first day, first Sunday, first weeks, first months), the start-up period; emotional dimensions of transitions; the personal, professional, and congregational challenges in transitions.

2.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters L. Weems

CM-142 Healthy Stewardship in the Local Church

Exploration of the Biblical and theological basis for healthy congregational stewardship, emphasizing centrality of healthy stewardship to healthy discipleship and survey of the different components to a well-rounded financial stewardship program.

1.00 credit hour

Summer 1 Masters A. Michel

CM-146 Race, Religion & Resistance in America

This course will explore the ways American Christianity supported constructions of race to subjugate people and the ways that counter movements formed models of resistance.

2.00 credit hours

J-Term ters A. Lee

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

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters Doug Powe

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 1 Masters J. Lemaster-Smith

CM-164 Exploring Digital Worship

This course uses social scientific methods to explore congregational leadership through the theology and practice of digital worship with a focus on issues of participation, communication, and innovation.

2.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters T. Snyder

CM-205 The Mission of the Church in the Contemporary World

Reflection on foundations of mission, the role of the Church in God's mission in the world and exploration of current missiological topics such as ethnocentrism, secularism, religious fundamentalism and the theology of religions. Fulfills the "mission of the church in the world" 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

Summer 1 Masters P. Wingeier-Rayo

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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters L. Parrish

J-Term/Spring 2021 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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters T. Pruski

CM-247 On Visiting the Sick: Methodist Response S to Disease and Pandemic

This course is both historical and practical. Participants will analyze the works of the Wesley's and the ways Methodists respond to various disease and pandemic events throughout history in order to respond to potential new realities.

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2020 Masters J. Lemaster-Smith

CM-248 United Methodism: History, Doctrine And Polity I

This course explores the founding of Methodism in England with John and Charles Wesley, the development of distinctive early Methodist doctrine, the formation of Methodist practices including the itinerancy, connectionalism, and conference structure in addition to early Methodist worship practices and emphasis on sacramentalism and the means of grace. The course is designed to fulfill ordination requirements as outlined in the United Methodist Book of Discipline.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2020 Masters

R. Danker

CM-249 United Methodism: History, Doctrine And Polity II

This course explores the growth of Methodism in the United States and in particular the churches that would become the United Methodist Church. Emphases include the history of revivalism, the struggle over race, the division of the church and the reunification of Methodism in the 20th century. The course will include the development of distinctly United Methodist doctrine and the evolution of worship practices. Attention will also be given to the development of a global United Methodism. The course is designed to fulfill ordination requirements as outlined in the United Methodist Book of Discipline.

3.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters P. Wingeier-Rayo

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters R. Danker

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

J-Term

Summer 2 Masters

J. Lemaster-Smith

L. Parks

CM-254 Presbyterian Polity: Foundations and Form of Government

A study of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church (USA), emphasizing theological, confessional, and historical foundations. Study of the present form of government -- responsibilities, rights, and powers -- of Presbyterian congregations, Presbyteries, Synods, and General Assembly.

2.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters D. Ensign

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

J-Term/Spring 2020 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.

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2021 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 2020 Masters

Doug Powe

Fall 2020 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 2020 Masters

J. Young

Fall 2021 Masters

J. Young

CM-297 Proctor Conference Course

This course provides course credit for active participation in the seminarian track of the annual Proctor Conference meeting in February.

2.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters A. Lee

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters A. Lee

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

J-Term ters

R. Wellington

J-Term 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 2020 Masters

L. Parrish

Fall 2021 Masters

L. Parrish

CM-406 Community Engagement Fellows Seminar 1/2

Continuing exploration of 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 initial development of fellow's project. Only open to Community Engagement Fellows. 2 credit hours. Pre-req CM-405.

2.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters L. Parrish

J-Term/Spring 2021 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 2020 Masters L. Parrish

Fall 2021 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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters L. Parrish

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters L. Parrish

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 2020 Masters L. Parrish

Fall 2021 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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters L. Parrish

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters L. Parrish

CM-420 Project of Transformation: Urban Ministry

Learn basic principles of leading faith-based service delivery, community building, community development corporations, and community organizing, with a focus on practices of grant writing, non-profit issues, community coalitions, and participatory action research. CM-230 pre-requisite to complete the core requirement for the Urban Ministry Program.

2.00 credit hours

Prereq: CM-230

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters L. Parrish

CM-440 Project of Transformation: Missional Church Capstone

Engaging in the community through a missional church project. Students work as part of a ministry team or partnership. Sample projects might include: helping to form a new missional community or worshipping community in a particular area or among a particular group of people or assisting a community in establishing or growing an outreach missions ministry. Required for the Missional Church Specialization.

2.00 credit hours

Prereq: CM-205 or CM-150

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters

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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters A. Lee

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters A. Lee

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

L. Parrish

CM-551 Directed Study: Congregational Life and Historical Theology

1.00 credit hour

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters K. Lee

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters L. Parrish

CM-571 General Conference 2019: Leadership, Mission and Worship for the Global Church

An exploration of leadership, polity and worship in the global United Methodist Church through a contextual learning experience at The United Methodist Church General Conference (held every quadrennium).

2.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters Doug Powe

EP - Ethics & Public Theology**EP-200 Foundations of Public Theology**

This course explores the political and social 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 2021 Masters

R. Elgendy

EP-282 Faith, Politics & Public Square

Exploration of significant public issues and political processes and their theological and practical implications through meetings with public officials, political figures, lobbyists, and church social action leaders. Group seminar sessions, mutual critique of student position papers, selected readings.

4.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters M. McCurry

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters S. Wheeler

EP-290 Paradigms & Practices of Public Theology

This course explores major paradigms and instances of public theology with particular attention to its context in U.S. political and social life.

Coursework culminates in each student developing a written project that applies course material to an issue related to their own interests and context.

3.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters R. Elgandy

EP-302 Ethical Dimensions of Ministry

The dimensions of ministry involving moral teaching, counsel, and mediation of moral conflicts, along with moral challenges raised by the practice of ministry (e.g., confidentiality and boundary setting).

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2021 Masters

J. Bush

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

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters R. Elgandy

EP-320 Power, Sex, and Money: Perennial Issues in the Church

A deep exploration of three significant moral topics which have remained matters of theological and practical struggle throughout Christian history. Analyzes implications for the person, the Christian community, and engagement with wider world.

3.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters S. Wheeler

EP-490 Capstone Project in Faith & Public Life

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

3.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters R. Elgandy

Fall 2021 Masters

R. Elgandy

EP-551 Directed Study: Ethics

1.00 credit hour

Fall 2021 Masters

R. Elgandy

Fall 2021 Masters

J. Young

ES - Ethics/Public Theology

ES-238 Bioethics and Pastoral Care

Foundations, methods and issues of contemporary biomedical ethics. Special attention to theological bases and implications of health care and to the relevance of medical ethics for chaplaincy and pastoral ministry.

3.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters S. Wheeler

ES-256 Ecology & Moral Community

Explores ways that moral community has been conceptually broadened by philosophers, ethicists, and theologians in the seventy years since 1949 when Aldo Leopold called for more ecologically inclusive ethics.

3.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters J. Bush

ES-282 Faith, Politics & Public Square

Exploration of significant public issues and political processes and their theological and practical implications through meetings with public officials, political figures, lobbyists, and church social action leaders. Group seminar sessions, mutual critique of student position papers, selected readings.

4.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters M. McCurry

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters K. Norris

ES-284 NCSS Social Ethics Internship

Practical field experience in settings other than local church.

Inter-professional encounter, cooperation, and dialogue. 6 hours per week plus two hours in class.

3.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters M. McCurry

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters K. Norris

ES-299 Religious Freedom Center Newseum Course

Courses offered through the Religious Freedom Center at the Newseum

3.00 credit hours

J-Term ters

ES-302 Ethical Dimensions of Ministry

The dimensions of ministry involving moral teaching, counsel, and mediation of moral conflicts, along with moral challenges raised by the practice of ministry (e.g., confidentiality and boundary setting).

3.00 credit hours

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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters S. Wheeler

ES-304 Cross, State, & Citizenship

Major themes in the history of Christian Ethics on the nature of life in the polis. Meaning of citizenship, the use of force, the nature of the common good, the character of political leaders, and responses to poverty.

3.00 credit hours

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

Fall 2020 Masters

R. Elgendy

ES-490 Capstone Project in Faith & Public Life

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

3.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters R. Elgendy

Fall 2020 Masters

R. Elgendy

ES-495 NCSS Individual Research Project

Research on a selected issue of national or international significance emphasizing its theological/ethical implications and its implications for Christian political action. Enrollment limited to participants in The National Capital Semester for Seminarians. May only be taken concurrently with ES-491.

3.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters M. McCurry

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters K. Norris

ES-497 NCSS Social Ethics Internship

Practical field experience in settings other than local church.

Inter-professional encounter, cooperation, and dialogue. 6 hours per week plus two hours in class.

3.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters M. McCurry

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters K. Norris

Summer 1 Masters M. McCurry

ES-551 Directed Study: Ethics

1.00 credit hour

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters J. Estes

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters M. Fisher

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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters B. Mitchell

Fall 2020 Masters C. Works

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters C. Works

Fall 2021 Masters B. Mitchell

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

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters K. Santiago

Fall 2021 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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters R. Stewart

J-Term/Spring 2021 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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters P. Cho

Fall 2020 Masters

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters P. Cho

Fall 2021 Masters P. Cho

IS-502 MTS Thesis Paper Research Module

This course is for Master of Theological Studies students who have successfully completed the other coursework for their MTS degree and have had their project reader assigned by the MTS Director. Students enrolled in this course are in the process of researching and writing their thesis paper and are not taking other courses towards their MTS degree. They will be enrolled each spring and fall until they have either completed their degree or until they have reached the time limit for the degree.

0.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters

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 2020 Masters A. Lee

Fall 2020 Masters A. Lee

Fall 2020 Masters E. Peck-McClain

Fall 2020 Masters E. Peck-McClain

Fall 2021 Masters E. Peck-McClain

Fall 2021 Masters E. Peck-McClain

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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters A. Lee

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters A. Lee

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters E. Peck-McClain

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters E. Peck-McClain

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters A. Lee

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters A. Lee

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters E. Peck-McClain

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters E. Peck-McClain

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 2020 Masters	J. Bush
Fall 2020 Masters	J. Bush
Fall 2021 Masters	D. Whitten
Fall 2021 Masters	D. Whitten
Fall 2021 Masters	N. Works
Fall 2021 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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters	J. Bush
J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters	J. Bush
J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters	J. Bush
J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters	J. Bush

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 2020 Masters	J. Bush
Fall 2020 Masters	J. Bush
Fall 2021 Masters	D. Whitten
Fall 2021 Masters	D. Whitten
Fall 2021 Masters	N. Works
Fall 2021 Masters	N. Works

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

Prereq: MM-313

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters	J. Bush
J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters	J. Bush
J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters	J. Bush
J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters	J. Bush

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 2020 Masters	J. Bush
Fall 2021 Masters	D. Whitten
Fall 2021 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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters J. Bush

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters J. Bush

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

Prereq: MM-322

Fall 2020 Masters J. Bush

Fall 2021 Masters D. Whitten

Fall 2021 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

Prereq: MM-323

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters J. Bush

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters J. Bush

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 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.

2.00 credit hours

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

Summer 1 Masters 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

Prereq: Completion of 30 credit hours.

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters J. Bush

Fall 2020 Masters

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters J. Bush

Summer 1 Masters N. Works

Fall 2021 Masters D. Whitten

Fall 2021 Masters N. Works

MM-425 Ministry Discernment & Community Ministry

First of two consecutive semesters of a biweekly ministry reflection seminar for students serving in either pastoral positions or some other approved form of ministry. This seminar has students exploring both the social community and the natural environment surrounding a place of ministry as the context of that ministry. Students identify important demographic factors within that community, key institutions influencing that community, and cultural patterns helping to shape identity in that community. The seminar will further focus on: (1) reflection on students' ministerial practice; (2) discernment of personal call to ministry

1.00 credit hour

Fall 2021 Masters D. Whitten

Fall 2021 Masters N. Works

NC - Non Credit

NC-001 Continuing Enrollment

0.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters

Fall 2020 Masters

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters

Fall 2021 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

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters

Fall 2021 Masters

NC-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.

0.00 credit hours

Fall 2020 Masters R. Stewart

Fall 2021 Masters R. Stewart

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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters J. Comstock
Fall 2020 Masters J. Comstock
J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters J. Comstock
Fall 2021 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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters M. Koppel
Fall 2020 Masters M. Koppel
J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters M. Koppel
Fall 2021 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

J-Term ters L. Yates
J-Term ters L. Yates

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 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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters J. Strukova
J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters J. Strukova

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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters

Fall 2020 Masters

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters

Summer 1 Masters

Fall 2021 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

Fall 2020 Masters

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters

Summer 1 Masters

Fall 2021 Masters

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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters A. Petrin

Fall 2020 Masters A. Petrin

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters A. Petrin

Fall 2021 Masters I. Cotto

PW-125 Foundations of Preaching

Purpose and practice of preaching. Homiletical theory and method.

3.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters L. Hogan

Fall 2020 Masters P. Clayborn

Fall 2020 Masters V. Miles

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters V. Miles

Fall 2021 Masters V. Miles

PW-248 Worship in Popular Culture

This course will be taken as one of two one-credit courses or as a one-week two-credit course. Each course will explore an aspect of liturgy in popular culture. Taken together, the courses will (A) investigate the portrayal of worship rites in popular times and television and (B) explore the sacramental imagination using the medium of film.

1.00 credit hour

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters A. Petrin

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters A. Petrin

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 2021 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

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters A. Petrin

PW-314 To Live, to Pray, the Jesus Way: a Deep Dive Into the Lord's Prayer

Exploration, as contemporary disciples, of the Scriptural request "Jesus, teach us to pray." Deepen appreciation of the Prayer's petitions through prayer practice, Biblical and theological reflection, art, dance, music.

3.00 credit hours

Summer 1 Masters

G. Campbell

PW-316 Liturgics Practicum: Ecology & Seasons Of Christian Worship

Ecological hermeneutic brought to bear on texts and practices used in worship. Texts are examined for ways in which nature is pictured as present or absent, participating or passive. Particular attention given to the seasons surrounding Christmas & Easter and implications of ecologically informed worship for Christology.

2.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters J. Bush

PW-318 Liturgies of the Reformaton

This course will investigate the diverse forms of Christian worship that flourished during the Reformation period and how those liturgies have shaped Protestant worship today. Special attention will be paid to ecumenical concerns.

3.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters A. Petrin

PW-319 Keeping Time in Christ: the Liturgical Year

This course explores the development and theological significance of the Christian Liturgical Year and considers the pastoral dimensions of implementing the liturgical year in a local church or other ministry setting.

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2020 Masters

A. Petrin

PW-327 Preaching Practicum: Preaching Sermon Series

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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters L. Hogan

PW-340 Preaching Practicum

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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters	Y. Hardman-Cromwell
Fall 2020 Masters	G. Campbell
J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters	Y. Hardman-Cromwell
Summer 2 Masters	J. Cope

PW-348 Worship in Popular Culture

This course will be taken as one of two one-credit courses or as a one-week two-credit course. Each course will explore an aspect of liturgy in popular culture. Taken together, the courses will (A) investigate the portrayal of worship rites in popular times and television and (B) explore the sacramental imagination using the medium of film. The 300-level (for those needing the distribution credit) are required to have taken PW-101 and will have different/additional readings and assignments.

1.00 credit hour

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters	A. Petrin
J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters	A. Petrin

PW-369 Preaching and God's Transforming Justice

The course explores the role of preaching as a formative medium for preparing individuals and communities to live justly with other human beings, the earth and the natural world as an ethical and moral expression of humanity's identity as imago Dei.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2021 Masters	V. Miles
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PW-373 Preaching and Worship in the Black Tradition

The art of preaching from a black perspective; distinctive aspects of this preaching due to the crucible of affliction out of which it comes; its inherently prophetic character.

3.00 credit hours

Prereq: Foundations of Preaching

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters	V. Miles
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PW-551 Directed Study: Preaching and Worship

1.00 credit hour

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters	L. Hogan
Fall 2020 Masters	A. Petrin
J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters	A. Petrin
Fall 2021 Masters	C. Abbott

RA - Religion and the Arts

RA-109 Chapel Visuals

Principles of design and visual proclamation for an architectural setting through collaborative work with other students and the Chapel Elder to plan, design, and execute paraments, banners and other visual materials for community worship in Oxnam Chapel, taking into account the liturgical calendar, lectionary readings and special celebrations that occur during the semester. No experience necessary.

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2020 Masters	K. McGrath
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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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters A. Rosen

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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters T. Tyler

Fall 2021 Masters T. Tyler

RA-135 Music Skills for the Local Church

The basics of music for pastors and others in local church ministry. Music reading, terminology, listening drills, singing of hymn tunes and basic sight reading. This course is intended for those who have little or no previous musical experience.

2.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters C. Rosen

RA-138 Music and Social Justice

The role of music in causes of peace and justice and the particular works (from hymns to major oratorios) that address themselves to these issues.

2.00 credit hours

Summer 1 Masters C. Rosen

RA-139 Protest Music From Sacred and Popular Traditions

An examination of the poetic and musical response or lack of it to social change and problems within and without faith traditions.

2.00 credit hours

Fall 2021 Masters D. Palmer

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

J-Term ters D. Davis

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters D. Abts

Fall 2021 Masters A. Rosen

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 2020 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

J-Term/Spring 2021 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

Fall 2021 Masters D. Abts

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

J-Term/Spring 2021 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

Summer 1 Masters T. Radosevic

RA-190 Religious Themes in Drama

Examination of religious themes in drama from medieval morality plays to contemporary theater, including interfaith relations and non-Western traditions. Text-based course includes some scene work and attending a professional play.

2.00 credit hours

J-Term ters D. Davis

RA-198 Embodied Prayer: Dancing Into Wholeness With God

This course explores prayer practices that integrate the body with the heart, mind, and spirit for sustaining creative ministries.

2.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters K. Sparks

RA-246 Visionary Poets: Blake, Dickinson, Hopkins

An examination of three major poets (and selections from a few others) whose work explores the expression of God in the world and the paradoxes that arise out of that expression.

2.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters D. Abts

RA-260 Jewish Art From the Bible to Today Culture

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.

1.00 credit hour

Fall 2020 Masters A. Rosen

RA-295 Arts Practicum

Taught by visiting Artists-in-Residence, students engage in hands on learning of artistic techniques (drawing, painting, printing making, collage, textiles, sculpture, etc.) and the creative process in relationship to spiritual formation and non-verbal expression. Offerings change each semester. No experience needed. May be repeated once for credit.

Pass/Fail only.

1.00 credit hour

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters A. Brink

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters E. Curren

RA-551 Directed Study: Religion & Arts

1.00 credit hour

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters J. Hoover

Fall 2020 Masters D. Abts

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters D. Abts

J-Term/Spring 2021 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

Summer 1 Masters 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 2021 Masters J. Young

ST-200 Foundations of Public Theology

This course explores the political and social 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 2020 Masters R. Elgendy

ST-212 Swords, Spaceships and Salvation

This course examines theologies of salvation alongside speculative fiction (both film and print) in order to better understand soteriological and to practice interpreting cultural texts theologically.

2.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters R. Elgendy

ST-215 Faces of Jesus in World Religions

Critical study of interpretations of Jesus from Christian communities in Africa, Asia and the Americas, as well as from Judaism, Islam and Hinduism. Brings together careful and playful textual and artistic representations of Jesus in a search for constructive and liberative expressions of Christology.

3.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters S. Clarke

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

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters A. Price

ST-223 The Black Theological and Social Critique of Spike Lee

Seeks to explore critical themes of Black theology, community, and identity through a close examination of race theory and the themes of the filmography of Spike Lee.

2.00 credit hours

J-Term 2021 A. Lee

ST-229 Theologies of Resistance and Liberation: Black Lives Matter Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mohandas K. Gandhi

A study of the legacies of Martin Luther King Jr. and Mohandas K. Gandhi in light of their relationships to oppressed communities and commitments to human rights. Special focus on nonviolence as a means of societal reform and a spiritual discipline.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2020 Masters S. Clarke

Fall 2020 Masters C. Hunt

ST-232 Queer Theology, Queer Lives

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

Fall 2021 Masters R. Elgendy

ST-242 The Black Theology of James Cone

A study of the writings of James Cone, with attention to the problem of hermeneutics and African-American experience.

3.00 credit hours

Fall 2020 Masters J. Young

ST-243 The Art of Toni Morrison and the Problem Of Theodicy

A study of three of Morrison's novels with a focus on the problem of theodicy in American society.

3.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters J. Young

ST-245 James Baldwin As Social Critic and Theologian

A study of James Baldwin's novels and essays. Focus on the ways in which his critique of racism involves insights derived from his formation in the Sanctified Church

3.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters J. Young

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

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

D. Barnes

ST-290 Paradigms & Practices of Public Theology

This course explores major paradigms and instances of public theology with particular attention to its context in U.S. political and social life.

Coursework culminates in each student developing a written project that applies course material to an issue related to their own interests and context.

3.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters R. Elgandy

ST-294 Globalization, Mission and the Church: Ecclesiology for the 21st Century

Introduction to various models of mission-shaped Church in our contemporary world; possibilities for re-imagining the Church of the 21st century for the advancement of God's mission in our global world; special focus on ecclesiological reflections from African-American, feminist/womanist, liberationist and emerging Churches. Fulfills the "mission of the church in the world" 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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters S. Clarke

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 Philosophy

Fall 2020 Masters

S. Clarke

Fall 2020 Masters

J. Young

Fall 2021 Masters

B. Mitchell

Fall 2021 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

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters B. Mitchell

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters J. Young

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters S. Clarke

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters J. Young

ST-402 Reformed Theology

A study of the Reformed theological tradition stemming from Zwingli and Calvin: its background, distinguished tenets, ethos and outstanding theologians.

3.00 credit hours

Prereq: CH-101 and CH-102

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters E. Fox

ST-462 History and Doctrine in Methodist Traditions

Life and thought of John Wesley, early English Methodism, American Methodism to the present covering both historical and theological development. History and doctrine of Black Methodists, the Evangelical United Brethren Church, the formation of The United Methodist Church. Attention also given to the development of indigenous theologies in various cultures. Fulfills the UM History and 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.

4.00 credit hours

Prereq: CH-102 or CH-201

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters

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 2020 Masters

J. Lemaster-Smith

Summer 1 Masters

C. Harrell

Fall 2021 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 provisional 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

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters

L. Parks

Summer 2 Masters

Y. Chun

Summer 2 Masters

C. Harrell

ST-551 Directed Study: Systematic Theology

1.00 credit hour

Fall 2021 Masters

P. Wingeier-Rayo

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

Fall 2020 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.

2.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters F. Reiner

WR-248 Jewish Thought and Theology

Exploration of aspects of ancient, medieval and modern Jewish theology and philosophy. Sponsored by the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

3.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters F. Reiner

Fall 2021 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 2020 Masters M. Sayilgan

Fall 2021 Masters M. Sayilgan

WR-264 Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations in America

Exploring Islam, its history, practice and Christian-Muslim relations in the United States.

3.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters M. Sayilgan

J-Term/Spring 2021 Masters M. Sayilgan

WR-294 Religion, Violence and Peace: Christian Mission in the Context of Hindu, Muslim And Christian Fundamentalism

Analysis of religious fundamentalism and the internal (theological and hermeneutical traditions) and external (economic, cultural, nationalist, and globalizing trends) factors which fuel its growth; exploration of contemporary avenues for Christian mission, which both confront the violence stemming from religious fundamentalism and advance the gospel of peace with justice in our fragmented world.

2.00 credit hours

J-Term/Spring 2020 Masters S. Clarke

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

Summer 1 Masters M. Sayilgan