Instructor: Warner M. Bailey

Prerequisites: None

Description of Content: The purposes of this course are (1) to gain a working knowledge of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) or the Confession of Faith of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, (2) to practice the application of its principles of worship and its polity in case studies and discussion, and (3) to deepen your understanding and sense of appreciation for the Presbyterian ethos of church order and discipline.

Class Procedures: Lecture, plenary discussions, guest presenters, readings as assigned, brief papers and one class presentation on given assignment. Final paper (5-7 pages).

Requirements: As a required course in the PCUSA and CPC ordination tracks, this course offers vital information and resources to any person preparing for professional leadership in the church. It will be especially helpful to those contemplating passing polity examinations for ordination/certification. Consequently, regular attendance and conscientious participation are expected along with a demonstrated command of assigned reading and completion of final paper.


Grading Procedures: Attendance and participation in class 50%
Paper 25%
Presentation 25%