

Recent Courses of Instruction

Numbering System. Course numbers consist of five digits.

Courses in the 60000-69999 series will normally be taken by first-year M.Div., M.A.T.M., M.T.S. and C.T.S. students. These courses satisfy basic theological studies requirements.

Courses with an initial number in the 70000s do not satisfy basic theological studies requirements for M.Div. students. Courses in the 70000s include some lecture courses, denominational requirements, biblical language and seminar courses. These courses are available to M.Div., M.A.T.M., M.T.S., C.T.S., and Th.M. students. (Th.M. students must take 90000 level courses in their Area of Specialization and related areas.)

Courses with an initial number in the 80000-89999 series are for Doctor of Ministry students.

DOMI courses are D.Min.-specific.

Courses with an initial number in the 90000-99999 series are for Master of Theology (Th.M.) and Ph.D. students.

Courses with a second digit that is a five (5) have a Masters-level prerequisite.

The last digit in each course number indicates semester hour value. A zero designates a course that may be repeated for degree program credit and/or is offered with varying semester hour value. The minimum and total maximum semester hour value of such courses is indicated in the course description.

Courses Offered By Departments

Bible

Faculty: Warren Carter, Ariel Feldman, Wil Gafney, Francisco Lozada, Shelly Matthews, Timothy Sandoval

Hebrew Bible

HEBI 60003 - Interpreting the Hebrew Bible and Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical Books

Prerequisite: None

A selective survey of the history, literature, and religion of Ancient Israel. Pentateuch, historical books, prophetic writings, poetry and wisdom. Not open to Th.M., D.Min. or Ph.D. students.

HEBI 65013/85013/95013 - Exegesis in the Hebrew Bible

Masters prerequisite: HEBI 60003 or equivalent

Methods and resources in critical study of selected passages or book in the Hebrew Bible, with attention to literary, historical, and theological considerations. May be repeated for credit under different topics.

HEBI 65023/85023/95023 - Exegesis in Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical Books and Pseudepigrapha

Masters prerequisite: HEBI 60003 or equivalent

Method and practice in exegesis of selected literature in the Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical Books and Pseudepigrapha. Literary, historical, and theological considerations. May be repeated for credit under different topics.

HEBI 70013 - Biblical Hebrew I

Prerequisite: None

Grammar and exercises.

HEBI 75033 - Biblical Hebrew II

Prerequisite: HEBI 70013 or its equivalent

Continuation of grammar, syntax, and reading of selected Hebrew Bible passages.

HEBI 75043/85043/95043 - Readings in Biblical Hebrew

Masters prerequisite: HEBI 75033 or equivalent

Practice in reading selections from the Hebrew Bible, with emphasis on syntax and text criticism. May be repeated for credit under different topics.

HEBI 75053 - The Interpretation of the Major Prophets

Masters prerequisite: HEBI 60003 or equivalent

The Interpretation of the Major Prophets (First Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel). The course focuses on the historical background, literary structure, sociocultural features, and religious themes of each of these prophets.

HEBI 75063 - The Interpretation of the Minor Prophets

Masters prerequisite: HEBI 60003 or equivalent

The Interpretation of one or more of the Minor Prophets. Methods and resources in the critical study of the Minor Prophets with attention to literary, historical, and theological considerations.

HEBI 75901 - M.T.S. Final Exercise

Prerequisite: Admittance to the M.T.S. degree program

An independent research study course, taken in the final semester in program, that integrates material covered in earlier coursework and produces a final paper, normally 20-30 pages in length.

HEBI 75903 - Final Exercise

Prerequisite: Admittance to the M.T.S. degree program

An independent research study course, taken in the final semester in program, that integrates material covered in earlier coursework and produces a final paper, normally 20-30 pages in length.

HEBI 75970/85970/95970 - Special Topics in Hebrew Bible and Literature of Early Judaism

Masters prerequisite: HEBI 60003 or equivalent

May be repeated for credit under different topics. (1-3 semester hours)

HEBI 94013 - Independent Research Study and Thesis

Prerequisite: Admittance to the Th.M. program and completion of required academic seminars

Independent research study and writing of the Master of Theology thesis.

HEBI 95713 - Critical Introduction to the Hebrew Bible

Prerequisite: Admittance to the Th.M. or Ph.D. program or special permission from the Office of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Selected examination of methods of biblical interpretation.

HEBI 95963 - Issues in Hebrew Bible and Literature of Early Judaism

Prerequisite: Admittance to the Th.M. or Ph.D. program or special permission from the Office of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Study of a selected issue related to the literature, theology, history, or exegesis of the Hebrew Bible or Literature of Early Judaism. This course may be repeated for credit.

New Testament

NETE 60003 - Interpreting the New Testament

Prerequisite: None

An introductory and survey course of the New Testament for graduate students preparing for ministry. Students will become familiar with the content of the New Testament, with the introductory issues of each New Testament book, with several methods of ancient and contemporary interpretation, and with the basic theological ideas at work in the formation of the New Testament.

NETE 65013/85013 - Exegesis in the Gospels and Acts

Masters prerequisite: NETE 60003 or equivalent

Method and practice in English exegesis of the Gospels, or the Acts of the Apostles. May be repeated for credit under different topics for up to 9 hours.

NETE 65023/85023 - Exegesis in the New Testament Epistles and Revelation

Masters prerequisite: NETE 60003 or equivalent

Method and practice in English exegesis of the Epistles. May be repeated for credit under different topics for up to 9 hours.

NETE 65033/85033/95033 - Exegesis in the Gospels and Acts (Greek)

Masters prerequisite: NETE 60003 and NETE 70013 or equivalent

Method and practice in Greek exegesis of the Gospels or the Acts of the Apostles, including use of concordances, Bible dictionaries, and commentaries that NETE 70013 has made possible. May be repeated for credit under different topics for up to 9 hours.

NETE 65043/85043/95043 - Exegesis in the New Testament Epistles and Revelation (Greek)

Masters prerequisites: NETE 60003 and NETE 70013

Method and practice in Greek exegesis of the epistles, including use of concordances, Bible dictionaries, and commentaries that NETE 70013 has made possible. May be repeated for credit under different topics for up to 9 hours.

NETE 70013 - Basics of Biblical Greek

Prerequisite: None

This course is a graduate-level introduction to New Testament Greek which will facilitate the student's learning sufficient vocabulary and grammar to enable her/him to study the New Testament in the Greek exegesis course offered the second semester. It presupposes that the student will continue into the exegesis course.

NETE 70970/80970/90970 - Special Topics in New Testament Studies

Prerequisite: None

May be repeated for credit under different topics. (1-3 semester hours)

NETE 75013 - Biblical Greek II

Prerequisite: NETE 70013 or equivalent

Continuation of grammar and syntax with focus on reading early Christian texts.

NETE 75093/85093/95093 - Seminar in New Testament Literature

Masters prerequisite: 3 hours of New Testament or instructor's permission

Selected problems in the literary study of the New Testament. May be repeated for credit under different topics for up to 9 hours.

NETE 75113/85113/95113 - Seminar in the History of New Testament Research

Masters prerequisites: One 60000 level course in NETE and one 60000-level course in CHHI or equivalent

An examination of selected major periods, issues, trends and scholars in the history of New Testament research from the Enlightenment to the present. See CHHI 75023.

NETE 75123/85123/95123 - Readings in the Greek Bible (Septuagint)

Masters prerequisite: NETE 70013 or equivalent

Practice in reading the Septuagint, the Bible of many New Testament authors. The goals are simply to read Greek more rapidly than we do in an exegesis course and to expand our experience of scriptures that were generative for New Testament authors. May be repeated for credit under different topics.

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NETE 95713 - Critical Introduction to the New Testament

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A selected examination of methods of biblical interpretation.

NETE 95963 - Issues in New Testament Studies

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An issue related to the literature, theology, history, or exegesis of the New Testament will be selected. May be repeated for credit under different topics for up to 9 hours.

Jewish Studies

Faculty: Ariel Feldman

JWST 60003 - Introduction to Judaism

Prerequisite: None

An introduction to the many forms of Jewish observance, ritual, literature, thought and political determination that have appeared

(and disappeared) over the historical span of Judaism. The course provides an overview of Jewish history, a broad knowledge of Jewish customs, beliefs and culture, direct exposure to an array of Jewish religious writings (all in translation), and an understanding of the fundamental issues of contemporary Jewish practice and belief.

JWST 70023/80023/90023 - Jewish Biblical Interpretation

Masters prerequisite: None, Doctoral prerequisite: One year of Biblical Hebrew, or permission of instructor

Examination of the many ways and methods employed by Jewish communities to reinterpret the Hebrew Bible over thousands of years. The goal is to understand how the Hebrew Bible is a multivalent document, containing many meanings for different people at different times.

JWST 70970/80970/90970 - Special Topics in Jewish Studies

Prerequisite: None

May be repeated for credit under different topics. (1-3 semester hours)

understand these types of midrashic texts, but also to think critically and creatively about them. We shall also give in-depth consideration to the scholarly usefulness of a comparative approach to midrash.

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History

Faculty: James Duke, Timothy Lee, D. Newell Williams, Jeffrey Williams

History of Christianity

CHHI 60013 - History of Christianity I, Early and Medieval

Prerequisite: None

Christian life and thought to 1400 C.E.

CHHI 60023 - History of Christianity II, Reformation and Modern

Prerequisite: None

Christian life and thought since 1400 C.E.

CHHI 70013 - History of Christianity in America

Prerequisite: None

Christianity in the United States from the 17th century to the present.

CHHI 70023 - The Church in the Midst of Pluralism: Theology and Context

Prerequisite: None

Examination of selected issues in the historical, cultural, socio-economic, and religious realities of certain racial-ethnic Christian groups (e.g. African, African-American, Asian, and Latina/o) in and/or outside the United States.

CHHI 70113/80113 - Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Prerequisite: None

History and thought of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

CHHI 70133/80133 - Baptist History

Prerequisite: None

This course involves a study of Baptist life and thought from the 17th century to the present. Some attention will be given to Baptists in England and Europe, but the major emphasis will fall upon Baptists in the United States.

CHHI 70134/80134 - History and Doctrine of the United Methodist Church

Prerequisite: None

Origin and development of the United Methodist Church and its doctrine. Required of United Methodist students for ordination.

CHHI 70203/80203/90203 - Unity and Diversity in the Early Church

Prerequisite: None

Impulses toward unity and diversity of religious expression in early Christianity, especially the issues of orthodoxy, heresy and schism.

CHHI 70253/80253/90253 - The Reformation Era and Its Aftermath

Prerequisite: None

A study of the causes, nature and consequences of the reformation in the 16th and 17th centuries.

CHHI 70293/80293/90293 - Issues in American Religious Life and Thought

Prerequisite: None

Treatment of a significant topic in the history of American Christianity, e.g., Puritanism, the Transcendentalist movement, the Fundamentalist-Modernist conflict. (May be repeated for credit under different topics for up to 9 credit hours.)

CHHI 70403/80403/90403 - History of Christian Spirituality

Prerequisite: None

An examination of the development of Christian spiritual traditions, attitudes, and practices from the 1st century to the present day. This course will center around the question, "What has been the shape of the Christian quest for God and godliness?"

CHHI 70504/80504/90504 - The U.S. Borderlands: Theology and Context

Masters prerequisite: CHHI 70023 or equivalent

An immersion course that will take the student from the classroom to the Borderlands along the Texas/Mexico border. The focus will be on the historical, socio-economic, ethical, and racial issues that impact daily life in this region.

CHHI 70533/80533/90533 - The Black Religious Experience in America

Prerequisite: None

An overview treatment of the subject of race and its role in American religious history.

CHHI 70970/80970/90970 - Special Topics in Church History

Prerequisite: None

May be repeated for credit under different topics. (1-3 semester hours)

CHHI 75013/85013/95013 - Seminar in Christian Thought

Masters prerequisite: CHHI 60013, CHHI 60023, or equivalent

Intensive study of some pivotal figure or theme in the history of Christian thought. Representative topics: Augustine, Aquinas, Luther, Edwards, Schleiermacher; "views of Jesus," "the essence of Christianity." (May be repeated for credit under different topics for up to 9 credit hours.)

CHHI 75033/85033/95033 - Seminar in History and Hermeneutics

Masters prerequisite: CHHI 60013, CHHI 60023, or equivalent

Intensive study of some issue relating to the theory and methodology of church history as a theological discipline, e.g., historiography, theology of history, theory of interpretation, phenomenology of tradition. (May be repeated for credit under different topics for up to 9 credit hours.)

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CHHI 95103 - Issues in Church History

Prerequisite: Admittance to the Th.M. or PhD. program or special permission from the Office of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

An issue related to the history of the church's understanding of the Hebrew Bible, Literature of Early Judaism, or New Testament will be selected. (May be repeated for credit under different topics for up to 9 credit hours.)

Theology and Ethics

Faculty: Charles Bellinger, Namsoon Kang, Ed Waggoner

Christian Theology

CHTH 60003 - Introduction to Christian Theology I

Prerequisite: None

An introduction to theological methods and language and to the central teachings of the Christian faith. Attention is given to both doctrinal development and major contemporary theologians and theological movements. Covers prolegomena and the doctrines of God, the Trinity, Creation, and Theodicy.

CHTH 60313/80313/90313 – Theologies of Militarization

Prerequisite: None

A critical examination of the phenomenon of militarization and the various ways that Christian communities understand the use of national power. Seminar participants will explore frameworks for constructing theologies that publicly address the effects of militarization on topics such as politics, economics, education, gender, and race.

CHTH 65033/85033/95033 - Black Theologies

Masters prerequisite: CHET 60013, CHTH 60003, or equivalent

This course will review the historical development of the Black Theology movement. Through a close reading of early texts of the movement and a review of the social context within which it arose, the seminar participants will be invited to a full engagement with this theological tradition. It will be our purpose to identify not only the discrete contours of the movement, but also to identify its place in late twentieth century theological discourse.

CHTH 70013/80013/90013 - Postcolonial Theologies

Prerequisite: None

This course is to explore the intellectual and historical background of postcolonial discourse and to examine the ways in which theologians address issues of postcolonialism and the theological issues in their thinking. By the end of this course, the students will normally understand different approaches to issues of postcolonialism, be able to investigate conceptions of theological issues in postcolonialism, and understand how religion and its theological discourse are implicated in geopolitical and cultural strategies of postcolonialism.

CHTH 70023/80023/90023 – Cosmopolitan Theology

Prerequisite: None

Cosmopolitan discourse has recently reemerged, especially in the areas of political and social philosophies, which seeks global justice and solidarities in an era of neo-empire, globalization, and identity politics. This course takes cosmopolitan ethos primarily from Greek philosophy, St. Paul, Immanuel Kant, Hannah Arendt, and Jacques Derrida as significant theological, philosophical grounds for global justice and human rights, and planetary hospitality and solidarity. This course thoroughly examines significant issues in cosmopolitan discourse such as its philosophical and theological grounds, major characteristics, various types and views, theopolitical implication and application, justice, hospitality, neighbor-love, and solidarity.

CHTH 70033/80033/90033 – Derrida and Theopolitical Issues

Prerequisite: None

Jacques Derrida (1930-2004) was one of the few thinkers, in the latter half of the twentieth century, who profoundly and radically transformed our understanding of writing, reading, con/texts, and textuality. The scope of Derrida's thinking is incomprehensible. As a person of prayers and tear, Derrida was a prominent philosopher-theologian/theologian-philosopher who never kept his political and ethical passion separate from the uninterrupted theological, philosophical reflections. Derrida audaciously fought against all form of apartheid and exclusion, wherever they took place; and passionately and consistently spoke out for justice, compassion, and hospitality. This course examines several theopolitical issues in Derrida's thinking such as deconstruction, justice, religion, hospitality, cosmopolitanism, and forgiveness.

CHTH 70043/80043/90043 – Feminism and Theology

Prerequisite: None

Feminist theological discourse emerged in the 1960s as an aspect of Second Wave feminism, bringing gender issues to the attention of Christian communities and theological education. This course will give attention to the major themes and intersections of how feminism has addressed the institutions of the Christian religion and re/constructed theological discourses and practices in more egalitarian and just ways.

CHTH 70113/80113/90113 - Survey of Christian Theology from Baptist Perspectives

Prerequisite: None

An exploration of Christian theology with special reference to the faith statements, confessions, and contemporary writings of Baptist traditions.

CHTH 70253/80253/90253 - Postmodernism and Theology

Prerequisite: None

Postmodernism has been exerting considerable influence upon contemporary theology. The questions that this course will address are: How do we tell the Christian story in a postmodern, pluralistic world?

How do we theologically address the postmodern world? How do we do postmodern theology? This course is for students to explore the philosophical and intellectual background of postmodernism, to articulate a critical perspective on postmodernism, and to examine the ways in which theologians address issues of postmodernism and the theological issues in their thinking.

CHTH 70970/80970/90970 - Special Topics In Christian Thought

Prerequisite: None

May be repeated for credit under different topics. (1-3 semester hours)

CHTH 75053/85053/95053 - Main Themes in the History of Christian Doctrine

Masters prerequisite: one 60000-level Christian Theology course or Church History course or equivalent

An examination of the key issues in the development of Christian doctrine: Trinity, Christology, Sin and Grace, Sacraments, Justification and Sanctification, Encounter with the Modern World.

CHTH 75063/85063/95063 - Major Issues in Contemporary Theology

Masters prerequisite: one 60000-level Christian Theology course or equivalent

Current movements, areas of controversy and fresh thinking in the life and thought of the church.

CHTH 75093/85093/95093 - Major Figures in Christian Theology

Masters prerequisite: one 60000-level Christian Theology course or equivalent

A systematic study of a major Christian theologian, such as Augustine, Calvin, Kierkegaard, Barth, Tillich, or the Niebuhrs. (May be repeated for credit under different topics for up to 9 credit hours.)

CHTH 75901 - M.T.S. Final Exercise

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CHTH 94013 - Independent Research Study and Thesis

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Independent research study and writing of the Master of Theology thesis.

CHTH 95103 - Issues in Theology

Prerequisite: Admittance to the Th.M. or Ph.D. program or special permission from the Office of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

An issue related to Christian theology and the Hebrew Bible, Literature of Early Judaism, or New Testament will be selected. (May be repeated for credit under different topics for up to 9 credit hours.)

Christian Ethics

CHET 60013 - Introduction to Contemporary Theological Ethics

Prerequisite: None

This course will survey the major methodological questions of theological ethics since the early 20th century, its thematic subdivisions, and the schools of thought and individual authors who have shaped the discussion of ethical questions within the theological world.

CHET 65013 - History of Christian Ethics

Masters prerequisites: CHET 60013, CHTH 60003, or equivalent

An examination of some of the major themes within the history of Christian ethical thought and an introduction to some of the key theologians who addressed those themes from the beginnings of the Church through the 19th century.

CHET 65073/85073/95073 - Feminist Theology and Ethics

Masters prerequisites: CHET 60013, CHTH 60003, CHET 65013 or equivalent

Seminar examining the models of God, human nature, Christ, ethics, and spirituality offered by women of diverse backgrounds and perspectives.

CHET 70970/80970/90970 - Special Topics in Christian Ethics

None

May be repeated for credit under different topics. (1-3 semester hours)

CHET 75033/85033/95033 - Seminar: Contemporary Issues in Theological Ethics

Masters prerequisite: CHET 60013, CHET 65013 or equivalent

A critical examination of a contemporary social or political issue in light of theological, ethical and empirical insights.

Representative topics: Relationships between Church and State, Human Sexuality, Medical Ethics. (May be repeated for credit under different topics for up to 9 credit hours.)

CHET 75053/85053/95053 - Seminar: Major Figures in Christian Ethics

Masters prerequisite: CHET 60013, CHET 65013 or equivalent

A critical examination of the theology and ethics of major figures in Christian thought, such as Augustine, Luther, Calvin, Wesley, H.R. Niebuhr, Reinhold Niebuhr, Barth or Bonhoeffer. (May be repeated for credit under different topics for up to 9 credit hours.)

CHET 75063/85063/95063 - Seminar: Contemporary Themes in Theological Ethics

Masters prerequisite: CHET 60013, CHET 65013 or equivalent

A critical examination of a current methodological issue in theological ethics, such as context vs. principles, liberation, love and justice. (May be repeated for credit under different topics for up to 9 credit hours.)

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An issue related to ethics and the Hebrew Bible, Literature of Early Judaism, or New Testament will be selected. This course may be repeated for credit up to 9 hours.

Religion and Culture

RECU 60013 - Religious Plurality: Theologies and Geopolitics of Religion

Prerequisite: None

The recognition of religious plurality could be the antidote to tensions, conflicts, genocide, and religious annihilation based on the religious superiority by a dominant religion in today's world. Affirming the existence of "other" religions requires one to fundamentally re-examine and re-conceptualize the nature and vision of Christian ministries and theologies. The primary expectation for students in this course is that students will finish the course with an in-depth understanding of the discourses and practices of other religions than Christianity. This course deals with such complex issues as religious

orientalism, a geopolitical dimension of multiple realities of “world religions,” some understanding and Christian theological discourses on “other” religions, which are interconnected to the conceptual frameworks of Theology, Christology, and soteriology in Christian theological and ministerial formation and practice.

RECU 60023 - Christian Theology of Religions

Prerequisite: None

The course will examine various models of theological approaches to other religions and deal with some of the essential differences and similarities of Christian theology of religion among different Christian churches.

RECU 60033/80033/90033 - Religious Fundamentalism

Prerequisite: None

The surge of religious fundamentalism since the 1970s in culturally distinct areas of the globe has raised concern and interest among scholars and citizens. It is necessary to acknowledge that religious fundamentalism is not just within Islam or Christianity. All religions are based on ‘fundamentals’ and all have their fundamentalists. This course is first to examine the theological/theoretical and historical sources, and the nature and rhetoric of fundamentalism in Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Islam and Buddhism, and further to explore its theological and socio-political implications and practice.

RECU 60043/80043/90043 - Interreligious Dialogue

Prerequisite: None

Religions have always interacted with each other, but in modern times explicit and intentional dialogue has become more widespread and sustained. This course explores some key reasons for, approaches to, issues in and outcomes of Christian encounter with other religions.

RECU 60063/80063/90063 - World Religions and Gender

Prerequisite: None

Religion is an enormously powerful force in human society, shaping the ideals, hopes, desires and needs of humanity. Because religion has played such a significant role in

human society, it is very important to examine religion from multiple angles. The aim of the course is to develop familiarity with the issues and methodology of gender analysis with reference to the study of world religions. The approach is theoretical, phenomenological, comparative, and interdisciplinary.

RECU 60073 Introduction to U.S. Latino/a Christianity

Prerequisite: None

This course serves as a general introduction to the study of the history, experiences, and faith of U.S. Latino/a Christians. The course will focus on developing critical interpretative skills in understanding the analyzing a variety of Latino/a historical and cultural contexts, religious expressions, and theologies.

RECU 65013/85013/95013 - Seminar: Social Ethics

Masters prerequisites: CHET 60013, CHTH 60003, or equivalent

Alternative philosophical and theological perspectives on the principles and methods of social ethics. (May be repeated for credit under different topics for up to 9 credit hours.)

RECU 65033/85033/95033 - Religion and Violence

Masters prerequisites: CHET 60013, CHTH 60003, or equivalent

Surveys recent efforts to comprehend violence as a cultural phenomenon, from psychological, historical, and theological perspectives.

RECU 65053 - African-American Experiences and Perspectives in Social Ethics

Masters prerequisites: CHET 60013, CHTH 60003, or equivalent

This course explores the ways in which African-American religious, theological, and cultural thinkers articulate traditions of justice, flourishing, and fulfillment in North America from the 1700s to present. This course maintains that African-American experiences have been historically shaped by interlocking oppressions in America, particularly racial injustice. Because of such oppressions, black religious and cultural thought continues to fashion liberative

traditions of social ethics as critique to American hegemony and domination. This course explores both 1) interlocking oppressions that shape African-American experiences in America and 2) liberative black traditions of social ethics that castigate such hegemony and exploitation.

RECU 70003 - Introduction to Black Church Traditions and Culture

Prerequisite: None

This course introduces students to the historical legacies and social witness of black churches in North America. This course uncovers the textures, traditions, and practices of black churches from slavery to post-civil rights era. This course is interdisciplinary as it draws on black theology, black religion, and black cultural studies in the articulation of how black church traditions have historically related to culture and how black churches might continue its social relevancy, particularly when turning to the new cultural politics of difference within America.

RECU 70053/80053/90053 - Studies in World Christianity

Prerequisite: None

"World Christianity," as an independent area of study, has recently emerged in the academia. This course seeks to understand Christian faith and practice in various regions of the world, which are expressed through diverse ecclesiastical traditions and

theological discourses and constructed by the complex historical, socio-cultural, and geopolitical contexts.

RECU 70970/80970/90970 - Special Topics in Religion and Culture

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Ministry

Faculty: Russell Dalton, Timothy H. Robinson, Lance Pape, Stephen Sprinkle

Practical Theology

PRTH 60003 - Congregational Leadership

Prerequisite: None

An introduction to leadership and administration in the local congregation, with attention to leadership styles, congregational dynamics, administering congregations of varying sizes and organizing for mission.

PRTH 60033 - The Church's Mission and the Minister's Vocation

Prerequisite: None

An orientation to the vocation of ministry as it relates to the mission and nature of the

church; historical, theological, and sociological aspects of church and ministry.

PRTH 65013 - Supervised Ministry I

Prerequisite: 21 hours and instructor's permission

An intensive group experience aimed at the integration of theology and practice. (Offered Pass/No Credit)

PRTH 65023 - Supervised Ministry II

Prerequisites: PRTH 65013 and instructor's permission

An intensive group experience aimed at the integration of theology and practice. (Offered Pass/No Credit)

PRTH 70123/80123 - Minister as Practical Theologian

Prerequisite: None

A study of Practical Theology as a discrete discipline, situated as the third great moment in theology; methodological approaches to questions of ecclesial praxis and practice; reassessment and reappropriation of *lex orandi, lex credendi et agendi*, as a means of recovering the liturgy as an integral source for practical theology; shared experience of participating students.

PRTH 70163/80163 - Ministry in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Community

Prerequisite: None

This class is designed for ministers-in-training who will likely participate in conversations about homosexuality in their churches and communities, provide ministry and pastoral care to Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgendered persons, or assume leadership roles in hermeneutical/theological debates about homosexuality. Given this likelihood, this course seeks to equip ministers with a base of essential material about LGBT experience, including literature and videography in the field, biblical criticism, and theological constructions. The voices of LGBT persons themselves will be the primary sources for this course.

PRTH 70212 - United Methodist Polity

Prerequisite: None

The organization, polity and comprehensive program of the United Methodist Church. Required of United Methodist students for ordination.

PRTH 70223/80223 - Evangelism

Prerequisite: None

An exploration into the theology and methods of evangelism in mainline Protestantism, with focus on the development of a congregation's evangelism ministry.

PRTH 70333/80333 - Conflict and Reconciliation

Prerequisite: None

The identification of conflicts, and means of their prevention, containment and resolution.

PRTH 70443/80443 - Stewardship

Prerequisite: None

Biblical, historical and theological perspectives on the Christian as "steward," with analyses of stewardship programs and emphases in the congregation, and coverage of such related topics as congregational budgeting, personal fiscal management and estate planning.

PRTH 70970/80970 - Special Topics in Practical Theology

Prerequisite: None

May be repeated for credit under different topics. (1-3 semester hours)

Spirituality

SPIR 60003 - Spiritual Life and Leadership

Prerequisite: None

This course introduces the practice of the Christian spiritual life and the work of spiritual formation in Christian community. Attention will be given to both classical and contemporary expressions of Christian spirituality, the integration of spirituality, theology, and ethics, and to the role of spiritual discipline in the lives of seminarians and religious leaders. Significant class time will be devoted to experimentation with and practice of spiritual disciplines, and reflection on those experiences.

SPIR 70033/80033 - The Practice of Spiritual Direction

Prerequisite: None

Spiritual direction (variously referred to as spiritual guidance, spiritual friendship, spiritual companionship, soul care) is an ancient Christian practice that is experiencing contemporary renewal across ecumenical lines. This course will introduce the practice by reviewing its history, considering various models of spiritual direction and diverse approaches to the practice, addressing common issues encountered in direction, and acquiring skills for spiritual conversation.

SPIR 70043/80043 – Howard Thurman: Spirituality and the Quest for Justice

Prerequisite: None

Howard Washington Thurman has been called a mystic, a prophet, philosopher, theologian, educator, pastor, and mentor to leaders of the civil rights movement. One of the most significant 20th century religious figures in the United States, Thurman left a legacy of writings, speeches, and sermons that articulate a spirituality that integrates a sophisticated analysis of the inner life, mystical experience, a rich aesthetic of nature, and pointed social criticism on racism, nonviolence, human suffering, and resistance to oppression. In this course we will encounter Thurman's work directly through some of his major writings and speeches. Through a sustained engagement with Thurman's spiritual and social writings, we will consider how he speaks to our own "inward journeys" and how spirituality and the quest for justice are integrated in our lives.

SPIR 65013/85013 – Spirituality and Ecological Justice

Prerequisite: Any course in SPIR or CHTH or CHET

An advanced elective in spirituality, this course explores Christian spirituality, theology and ethics in light of our current ecological context. The course explores spiritual foundations for ecojustice, the practice of ecojustice as an expression of faith, and the role of ecojustice in ministerial practice and church life.

SPIR 70970/80970 - Special Topics in Spirituality

Prerequisite: None

May be repeated for credit under different topics. (1-3 semester hours)

Worship

WRSP 60003 - Christian Worship

Prerequisite: None

An introduction to the theology, history and liturgical construction of Christian worship, with an emphasis on practical worship preparation and leadership.

WRSP 70013 - History of Sacred Music

Prerequisite: None

An historical survey of sacred music from ancient times to the twentieth century.

WRSP 70230 - Choir

Prerequisite: None

A laboratory for the study, rehearsal and performance of choral music. A maximum of three hours may be earned. (1/2 semester hour. Offered Pass/No Credit)

WRSP 70970/80970 - Special Topics in Worship

Prerequisite: None

May be repeated for credit under different topics. (1-3 semester hours)

Homiletics

HOML 65003 - Foundations for Preaching

Prerequisite: HEBI 60003 or NETE 60003 or equivalent

Rationale for the preaching ministry. Types of preaching. Preparation and delivery of sermons. Practice preaching.

HOML 70970/80970 - Special Topics in Preaching

Prerequisite: None

May be repeated for credit under different topics. (1-3 semester hours)

HOML 75043/85043 - Advanced Preaching Workshop

Masters Prerequisite: HOML 65003 or equivalent

Different foci are chosen for intensive study and practice preaching (exegesis for preaching, doctrinal preaching, pastoral preaching, ethical/social preaching, new preaching forms). May be repeated for credit under different topics.

Religious Education

REED 65003 - The Church's Educational Ministry

Prerequisite: Any 60000 level CHTH course

An introduction to the church's education ministry, with emphasis on the formulation of a theory of Christian education, the practice of Christian education in a congregational setting, and the role of the minister as an educator.

REED 70323/80323 - Christian Education of Youth

Prerequisite: None

Students will work on developing an overall approach and strategy for youth ministry. The first half of this course focuses more on understanding today's adolescents and their needs than on techniques for youth group meetings or youth socials. In the latter part of the course students will go on to explore a number of aspects of working with youth, including approaches to teaching youth in traditional Sunday School settings, pastoral care and spiritual direction of youth, designing youth mission projects, youth group meetings, and working with families of teenagers.

REED 70970/80970 - Special Topics in Christian Education

Prerequisite: None

May be repeated for credit under different topics. (1-3 semester hours)

REED 75013/85013 - Christian Education of Children

Masters prerequisite: REED 60003 or equivalent

Purpose, structures, and resources for congregational education of children, with particular emphasis on child development.

REED 75023/85023 - Christian Education in the Black Church

Masters prerequisite: REED 60003 or equivalent

This course will explore a variety of issues in Christian education and formation in relation to the special opportunities and challenges existing in the context of the Black church.

REED 75033/85033 - Seminar: Current Issues in Christian Education

Masters prerequisite: REED 60003 or equivalent

Seminar on a current issue in Christian education, such as church membership education, human sexuality education, religion and public education, etc.

Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Care

Faculty: Joretta Marshall, Barbara McClure, Nancy Ramsay

PTPC 60003 - The Ministry of Pastoral Care

Prerequisite: None

Defines and describes the field of pastoral care with attention to understanding pastoral identity, roles and functions; developing relevant skills in pastoral assessment and pastoral conversation; identifying pastoral resources; utilizing pastoral theological methods; and learning how to provide pastoral care during developmental stages, transitions and crises.

PTPC 70013/80013/90013 - Forgiveness, Justice, and Community in Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Care

Prerequisite: None

This course examines the intersection of forgiveness, justice, and community in the context of pastoral theology, care, and counseling. A primary assumption of this course is that the issues of justice,

community, and forgiveness are integrally related. This course draws upon a variety of disciplines during the semester, including pastoral theology, theological and biblical studies, narratives, and psychosocial interpretations.

PTPC 70953 - Advanced Supervised Pastoral Counseling, Unit I

Prerequisites: PTPC 75023 and three additional PTPC courses normally including PTPC 75053, 75083 and PTPC Permanent Faculty approval

Counseling experience for a minimum of two consecutive semesters (Units I and II), supervised by the PTPC department and consultants.

PTPC 70963 - Advanced Supervised Pastoral Counseling, Unit II

Prerequisite: PTPC 70953

Counseling experience supervised by the PTPC department and consultants.

PTPC 75013/85013 - Sexuality and Pastoral Practice

Prerequisite: PTPC 60003

Sexuality is central to our identity and a pervasive dimension of any human interaction. The influence of sexuality on the practice of ministry is equally significant though complicated by the church's ambivalence about or distrust of it as God's good gift and the politicization of sexuality in church and culture. In this seminar we will review matters related to sexuality through physiological, developmental, relational, ethical, and biblical/theological perspectives relevant for ministerial leadership in congregational and chaplaincy contexts.

PTPC 75023/85023/95023 - Short-Term Pastoral Counseling

Masters prerequisite: PTPC 60003 or equivalent

Discussion, demonstration, and practice of a number of specific pastoral counseling methods.

PTPC 75033/85033/95033 - Caring Community: Issues of Health and Justice

Masters prerequisite: PTPC 60003 or equivalent

Exploration of health-related ministries in the local church from a pastoral care perspective. Emerging definitions of health and community illustrate multiple viewpoints from biblical and pastoral theological sources, as well as social service and medical practices.

PTPC 75043/85043/95043 - Pastoral Conversation and Collaboration

Masters prerequisite: PTPC 60003 or equivalent

Students will explore the "art" and skill of pastoral conversation across a range of pastoral care situations. Class members will increase awareness of their current practices of listening and responding, and learn to use pastoral authority in a collaborative manner. The influence of context and difference in shaping pastoral responses will be assessed.

PTPC 75053 - Clinical Pastoral Education

Masters prerequisites: PTPC 60003 or equivalent, acceptance into a basic unit of

CPE in a program accredited by the Associate of Clinical Pastoral Education, and departmental approval

Supervised clinical training related to ministry in human crises. Students serve as chaplains at hospitals and other institutions. Learning through didactic seminars, self-awareness groups, case conferences, and individual supervision. Offered in ten-week courses during the summer, fourteen-week courses during semesters, and in extended units from October to April. (3 semester hours; offered Pass/No Credit)

PTPC 75073/85073/95073 - Pastoral Care and the Aging

Masters prerequisite: PTPC 60003 or equivalent

The contributions of gerontology and geriatric research to the physiological, sociological and psychological understanding of aging. Emphasis on theological issues which inform spiritual guidance, pastoral care and counseling with the elderly.

PTPC 75083/85083/95083 - Pastoral Counseling with Couples and Families

Masters prerequisite: PTPC 60003 or equivalent

Discussion of the principles of family systems and presentation of the methods of marriage and family counseling for pastors.

PTPC 75103/85103 - Sexuality, Race, and Class in Pastoral Practice

Prerequisite: None

The construction of gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation, the "rules" and practices of diverse racial and cultural groups, and the differences shaped by socioeconomic class illustrate the cultural relativity of personal, family, and relational life. In this course we will critique our own internalization of these "rules" and practices and pursue perspectives that encourage and affirm respect for diversity in various relational systems. We will explore the way sexism, heterosexism, genderism, racism, and classism function oppressively limiting possibilities for well-being in relationships as well as structurally and systemically and shaping the context for care, and we will develop personal and professional strategies for resisting their destructive

effects. Using the lenses of gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, and class we will explore appropriate clinical interventions and continuing care strategies.

PTPC 75423/85423/95423 - Pastoral Theology: Selected Issues

Masters prerequisite: PTPC 60003 or equivalent

An analysis of the correlations between the classical field of theology and the clinical field of pastoral care, paying attention to theological issues commonly encountered in pastoral care situations. (3-6 semester hours)

PTPC 75443/85443/95443 - Pastoral Care in Grief and Loss

Masters prerequisite: PTPC 60003 or equivalent

A study of the process of grief in various types of loss with special attention to effective pastoral care responses.

PTPC 75970/85970/95970 - Special Topics in Pastoral Care

Masters prerequisite: PTPC 60003 or equivalent

Advanced research focused on contemporary issues in the field of pastoral care and counseling. May be repeated for credit under different topics. (1-3 semester hours)

PTPC 81503 - Clinical Pastoral Education, Unit I

Prerequisites: Admittance to the D.Min. program and acceptance into a CPE program accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education

Supervised clinical training related to ministry in human crises. Students serve as chaplains at hospitals and other institutions. Learning through didactic seminars, self-awareness groups, case conferences, and individual supervision. Offered in ten-week courses during the summer, fourteen-week courses during semesters, and in extended units from October to April. (Offered Pass/No Credit)

PTPC 81513 - Clinical Pastoral Education, Unit II

Prerequisites: Admittance to the D.Min. program, PTPC 81503 and acceptance into

a CPE program accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education
Continuation of PTPC 81503. (Offered Pass/No Credit)

PTPC 81523 - Advanced Clinical Pastoral Education

Prerequisites: Admittance to the D.Min. program, PTPC 81513 and acceptance into an Advanced CPE program accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education

An advanced unit of training approved by standardized consultation procedures with the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. (Offered Pass/No Credit)

PTPC 90703 - Clinical Pastoral Education, Unit I

Prerequisites: Admittance to the Th.M. or Ph.D. program and acceptance into a CPE program accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education

Supervised clinical training related to ministry in human crises. Students serve as chaplains at hospitals and other institutions. Learning through didactic seminars, self-awareness groups, case conferences, and individual supervision. Offered in ten-week courses during the summer, fourteen-week courses during semesters, and in extended units from October to April. (Offered Pass/No Credit)

PTPC 90713 - Clinical Pastoral Education, Unit II

Prerequisites: Admittance to the Th.M. or Ph.D. program, completion of PTPC 90703 and acceptance into a CPE program accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education

Continuation of PTPC 90703. (Offered Pass/No Credit)

PTPC 90723 - Advanced Clinical Pastoral Education

Prerequisites: Admittance to the Ph.D. program, completion of PTPC 90713 and acceptance into an advanced CPE program accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education

An advanced unit of training approved by standardized consultation procedures with the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. (Offered Pass/No Credit)

PTPC 94013 - Independent Research Study and Thesis

Prerequisites: Admittance to the Th.M program and completion of required academic seminars

Independent research study and writing of the Master of Theology thesis.

PTPC 95123 – Theological Anthropologies: Critical Conversation for Pastoral Theology

Prerequisite: Admittance to the Ph.D. program or special permission of the Office of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

A study of human beings from theological, psychological, and contextual perspectives for the purpose of critically assessing the contribution of personality theory and theories of self to pastoral assessment and intervention. Students will develop a pastoral theological anthropology for discussion in the seminar.

PTPC 95173 - Current Issues in Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Counseling

Prerequisite: Admittance to the Ph.D. program or special permission of the Office of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

A study of current issues in the disciplines of pastoral theology and pastoral counseling. May be repeated for credit under different topics.

PTPC 95223 - Sexuality, Race, and Class: Implications for Pastoral Theology

Prerequisite: Admittance to the Ph.D. program

This seminar will focus on current theoretical and theological resources for critically and imaginatively engaging gender, race, and class in contemporary, constructive pastoral theology in ecclesial and cultural contexts. We will explore the particularities and intersecting dynamics of gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, and class as they arise and endure in relationships and as matters of debate in larger systemic contexts. Participants in the seminar will also explore the ways in which these aspects of social location inform their own self-understanding. We will also address pedagogical and clinical strategies for confronting oppressive aspects of these forms of social location.

PTPC 95233 - Teaching and Learning in Pastoral Theology, Care, and Counseling

Prerequisite: Admittance to the Ph.D. program

Intentional reflection on teaching and learning is important for doctoral programs who train teachers in pastoral theology, care, and counseling. This course explores critical issues for the teaching of pastoral theology in multiple contexts, including philosophical, theological, and practical commitments. Students create a variety of documents for a teaching portfolio, such as an introductory course syllabus, a philosophy of teaching statement, a lesson plan and class presentation, and a research presentation on a pedagogical issue of particular interest to them.

PTPC 95243 - Historical and Contemporary Perspectives in Pastoral Theology, Care, and Counseling

Prerequisites: Admittance to the Ph.D. or Th.M. program

This course examines the historical development of the fields of pastoral theology, care, and counseling. In addition, the course connects historical developments with current and future trajectories in the field.

PTPC 95253 - Pastoral Theological Methods in Context

Prerequisites: Admittance to the Ph.D. or Th.M. program

An investigation of the role of context and method in Pastoral Theology will be central to this course. This is the first of a two-part course in which students are engaged in a context where they are responsible for some aspect of pastoral care or counseling. While reflecting on their context, students will be involved in a general examination of pastoral theological methods, assessing their relevance, limitations, and potential. This course is a prerequisite for the second course, Methods in Constructive Pastoral Theology.

PTPC 95263 - Methods in Constructive Pastoral Theology

Prerequisites: Admittance to the Ph.D. or Th.M. program; PTPC 95253 Pastoral Theological Methods in Context

Building on work in the previous semester's course, Pastoral Theological Methods in

Context, students will design a project built around a pastoral theological research question that arises out of the context in which they are working. The project will be designed, implemented, and evaluated during the semester.

Additional Courses

BRIT 70970/80970/90970 - Special Topics:Brite Interdepartmental Course

Prerequisite: None

May be repeated for credit.

BRIT 75013 - Master of Theological Studies Colloquium: Advanced Theological Research and Writing

Prerequisite: MTS students must be in next-to-last (or last) semester; other students with instructor's permission

Ensures that students have advanced skills in research, bibliographic documentation, and writing in different genres. Will lay a substantive foundation for the MTS final project.

BRIT 90003 - Graduate Colloquium in Feminist Methodology and Theory

Prerequisite: None

This is the required course in the Women's Studies Certificate program. It is open to Ph.D. and Th.M. students and others on a case by-case basis. It aims to give graduate students from a variety of disciplines a thorough grounding in the basics of feminist theory and methodology since the early modern period.

BRLB 80001/90001 - Dissertation or Thesis Research in Library

Prerequisite: Special permission from the Office of the Dean or the Office of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Enables access to research in the Mary Coats Burnett Library for Ph.D., Th.M. or D.Min. students working on doctoral dissertations or theses, or for students in those programs who are not enrolled in classes in a given semester. (Offered Pass/No Credit)

BRLN 70000 - Spanish Language In Theological Context

Prerequisite: None

1-3 semester hours; may be repeated for credit under different topics for up to six credit hours.

BRLN 70970/80970/90970 - Special Topics in Theological Languages

Prerequisite: None

(1-3 semester hours, may be repeated for credit under different topics for up to six credit hours.) This course is designed for students who wish to gain a reading knowledge of one of the languages used in advanced theological studies. Special attention will be paid to the mastery of biblical, historical and theological terminology.

BRLN 90000 - Theological Languages

Special permission from the Office of the Dean or the Office of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

This course is available on an audit basis only. All auditors are required to do all assignments related to the course. The course offers no academic credit but enables preparation for doctoral language exams. For part-time students, an audit fee will be associated with this course.

DOMI 80023 - Directed/Independent Study

Prerequisite: Admittance to the D.Min. program

May be repeated for credit under different topics for up to twelve credit hours.

DOMI 80033 - Pastoral Identity

Prerequisite: Admittance to the D.Min. program

This course assists students in developing a better understanding of their past-present-future Pastoral Identity within the broader context of their life and ministry.

DOMI 80043 - The Pastor and the Context of Ministry

Prerequisite: Admittance to the D.Min. program

This course assists students in enhancing their understanding of their social location as minister and how social and economic issues affect the experiences of believers within Christian communities.

DOMI 80053 – Transforming Practices: Spirituality, Leadership, and Justice

Prerequisite: Admittance to the D.Min. program

This is the foundational seminar for Brite's Doctor of Ministry Program. The course will introduce students to Brite's ethos and to the core concepts of the program: spirituality, leadership, and justice. Students will explore models for integrating theology and practice, and for doing research and writing in ministry and theology.

DOMI 80063 – Methods and Models for Research and Project Development

Prerequisite: Admittance to the D.Min. program

This course is one of three courses required in the Doctor of Ministry program. In this course, students will explore various methods and models for doing research and writing about theological reflection on ministry. This course provides the opportunity to develop a plan for formulating and completing the ministry project. Since the intent of the course is to assist with the development of a research proposal for the Doctor of Ministry project, the course is most helpful to participants after they have taken at least 1/3 of their course work.

DOMI 80913 – Doctoral Project

Prerequisite: Admittance to the D.Min. program and completion of 24 hours of course work

Design of the D.Min. project, initial writing of project proposal, and preparation for writing the D.Min. thesis at the completion of the project.

DOMI 80916 - Doctoral Project/Thesis Seminar

Prerequisite: Admittance to the D.Min. program and completion of 27 hours of course work

Design, writing, and oral defense of the D.Min. project/thesis.

