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THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

FALL TERM 2023 (DMIN)

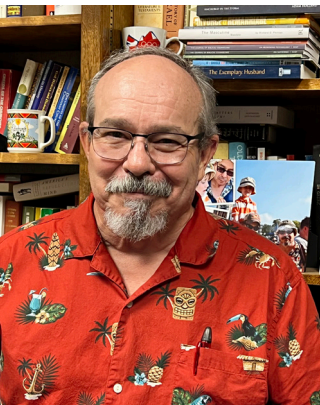


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DR 902 (Online) Ministry in Context

Full Semester: Asynchronous

In this seminar, students examine the practice of ministry through the church in the world, in light of the theological foundations of ministry. Special emphasis is given to the careful study of one's ministry context, planning and implementing ministry, conducting research in ministry, and evaluating effectiveness in ministry.



R.J. Gore, Professor of Systematic Theology
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DR 901 (Online) Theological Foundations for Ministry

Full Semester: Asynchronous, with several voluntary live video conference discussion sessions

This seminar is designed to help students clarify and articulate a theology of ministry in light of their own theological tradition, in conversation with a wide range of theological perspectives. Students read and discuss significant theological thinkers on the doctrine of the Church and its ministry. The course culminates with a final Theology of Ministry paper, in which students describe their own theological perspective on ministry.

DN 956 (Online) Theology of Worship in Contemporary Discussion

Full Semester: Asynchronous, with several voluntary live video conference discussion sessions

This course is a comparative study of the different theologies of worship most frequently advanced today. The theologies of worship associated with the Second Vatican Council, high church Anglicanism, the contemporary Christian worship movement, the Charismatic movement, and the Church growth movement are discussed and critiqued in light of Scripture and a Reformed theology of worship.



Daniel Janosik, Adjunct Professor of Apologetics
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DN 985 (Online) Advanced Apologetics

8 Weeks, Online 2: 10/18-12/12; Asynchronous, with several voluntary live video conference discussion sessions

This course builds on the student's introductory study of apologetics through targeted readings and research. Students will identify a significant historical or contemporary Christian apologist and investigate in-depth the apologist's methodology, theological framework, and significant contributions to the apologetics enterprise. Students will make use of their findings to construct a critical response to some significant contemporary challenge to the Christian faith from among the following: contemporary cults, non-Christian religions, the new atheism, secularism, or scientism.



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DN 910 (DW&Online) The Psalms as Christian Prayer

Saturdays: 9:00am-5:00pm; 9/9, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2; in-person and live video conference for distance students

This course begins with a study of the biblical Psalms as they were used in the worship of Israel. It looks at the way the Psalms were used in the worship of the New Testament Church and traces this development through the ancient Church and into the Middle Ages. Particular attention is given to the revival of psalmody at the time of the Protestant Reformation and the development of the various Protestant psalters through the 17th and 18th centuries until the present.



Richard Winston, Associate Professor of New Testament
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DN 944 (GVL&Online) The Pastoral Letters & Pastoral Practice

Saturdays: 9:00am-5:00pm; 8/26, 9/23, 10/21, 11/18; in-person and live video conference for distance students

This course examines the Pastoral Letters of 1–2 Timothy and Titus, including their authorship, date, purposes, and historical circumstances. Attention is given to exploring how the Pastoral Letters inform the doctrine and practice of the Church today, especially in regard to elders, deacons, and women in ministry. Students develop their own view of ecclesiology broadly and Church office particularly.



Mark E. Ross, The First Presbyterian Church - John R. de Witt Chair of Theology
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DN 967 (CO&Online) The Legacy of John Calvin

Saturdays: 9:00am-5:00pm; 9/16, 9/30, 10/28, 12/9; in-person and live video conference for distance students

John Calvin's work in Geneva, beginning in 1536 and ending with his death in 1564, has become exemplary for "the best Reformed churches." This course examines the life and theology of John Calvin as a resource for pastoral ministry today. Students read and discuss Calvin with special attention to his thought about the Church and its ministry.