



# ERSKINE

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

## SPRING TERM 2024 (MASTER'S LEVEL)

### ERSKINE ONLINE



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#### **BI 501 (Online) Bible Survey**

Full Semester; asynchronous

In this one-semester course, students lay a foundation for other seminary courses by reading through the entire Bible, Old and New Testaments. The major events, persons, places, and chronologies of the biblical materials are introduced, as well as the major themes of each individual book. Finally, the redemptive-historical thread of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation is expounded.

#### **BI 502 (CO&Online) Principles of Exegesis**

Mondays: 6:00-9:00pm; in-person and live video conference for distance students

This course introduces the student to the principles and practice of exegesis of the Old and New Testaments and surveys the history of the texts and translations of the Bible, as well as the ways the Old and New Testaments have been interpreted by the Church. Passages for exegetical practice are selected from both Testaments.

#### **OT 501 (Online) Old Testament I**

Full Semester; asynchronous, with several voluntary live video conference discussion sessions

This course surveys the history and literature of Israel to the end of the united kingdom. In dealing with Israelite economic, social, political, cultural, and religious life, the Old Testament is illumined by studies in archaeology, geography, and ancient Near Eastern texts. Introductory issues such as canon, historical-critical approaches, and the authority of the Old Testament are also treated.

#### **OT 739 (Online) Elijah/Elisha Narratives**

Full Semester; some live video conference sessions required

This course examines the history, content, and narratives in 1-2 Kings. Detailed attention is given to their historical setting (i.e., state-sanctioned Baal worship) and how Jesus Christ is shown in the gospels as the fulfillment of the dominant motifs of this collection.



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## **BP 501 (Online) Baptist History, Doctrine, and Polity**

Tuesdays: 6:00pm-9:00pm; meets live online weekly by video conference

This course deals with the distinctive theological emphases of the Baptist church in the context of its historical development. In addition, Baptist government, worship, and discipline are considered.

## **PM 705 (Online) Supervised Ministry**

Full Semester; some live video conference sessions required

This course offers students the opportunity to work in a structured ministry setting with an approved supervisor. The focus of the learning centers on the student's own learning goals which the student designs with emphasis on spiritual formation, theology, and ministry practice. The classroom sessions help the student integrate theory and practice of ministry by the use of case studies, group interaction, and peer feedback.



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## **CH 760 (DW&Online) History of Christianity in America**

Mondays: 9:00am-5:00pm; 1/8, 2/5, 3/4, 4/8; in-person and live video conference for distance students

In this course students study American religious traditions from colonial times to the present. The stress is on the historical development of the general religious motifs and particular denominational expressions of American religious development.



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## **ST 715 (CO&Online) The Westminster Standards**

Saturdays: 9:00am-5:00pm; 1/27, 2/24, 3/23, 4/20; in-person and live video conference for distance students

This course considers the origin and convening of the Westminster Assembly. Students analyze the theology of the Assembly through a study of the Westminster Standards.

## **ST 603 (CO&Online) Systematic Theology III**

Tuesdays: 6:00pm-9:00pm; in-person and live video conference for distance students

This course concludes a systematic presentation of the Christian faith. Using biblical constructs, historical developments, and confessional statements, students explore the doctrine of the Holy Spirit and salvation, the doctrine of the Church and sacraments, and the doctrine of last things.

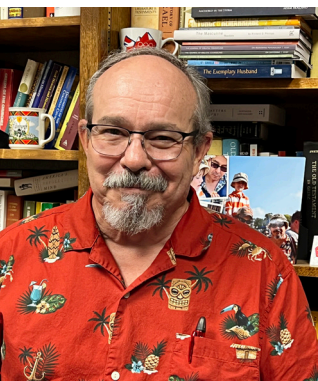


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## **NT 731 (DW&Online) The Parables of Jesus**

Mondays: 9:00am-5:00pm; 1/29, 2/12, 3/11, 4/15; in-person and live video conference for distance student

In order to explore the meaning of Jesus' parables in the synoptic gospels, students address the following issues: the parables' historical and canonical contexts, their forms of communication, the history of their interpretation, and their relevance for the Church and society today.



R.J. Gore, Professor of Systematic Theology  
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## ET 711 (Online) Christian Ethics

Full Semester; asynchronous, with several voluntary live video conference discussion sessions

This course examines the nature and principles of Christian ethics and the application of these principles to current social issues. Emphasis is given to the study of biblical morality.

## ST 602 (Online) Systematic Theology II

Thursdays: 7:00-9:00pm; live video conference (with some pre-recorded lectures)

This course continues a systematic presentation of the Christian faith. Using biblical constructs, historical developments, and confessional statements, students explore the doctrine of God, the doctrine of humanity, and the doctrine of Christ.



John Panagiotou, Adjunct Professor of Greek and Early Church History  
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## CH 501 (Online) Early & Medieval Church History

Full Semester; asynchronous, with bi-weekly live video conference discussion sessions required

This survey course traces the development of the Christian Church from the end of the apostolic period to the division between East and West and the development of the western church up to the 15th century Renaissance. Students examine the changing relation between Church and empire, the development of Christian doctrine, the rise of the papacy, and the variety of patterns of Christian spirituality.

## GK 502 (Online) Biblical Greek II

Full Semester; some live video conference sessions required

This course completes Greek Grammar I and introduces the student to the Greek New Testament and standard Greek lexica.



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## PM 507 (Online) Evangelism

Full Semester; some live video conference sessions required

This course is a study of the nature and practice of evangelism in the Christian Church. Attention is given to the biblical basis of evangelism, the theology and historical development of evangelism, spiritual development principles in evangelism, and methods of developing evangelism as a part of the total mission of the congregation.



Michael Milton, Distinguished Professor of Missions and Evangelism  
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## PM 502 (Online) Christian Vocation & Transformation

8 weeks: Online 1; asynchronous, with several voluntary live video conference discussion sessions

This course introduces students to God's great purpose for the world and our calling to serve that purpose in discipleship for the Church, family, and community. Emphasis is placed upon growing in the grace of God and discerning one's gifts and calling within the service of God. Additionally, the course will address the foundations of theological research and writing, providing training in the *ETS Style and Form Manual*.

## PM 608 (Online) Pastoral Care & Counseling

8 weeks: Online 2; asynchronous, with several voluntary live video conference discussion sessions

This course is an introduction to pastoral care and counseling with a focus on the problems usually experienced by church leaders in the local congregation (death, aging, grief, sickness, family tensions, etc.). A variety of theories and methods are examined. Goals of the course include personal growth and the development of counseling skills.



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## NT 602 (Online) New Testament II

Full Semester; some live video conference sessions required

The course explores the background, literary art, theological teaching, and contemporary message of Romans through Revelation. Attention is given to the canonical significance of these writings and to their value for ministry.

## NT 750 (GVL&Online) Romans

Saturdays: 9:00am-5:00pm; 1/20, 2/17, 3/16, 4/13; in-person and live video conference for distance students

This course introduces and examines the theological, historical, and sociocultural backgrounds of Romans as the basis for a detailed interpretation of this epistle. Emphasis is placed on the theological ideas of Romans in relation to the whole of Pauline thought and the rest of Scripture. Methodology of interpretation and application to contemporary ministry are given focused attention.



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## WP 550 (CO&Online) Basic Preaching (Homiletics I)

Thursdays: 6:00-9:00pm; in-person and live video conference for distance students

In this introductory course for preparation and delivery of expository biblical sermons, students draw on their work in exegesis, history, and systematic theology. Students are instructed in a classical expository model, a model which encourages the preacher to ask questions of the biblical text and prayerfully respond with movements that unveil the divine mind of God to the condition of humanity. The sermon becomes a necessary pastoral exercise in exegesis of both text and context.



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## PM 745 (Online) Church Planting & Renewal

Tuesdays: 6:00pm-9:00pm; meets live online weekly by video conference

This seminar course equips students with the principles and strategies needed for developing new or reclinig (plateaued) and declining churches into healthy, growing, reproducing churches. Students, in hands-on ways, learn how to develop a biblical vision for ministry and core values for church development. Lectures, discussion, readings, and workshop activities allow participants to formulate vision, values, and strategies.



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## PM 604 (GVL&Online) Christian Leadership & Church Administration

Mondays: 9:00am-5:00pm; 1/29, 2/19, 3/18, 4/22; in-person and live video conference for distance students

This course is a study of Christian leadership as it relates to the Christian Church. Emphasis is placed upon organizational dynamics, conflict management, spiritual formation, leadership skills, and management practices. Assessment of structures and individuals, problem-solving, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit are formulated in the context of ecclesiastical life cycles and polity.