



ERSKINE

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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CH 502 (Online) Reformation & Modern Church History Full Semester: asynchronous with weekly or biweekly live video conference sessions required

This survey course covers the historical, spiritual, and institutional development of western Christianity from the Renaissance to the modern era. Students examine the Protestant reformers, the Counter Reformation, the Enlightenment, Pietism, and the development of Evangelicalism.



Richard Winston, Associate Professor of New Testament
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NT 701 (G'ville & Online) New Testament Backgrounds & Theology

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.: 1/25, 2/22, 3/22, 4/26; in-person and live video conference for distance students

This course examines the literary and historical backgrounds, history of interpretation, and theology of the New Testament. The purpose of the course is to orient the student to the central issues in contemporary New Testament studies.

NT 602 (G'ville & Online) New Testament II

Tuesdays: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.: in-person and live video conference for distance students

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.



Max Rogland, Research Professor of Old Testament
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HB 502 (COL & Online) Biblical Hebrew II

Tuesdays: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m: in-person and live video conference for distance students

This course continues the study of Hebrew grammar, syntax, and vocabulary and introduces the student to the Hebrew Bible and standard Hebrew lexica.



George Schwab, Professor of Old Testament
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BI 502 (G'ville & Online) Principles of Exegesis

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m: 1/18, 2/15, 3/15, 4/12; 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 some live video conference sessions required

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 illuminated 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 773 (Online) Isaiah

Mondays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m: 1/27, 2/17, 3/10, 4/7; live video conference only

This course analyzes the prophetic messages in the book of Isaiah, dealing with the critical problems associated with this book, its historical background, and its application to the life of the Christian Church today.



R.J. Gore, Professor of Systematic Theology
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WP 651 (Online) Christian Worship

Full Semester: asynchronous with some live video conference sessions required

This course is a study of the history, theology, form, and content of Christian worship. Emphasis is placed upon the development and practice of worship in the Protestant tradition. Opportunities are given for practical experience in planning and conducting of services, which include the Lord's Supper, baptism, weddings, funerals, and other elements of the public worship of the Church.



Dick Williams, Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Ministry
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PM 705 (Online) Supervised Ministry

Full Semester: asynchronous with 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.

PM 608 (G'ville & Online) Pastoral Care & Counseling

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m: 2/1, 3/1, 4/12, 5/3; in-person and live video conference for distance students

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.



Daniel Janosik, Research Professor of Apologetics
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PM 507 (Online) Evangelism

Full Semester; asynchronous with 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 mission of the Church.



Mark Ross, Professor of Systematic Theology
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PS 701 (COL & Online) Presbyterian History & Polity

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.: 1/11, 2/8, 3/8, 4/5; in-person and live video conference for distance students

This course provides an introduction to the history and polity of selected Presbyterian denominations, including the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and the Presbyterian Church in America. Students explore the governing structures, principles, and procedures for Church discipline, and forms of worship of these Presbyterian denominations in order to prepare for a variety of ordained and non-ordained ministries within them.

ST 602 (COL & Online) Systematic Theology II

Mondays: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.: in-person and live video conference for distance students

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.



Jim Belcher, Research Professor of Historical and Pastoral Theology
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HT 742 (G'ville & Online) Calvin's Political & Social Philosophy

Mondays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.: 2/3, 2/24, 3/17, 4/28; in-person and live video conference for distance students

This course explores John Calvin's political and social philosophy, with particular attention paid to his teachings on natural law, community building, and the role of the individual within society. Students will learn how Calvin's thought shaped the development of early modern political theory and how his ideas continue to have relevance today in the formation of the Christian mind, in developing a deep love of the Church and God's created order, and in discipling Christians to impact the world.



Dale Johnson, Distinguished Professor of Church History
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CH 710 (Online) Great Figures in Church History

Mondays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.: 1/13, 2/10, 3/3, 4/14; live video conference only

This course examines the lives of figures who have influenced the life and ministry of the Christian Church during the past 20 centuries. Students consider the important issues confronted by Christians in the past which are still faced in the Church today. Particular attention is given to ministry and pastoral aspects from the lives of prominent past Christians.



Florica Saracut, Assistant Professor of Educational Ministries

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PM 505 (Online) Educational Ministry in the Local Church

Full Semester: asynchronous with weekly/biweekly synchronous video conference sessions required

This course examines the theology and practice of educational ministries in the local church. Students explore biblical and theological foundations of learning, creative methods of teaching the Bible, models of intentional educational ministries, and discipleship strategies. Particular attention is given to the responsibilities and opportunities for pastors and other ministry leaders as teachers within the local church.



Adrian Smith, Adjunct Professor of Biblical Studies

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PM 701 (Online) Sanctification and the Spiritual Disciplines

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.: 1/18, 2/15, 3/15, 4/12; live video conference only

This course engages sanctification as a process of being shaped by the story of Scripture that centers on the incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection of Christ. Numerous spiritual disciplines are explored as “scripts” which empower our participation in the drama of redemption. Within this framework, the course highlights the shaping power of several practices inherited from the ancient Church, including liturgical worship, the Christian calendar, praying the Psalter, and lectio divina (scriptural meditation with contemplative prayer).



Kyle Sims, Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Ministry

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WP 650 (COL & Online) Basic Preaching

Thursdays: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.: in-person and live video conference for distance students

In this introductory course for the preparation and delivery of sermons, students will draw on their work in exegesis, history, and systematic theology. Students will be instructed in the classical expository model that roots sermons in the biblical text, proclaims the good news of the gospel, and calls listeners to an obedient response to God’s Word. Students will learn how preaching remains at the heart of pastoral ministry as a means of grace.