



ERSKINE
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

FALL TERM 2025 (DMin LEVEL)



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DN 941 (Online) Church Life in Galatians–Thessalonians, Philemon

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; 9/13, 10/11, 11/8, 12/6; live video conference only

This course provides a focused study of early Church life as seen in Galatians through Thessalonians, as well as Philemon. Detailed attention is given to issues of introduction, exegesis of key texts, and overarching theological themes in order to discern how Paul instructed these Christian communities. Students formulate their approach to ministry and discipleship as informed by these letters.

DR 900 (Online) Advanced Research & Writing for Ministry

Full semester: asynchronous with several live video conference discussion sessions required. Required for 1st year DMin students.

This course provides advanced guidance on the task of writing professional papers that integrate theological reflection with ministry experience. Attention is given to the process of choosing a theological/ministerial topic, conducting research, using technology in research, analyzing and articulating one's findings, and writing advanced papers. Student research and writing is approached from a Christian perspective. Students are also given an overview of the DMin program.



Dale Johnson, Distinguished Professor of Church History Emeritus
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DC 935 (Online) The History of Christianity in the United States

Mondays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; 8/25, 9/22, 10/20, 11/24; live video conference only

This course examines the history of Christianity in the United States from colonial times to the present. It traces the historical development of religious motifs and particular denominational expressions of Christianity, to better understand the context of Christianity in America today.



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Jim Belcher, Research Professor of Historical and Pastoral Theology
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DF 958 (Online) Pastoral Resilience & Navigating Conflict Mondays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m: 9/8, 9/29, 10/27, 11/17; live video conference only

The course examines the types of conflict found in both the New Testament and ministry settings. Students examine some of the cultural, theological, ecclesiastical, interpersonal, intrapersonal, familial, and marital dimensions of conflict. Special emphasis is devoted to the concept of power, the sources of conflict, and to recognizing, responding to, and preventing destructive conflicts in biblically and personally responsible ways.



Loyd Melton, Distinguished Professor of New Testament Emeritus
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DR 902 (DW & Online) Ministry in Context Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m: Week long intensive; September 29 - October 3

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.



Mark Ross, Professor of Systematic Theology
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DC 912 (COL & Online) John Calvin Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m: 9/6, 9/27, 10/25, 11/22; 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.



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Daniel Janosik, Research Professor of Apologetics
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DC 955 (Online) Engaging Islam

Full semester: asynchronous with biweekly live video conference sessions required

Students describe key elements of the history, beliefs, and practices of Islam, along with its growth in the United States and impact on the contemporary world. Students analyze the implications of the growth of Islam for Christianity in the US and abroad and evaluate and refine apologetic and evangelistic methodologies.



Max Rogland, Research Professor of Old Testament
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DN 915 (COL & Online) Old Testament Wisdom for Life & Ministry

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m: 8/23, 9/20, 10/18, 11/15;
in-person and live video conference for distance students

This course examines the skill set needed to competently interpret and apply the wisdom books of Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Songs in pastoral ministry. Care and attention will be given to the literary structure of each of book, their unique theological contributions and practical uses, how they interpret Scripture and are interpreted by Scripture, and how they deliver a Christological message.