



ERSKINE  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

## FALL TERM 2025 (MASTER'S LEVEL)

### ERSKINE ONLINE

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#### **CH 501 (COL & Online) Early & Medieval Church History** Thursdays: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m: in-person and live video conference for distance students

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.

#### **CH 551 (Gville & Online) Survey of Church History** 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 surveys the history of the Christian Church from its origins to the present time. Within the broad sweep of the four main periods of the Church [early (50-600), medieval (600-1500), Reformation (1500-1650), and modern (1650-present)], the course will consider key persons, dates, developments, movements, and theological concepts.

#### **ST 701 (Online) The Methodology of Systematic & Historical Theology** Mondays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m: 9/15, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1; live video conference only

This course explores the philosophies and methodologies of systematic and historical theology. The course investigates the questions: What makes them unique disciplines? What tools does the historian/systematic theologian employ? How does history inform theology and theology inform the study of history?



Daniel Janosik, Research Professor of Apologetics  
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#### **MS 755 (Online) Islam in the West** Full semester: asynchronous with biweekly live video conference sessions required

This course offers an overview of Islam, including its founding, history, beliefs and practices, growth in America, and its development and impact as a sociopolitical and religious movement in the world today. Emphasis is placed on the rapid and recent growth of Islam in the West and the implications this has for Christianity in America. Apologetic and evangelistic methodologies are presented, and students are challenged to formulate their own biblical responses to Islam in America.



Max Rogland, Research Professor of Old Testament

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## OT 762 (COL & Online) Old Testament Wisdom Literature

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 is designed to give the student familiarity with the wisdom books of the Bible, climaxing with a close study of the Song of Songs. After exploring the Book of Proverbs in its Ancient Near East setting, the mystery of suffering in the book of Job, and the mystery of existence in Ecclesiastes, the mystery of sexuality as encountered in the Song of Solomon is examined. Students consider the New Testament's final word on wisdom and learn to interpret the wisdom texts in their whole canonical context.

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George Schwab, Professor of Old Testament

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## OT 502 (Online) Old Testament II

Tuesdays: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.: Full semester: asynchronous with weekly or biweekly live video conference sessions required

This course traces the history and examines the literature of the Israelite people from the division of the kingdom through the development of Judaism. In this course, the Hebrew poetic and wisdom literature of the Old Testament is studied along with such other topics as the content, interpretation, and the unity of the Old Testament.

## BI 502 (Online) Principles of Exegesis

Full semester: asynchronous with weekly or biweekly live video conference sessions required

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. as the content, interpretation, and the unity of the Old Testament.

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Dale Johnson, Distinguished Professor of Church History Emeritus

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## CH 760 (Online) History of Christianity in America

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

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.



Mark Ross, Professor of Systematic Theology  
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## HT 740 (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

Recognizing the enduring importance of John Calvin's life and thought for the whole Christian Church but especially the Reformed tradition, this course concentrates on the setting in which he worked, the issues he faced, and the theological insights he attained, by the grace of God. A premium is placed on reading Calvin's own works and probing the deeper levels of his theology.

## ST 601 (COL & Online) Systematic Theology I

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

This course begins a systematic presentation of the Christian faith. Using biblical constructs, historical developments, and confessional statements, students explore introduction to Systematic Theology (including concepts, methodology, and systems) and the doctrines of revelation and Scripture.



Chris Barney, Adjunct Professor of New Testament

## BI 501 (Gville & Online) Bible Survey

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

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. Students may exempt themselves from this course by passing the Bible Challenge Exam administered by the Bible Department, and, in that case, they are to use the hours for another Bible course.



Jim Belcher, Research Professor of Historical and Pastoral Theology  
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## PM 740 (Online) Resilience & Navigating Conflict in Ministry

Mondays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m: 9/8, 9/29, 10/27, 11/17; live video conference only

This course explores how pastors and ministry leaders can cultivate resilience in the face of the persistent challenges and inevitable conflicts in ministry. Participants will learn how to engage such challenges and conflicts as opportunities for personal growth as leaders and for significant advancement of the Kingdom of God in their church or ministry, using an array of constructive methods and drawing on numerous examples from outstanding leaders in Scripture and Church history.





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.

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Richard Winston, Associate Professor of New Testament  
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## NT 773 (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**

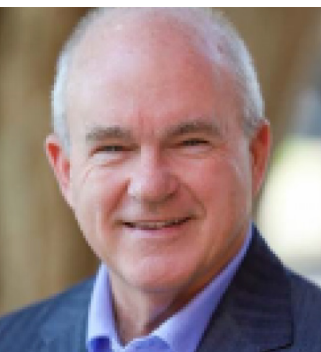
This course provides a focused study of Galatians through Thessalonians, as well as Philemon. Detailed attention is given to issues of introduction, exegesis of key texts, and overarching theological themes. Students also discern the functional impact of these letters for the life of the Christian and the Church.

## NT 601 (Gville & Online) New Testament I

**Mondays: 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 Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Acts. Attention is given to the canonical significance of these writings and to their value for ministry.

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## PM 610 (Online) Introduction to Chaplaincy

**Full semester: asynchronous with biweekly live video conference discussion sessions required**

This course is an introduction to the biblical-theological foundations of chaplain ministry and its history, key concepts, and unique place as a distinctive calling within the larger vocation of the minister of Word and sacrament. Students analyze the unique contexts and callings of eight different chaplaincy sectors including corporate, military, healthcare, public safety, institutional, sports, educational, and crisis/disaster relief.



Brad Anderson, Adjunct Professor of Pastoral and Youth Ministry  
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## PM 725 (Online) Youth Ministry

Tuesdays: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m: live video conference only

The course considers theories of adolescence, the history of youth work in the Church, contemporary youth experience, and models of programs and patterns which offer possibilities for the Church in its youth ministry.

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Kyle Sims, Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Ministry  
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## WP 650 (COL & Online) Introduction to 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.

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Brandon Szerlip, Adjunct Professor of New Testament

## GK 501 (Online) Biblical Greek I

Thursdays: 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m: Full semester: live video conference only

This course teaches the basics of New Testament (Koine) Greek grammar. This course prepares students to read and interpret the Greek New Testament through a mastery of vocabulary, morphology, and syntax.