

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND CHRISTIAN MINISTRY COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Graduate Bible Courses

BIB 670 (3) CONTEMPORARY PREACHING

The use of the Bible for preaching today.

BIB 696 (3) INTRODUCTION TO ISRAELITE HISTORY AND THE HEBREW BIBLE

An introduction to the history of Israel from the early Iron Age into the Hellenistic period, with special attention to its place within Syro-Palestinian material culture and history, and the relationship of this history to the content and history of composition of the Hebrew Bible.

BIB 697 (3) INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN ORIGINS AND THE NEW TESTAMENT

An introduction to the early Jesus movement and the diversity of Christian origins within the social-historical context of the Greco-Roman world and their relationship to documents that later became the New Testament.

Master of Ministry Courses

CMI 612 (3) THE LIFE OF THE MINISTER

A study of factors that occur in the life of the minister. The study could include psychological profiles, stress factors, family life issues or relationships.

CMI 622 (3) COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL

Aspects of public speaking, learning theory, writing, the minister as prophet, priest, and king, the reading of Scripture, and the proclamation of scriptural holiness.

CMI 632 (3) THE OLD TESTAMENT IN THE CHRISTIAN PULPIT

The proclamation of the Old Testament. The literature and theology of the Old Testament are utilized in developing a perspective for ministry.

CMI 642 (3) THE NEW TESTAMENT AND MINISTRY

The New Testament, its literature and theology, is explored as a resource for ministry.

CMI 652 (3) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Examination of one or more significant doctrines, persons, or historical movements with particular application for contemporary ministry.

CMI 662 (3) WORSHIP, LEADERSHIP, AND LITURGY

Aspects of corporate worship and renewal, spiritual formation, models and theology of leadership, sociology of groups, community resources, and pastoral counseling.

CMI 672 (3) CONTEMPORARY MINISTRY

An analysis of demographic, social and cultural factors impacting ministry, with attention to pastoral care and church growth including ethnic diversity, urbanization, evangelism, and missions.

CMI 675 (3) THEOLOGY AND CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Selected topics relating to theological understanding and ministry. May be repeated.

CMI 682 (3) STEWARDSHIP AND MANAGEMENT IN MINISTRY

The principles of finance as they relate to pastoral involvement in church and life, church budgeting, fund raising, building financing, family budgeting, and long-range financial planning.

CMI 685 (3) BIBLE AND CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Selected topics relating to Biblical interpretation and ministry. May be repeated.

CMI 690 (1-4) SPECIAL STUDIES

Selected studies in an area of Christian ministry. Permission of the Dean is required. May be repeated up to a total of nine units.

Graduate Religion Courses

GRE 600 (3) RESEARCH METHODS AND BIBLIOGRAPHY

Graduate level instruction in the scholarly methods used in the study of religion.

GRE 690 (1-4) SPECIAL STUDIES

Selected studies in an area of Religion. Permission of the Dean is required. May be repeated for up to a total of nine units.

GRE 691 (1-3) TOPICS IN RELIGION

Selected topics in the graduate study of Religion. By permission of the Dean. May be repeated for up to a total of 15 units.

GRE 699 (4) THESIS

Credit granted for the completion of an acceptable thesis. Permission of the Dean, who also approves the Thesis Committee membership, is required.

Graduate Theology Courses

THE 645 (3) THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT I

A study of the development of Christian thought from the apostolic fathers to the beginnings of the Reformation.

THE 646 (3) THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT II

A study of the development of Christian thought from the Reformation to the twentieth century.

THE 647 (3) CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGY AND ETHICS

A study of selected contemporary Christian theologians, ethicists and themes.

THE 695 (3) SEMINAR IN WESLEYAN THEOLOGY

A study of the Wesleyan theological heritage from John Wesley's antecedents to present developments in the tradition.

Courses Designed for the Graduate Level

Courses numbered at the 400-level in the School of Theology and Christian Ministry may be approved as electives (Graduate Religion 691) by the Dean. Graduate students taking such courses must meet higher qualitative and quantitative standards in order for the course to qualify for graduate credit.