

LEADERSHIP STUDIES M.A.

Mission

The Master of Arts in Leadership Studies equips students for transformational leadership in their organizations, churches, and non-profits within the global community. Learn how to integrate best practices of real-world leadership with theology, culture, ethics, and spirituality.

Engage with faculty and students in a collaborative learning environment that provides an ideal experience for developing critical thinking skills and participating in a long-standing Vanguard community network.

Admission Requirements for the M.A.L.S.

A student seeking the M.A. Degree in Leadership Studies must meet the following admission requirements:

1. Completion of a Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

Exceptions: Applicants from an institution accredited by the Association for Biblical Higher Education, or from other institutions not accredited by a regional association, will be considered on an individual basis. If accepted, provisional standing will be applied. After completion of 12 units earning a grade of "B" or better in each course, the student may request transferring to regular standing.

Students in the senior year of their Bachelor's degree can still apply. If admitted, provisional standing is granted while finishing their Bachelor's degree.

1. A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher (on a four-point scale) in all Bachelor's work.

Exception: If the GPA is below 3.0, the student's application may still be considered at the discretion of the Admissions Committee. If accepted, provisional status will be granted, requiring students to complete the first 12 units of graduate level courses with grades of "B" or above before receiving further consideration for regular standing in the GPR.

Transfer Credit

M.A.L.S. students may transfer a maximum of 6 units of coursework from an accredited graduate program when the coursework directly applies to their program design. Requests for transfer credit are to be submitted to the Registrar no later than the deadline for advancement to candidacy. Final decisions regarding transfer credit rests with the Registrar upon receipt of the recommendation of the Director. No courses with a grade lower than "B" (3.0) will be transferred toward the M.A. degree. No transfer credit can be granted for coursework used for a degree awarded by another institution. A minimum of 30 units at VU is required of all students in the M.A. degree program. All core courses must be taken at VU.

Graduation Requirements

Overview: To complete a graduate degree program, students will need to successfully complete the specified coursework, choose and complete

an exit option, and apply for graduation. The graduation requirements for these steps are as follows:

Coursework and Academic Standing

Successfully complete the core and elective courses for an approved program. "Successful completion" means achieving a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 for the M.A. degree, or a grade point average of 2.67 for the M.A.T. degree. Also, no more than two course grades of C+ or C can count toward the M.A. degree, and no more than two course grades of C or C- can count toward the M.A.T. degree. Lastly, the student must have regular standing (rather than provisional), with all academic deficiencies resolved.

Choose Exit Option

M.A.L.S students will take CLSG-750 Capstone Project

Students may choose to do action research, directed reading or a specialized project.

Application for Graduation

Students must file an application for graduation with the GPT Office by no later than the beginning of the semester in which the degree will be granted, even if the student does not participate in the commencement ceremony. The Application for Graduation form is available in the GPT Office and the Registrar's Office. The degree is conferred on the last day of the semester in which the student has completed all degree program requirements as described above, and has satisfied the following requirements:

1. File all the necessary forms in accordance with the timetable provided by the GPT Office.
2. Successfully complete all degree requirements within the "maximum time" limits of eight (8) years.
3. If transferring any graduate coursework, submit official, original transcripts accompanied by proper certification from all transfer institutions.
4. Settle all financial obligations to the University.

The Academic Program of the M.A.L.S.

The curriculum is composed of 11 required Leadership courses and one capstone course for a program total of 36 units.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Apply leadership theory, a theological and ethical framework, and critical thinking skills in order to creatively impact their organizations and environments,
2. Apply the intercultural and communication skills necessary to lead in partnership with people of other cultures and contexts,
3. Apply tools of moral reasoning and decision making to ethical dilemmas in specific contexts of leadership, life, and ministry, and
4. Formulate and present a theological a framework of spirituality in relation to character development and the soul care of leadership.



5. Contextualize leadership in any of the following elective concentrations: Christian Spirituality, Hispanic Leadership, or Women and Justice.

Requirements

The required courses develop a theological and theoretical framework for understanding leadership, mission and culture, and ethics in order to reflect theologically on what it means to be in authentic community and to examine the impact of mission in the community. The research course provides practical opportunity for students to learn how to conduct inquiry through a variety of methods that will be used in coursework and in the final exit option.

Code	Title	Units
Program Core Requirements		
CLSG-632	Team Development & Conflict Management	3
CLSG-638	Leadership/Global Issues	3
CLSG-642	Soul Care of Others	3
CLSG-646	Leadership/Character Developmt	3
CLSG-710	Mission/Culture in Theo Persp	3
CLSG-715	Church/Contemporary Moral Issues	3
CLSG-720	Theology/Theory of Leadership	3
RELG-788	Resrch Meth: Leadership Studies	3
Exit Option		
CLSG-750	Capstone Project	3
Total Units		27

Concentrations for the Masters of Arts in Leadership Studies

Select one of the following M.A.L.S. program concentrations.

Christian Spirituality

Spirituality contributes to organizational health and effectiveness according to recent studies. A spirituality arising from the Christian faith both informs individual transformation and creates communities that model human flourishing in the context of sacrificial service. Building on selected courses in the core curriculum, this concentration examines the meaning and historical development of Christian spirituality, and the contemporary role of spiritual direction.

Code	Title	Units
Concentration Requirements		
CLSG-601	History of Spirituality	3
CLSG-606	Spiritual Formation	3
CLSG-607	Spiritual Direction	3
Total Units		9

Hispanic Leadership

Strategic Leadership in a Hispanic church context requires critically engaging the complexities of Hispanic culture, theology, and multi-generational realities. Today's Hispanic churches are facing the challenge to make space for multi-generational identities and develop the leadership skills to embrace predominantly Hispanic communities that are increasingly becoming more bilingual, multicultural and

influential. This concentration focuses on equipping pastors and emerging leaders for positional as well as non-positional leadership in Hispanic ministry settings.

Code	Title	Units
Concentration Requirements		
CLSG-612	Hispanic Pentecostal Ch History/in US	3
CLSG-613	Hisp Ch Leadership/Contemporary Context	3
CLSG-614	Indentity/Culture/Social/Hispanic Comm	3
Total Units		9

Women and Justice

Women in leadership produce more durable peace agreements, healthier families, and stronger economic communities according to the literature. This concentration prepares leaders to bring redemptive resolutions to current challenges in community life, particularly concerning women and justice issues within the family, church and society. Coursework invites biblical and theological reflection, practical application, and consideration of current cultural and global realities for women, including violence, human trafficking, and marginalization.

Code	Title	Units
Concentration Requirements		
CLSG-633	Theo/Ethical Response/Woman-Justice	3
CLSG-634	A Biblical Theology/Women and Leadership	3
CLSG-636	A Biblical Response/Human Trafficking	3
Total Units		9

Courses

CLSG-502 Intro/Grad Stud/Ldrsh/Hisp Pas 3 Credits

CLSG-505 Intro/Church Ldrshp Studies 4 Credits
Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

CLSG-508 Foundations/Leadership Studies 3 Credits
Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

CLSG-515 Church/Contemp. Moral Issues 3 Credits
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

CLSG-518 Church Leadership Mgt Theory 3 Credits
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

CLSG-519 Crit Thinking/Writing/Minister 3 Credits

CLSG-520 System Anal/Church Organiz 3 Credits

CLSG-521 Disciplines of Spiritual Life 3 Credits

CLSG-522 Conflict Management 3 Credits
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

CLSG-523 Sociology of Religion 3 Credits

CLSG-524 Pentecost-Charismat Mvmnts 3 Credits

CLSG-525 Prin/Church Revitzn/Grth 3 Credits
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

CLSG-526 Small Group Ministry 3 Credits
Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

CLSG-528 Current Issues/Latin America 3 Credits
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.



CLSG-530 Adv. Pastoral Counseling 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

CLSG-532 History of Pentecostalism 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

CLSG-535 Issues/Pastoral Leadership 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

CLSG-538 Church Financial Admin. 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

CLSG-545 Lay Ministry Development 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

CLSG-546 Parables for Preaching 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

CLSG-550 Independent Study/Church Ldshp 1-3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

CLSG-554 Prin/Meth/Inter-Cult. Ministry 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

CLSG-555 Theol Educ/3rd World 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Summer.

CLSG-556 Current Issues/Youth Ministry 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

CLSG-557 Church Growth 3 Credits**CLSG-564 Religion/Culture/Latin America 3 Credits**

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

CLSG-565 Leadership Dev/Cultr Context 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Summer.

CLSG-566 Introduction to Judaism 4 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

CLSG-570 Special Topic: 1-3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

CLSG-585 Current Issues in Missiology 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

CLSG-586 Relign,Crisis/Change/Latin Am 2-4 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

CLSG-601 History of Spirituality 3 Credits

An exploration of Spirituality throughout church history that includes examples from Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Protestant (including Pentecostal) traditions.

Terms Typically Offered: Spring and Summer.

CLSG-605 Church/Theology Perspective 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

CLSG-606 Spiritual Formation 3 Credits

An examination of the theological foundation for spiritual formation and an exploration of the spiritual practices as a means of grace for personal growth, communal spirituality, and faithful service.

Terms Typically Offered: Spring and Summer.

CLSG-607 Spiritual Direction 3 Credits

The course introduces and develops foundational understandings and resources necessary to explore the practice of spiritual direction, and seeks to assist persons in discerning the ways that God is present and at work in their lives.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Summer.

CLSG-610 Appreciative Inquiry 3 Credits**CLSG-611 Leadership and the New Science 3 Credits**

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

CLSG-612 Hispanic Pentecostal Ch History/in US 3 Credits

This course is a graduate level study of the history and theology of the Hispanic Pentecostal Church in the United States. A particular focus will be on the development of the Hispanic Pentecostal Church following the Azusa Street Revival in downtown Los Angeles, with special attention to spirituality, social engagement, and culture.

CLSG-613 Hisp Ch Leadership/Contemporary Context 3 Credits

The Hispanic Church Leadership in a Contemporary Context focuses on the development of church leaders in the Hispanic community. Technology and socio-political shifts have contributed to a redefinition of the needs and expectations of a new generation of Hispanic leaders and their congregations. The course uses the lens of anthropology, history, sociology, psychology and theology to examine the constructs of Hispanic church leadership in contemporary context.

CLSG-614 Identity/Culture/Social/Hispanic Comm 3 Credits

The Identity, Culture and Social Engagement in the Hispanic Community course provides a theological exploration of human identity rooted in the doctrine of God and current trends in identity development. It engages Hispanic identity and the emerging cultural and social practices as well as challenges within the evolution of the Hispanic Pentecosta church context.

CLSG-615 Church/Contemp Moral Issues 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring and Summer.

CLSG-618 Church Leadership Mgt. Theory 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

CLSG-620 Change in Christian Organiztns 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Summer.

CLSG-621 Mission/Mrktg/Chrstn Organiztn 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring and Summer.

CLSG-622 Team Development and Conflict Management 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

CLSG-623 Marketing in Christian Organiztn 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Summer.

CLSG-624 Change and Strategic Planning 3 Credits

An examination of change within congregations and religious organizations with a view toward understanding systematically the relationship between the organization and its environment. Alternate strategic planning, problem solving and program evaluation models will be explored in light of intentional mission and ministry.

Terms Typically Offered: Summer.

CLSG-625 Prin/Church Revitzn & Renewal 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Summer.

CLSG-626 Soul and Spirit of the Leader 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

CLSG-627 New Forms of Preaching in a Postmodern World 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

CLSG-630 Pastoral Counseling/Chrstn Org 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

CLSG-632 Team Development & Conflict Management 3 Credits

An exploration of team development and conflict management in relation to leadership effectiveness with an emphasis on team dynamics, the nature of conflict, and strategies of assessment and intervention.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring and Summer.

CLSG-633 Theo/Ethical Response/Woman-Justice 3 Credits

This course is a graduate level study of the biblical foundation and ethical response for addressing women and justice issues across the lifespan. Of particular focus will be the role of the Christian leader in cultivating a community where injustice and violence against women and girls cannot survive and that impacts their surrounding society.

CLSG-634 A Biblical Theology/Women and Leadership 3 Credits

This course is a graduate level study of the biblical foundations for contemporary Evangelical views on the roles of women, particularly as they pertain to women in leadership within community life as family, church and the larger society.

CLSG-635 Iss/Pastoral Leadership 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring and Summer.

CLSG-636 A Biblical Response/Human Trafficking 3 Credits

This course is a graduate level study of the role of the Church in combatting human trafficking and family violence. A particular focus will be an integration of salt and light biblical mission with a professional integrity that values expertise and education, practices advocacy with grace, and promotes collaboration to build hope for the widow and the orphan.

CLSG-638 Leadership/Global Issues 3 Credits

This course focuses on leadership in global and intercultural contexts with an emphasis on the interdisciplinary and interlocking themes of culture, theology and the church. The course explores dimensions of social and organizational identities and examines how cultural perspective impacts both theology and practice. Cultural competence across a range of domains equips leaders to be relevant and innovative in theological reflection and ministry practices.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

CLSG-642 Soul Care of Others 3 Credits

A practical and theological exploration of the nature of the soul and of soul care, and the partnering relationship between pastoral care and other forms of counseling.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Summer.

CLSG-645 Contem Iss/Wrldwd Pentec Ldrsh 3 Credits**CLSG-646 Leadership/Character Developmt 3 Credits**

This course examines how character development and spirituality can enable leaders to become more authentic in their working relationships and more effective as transformational leaders through their organizations.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

CLSG-650 Indep Studies/Church Leadership 1-4 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

CLSG-655 Theo/Educ/Third World 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

CLSG-665 Leadership Dev/Cultr Context 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Summer.

CLSG-670 Special Topic: 1-3 Credits

Study in a special topic in leadership studies.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

CLSG-680 Ind Study: Leadership Studies 1-3 Credits

An individualized study initiated by the student who must develop a written prospectus of the proposed study and secure an appropriate sponsoring faculty member to supervise and evaluate the study. Up to a maximum of three units may be applied toward the degree requirements.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

CLSG-690 Seminar in Leadership Studies 1-3 Credits

Mutual investigation of one topic in cross-cultural ministry of particular relevance to graduate students in leadership studies.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

CLSG-705 Church/Theol Perspective 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

CLSG-710 Mission/Culture in Theo Persp 3 Credits

This interdisciplinary study, integrating theology and praxis, seeks to develop a theology of mission based on the premise that the unifying theme of Scripture is embodied in the concept of the Kingdom of God introduced in the Old Testament, fulfilled in the ministry of Jesus Christ in the New Testament, and demonstrated to the world through the life and actions of a believing community empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Summer.

CLSG-715 Church/Contemporary Moral Issues 3 Credits

This course aims to develop a constructive Christian ethic as a basis from which to address the moral problems confronting leaders in the contemporary church. The course explores the relationship between theological reflection and ethical thinking and examines how cultural perspective and context impact ethical decision-making.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

CLSG-720 Theology/Theory of Leadership 3 Credits

An examination of leadership, including theological and theoretical frameworks, that will enable students to assess their own mental models and inform their leadership practices in organizational settings.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

CLSG-741 Expository Preaching 3 Credits

Building on coursework in either Old or New Testament Interpretation, this course teaches the development of a biblical text and the practical delivery of a sermon. While focused primarily on expository preaching, narrative and topical sermon structures will also be explored.

Terms Typically Offered: Summer.

CLSG-750 Capstone Project 3 Credits

This course serves as a capstone for the Masters of Arts in Leadership Studies (MALS) program, in which the student integrates personal program experience with an investigation in one of the following options: a directed reading, action research, or a directed research.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

CLSG-780 Ind. Stud: 1-3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

NTG-501 Advanced Greek I 2 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

NTG-502 Advanced Greek II 2 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.



NTG-503 Beginning Greek I 4 Credits

An introduction to Greek grammar, vocabulary and syntax for the graduate student. Offered alternate years.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

NTG-504 Beginning Greek II 4 Credits

A continuation of Beginning Greek I.

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

NTG-508 New Testament Theology & Interpretation 3 Credits

This course surveys the basic issues in the historical, social, and theological interpretations of the New Testament. As such, it constitutes a basic introduction to exegetical and theological methods.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

NTG-542 Christology in the New Testament 3 Credits

A critical examination of the various interpretations of Jesus Christ's nature and the nature of his work as they are found within the New Testament. The Jewishness of Jesus and interpreting the New Testament witness on him as the Christ against that of the Law and the Temple during his times are taken into the context of exploring biblical Christology.

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

NTG-546 Parables for Preaching 4 Credits

An examination of the interrelationship between the meaning of the parables as Jesus spoke them to His original hearers and the message of parables proclaimed in the church today.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

NTG-550 Independent Study/New Testament 1-3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

NTG-552 New Testament Theology 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

NTG-555 New Testament Ethics 3 Credits

This course is designed to acquaint students with the ethical teachings of the New Testament, and to probe the relevance of New Testament ethics for a contemporary personal and social ethic.

NTG-631 Intermediate Greek I 3 Credits

Further study of grammar and syntax, including extensive exegesis of selected Johannine and Pauline texts. Offered alternate years.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

NTG-632 Intermediate Greek II 3 Credits

A continuation of Greek I. Offered alternate years.

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

NTG-650 Independent Study in New Testament 1-4 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

NTG-670 Special Topic: 1-3 Credits

Study in a special topic in New Testament.

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

NTG-680 Ind Study: 1-4 Credits

An individualized study initiated by the student who must develop a written prospectus of the proposed study and secure an appropriate sponsoring faculty member to supervise and evaluate the study. A maximum of four units may be applied toward the degree requirements.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

NTG-690 Seminar: 1-3 Credits

An investigation of one topic in the New Testament of particular relevance to graduate students in religion. Examples are: Jesus and the Gospels, New Perspectives on Paul, Spiritual Gifts, and Women in the New Testament.

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

NTG-710 Current Issues in New Testament Studies 3 Credits

An investigation and evaluation of the basic critical problems of New Testament interpretation which aims to acquaint the student with the more significant methodologies and personalities in contemporary scholarly studies.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

OTG-502 Introduction to Hebrew 2 Credits**OTG-503 Beginning Hebrew I 4 Credits**

An introduction to Hebrew grammar, vocabulary and syntax for the graduate student. Offered alternate years.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

OTG-504 Beginning Hebrew II 4 Credits

A continuation of Beginning Hebrew I. Offered alternate years.

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

OTG-505 O.T. Life and Literature 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

OTG-506 Advanced Hebrew I 2 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

OTG-507 Advanced Hebrew II 2 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

OTG-508 O.T. Exegesis 3 Credits

This course is designed to acquaint the student with some of the methodological, cultural, literary and theological issues that facilitate and condition the study of the Old Testament and that will lay a foundation for further work in that field. The final project will be an exegesis of a passage of Old Testament scripture.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

OTG-518 Old Testament Theology & Interpretation 3 Credits

This course surveys the basic issues in the historical, social, and theological interpretations of the Old Testament. As such, it constitutes a basic introduction to exegetical and theological methods.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

OTG-520 Current Issues/Old Testament 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

OTG-521 Apocalyptic Literature 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

OTG-530 Kingdom/God-Old Testament 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

OTG-535 Moral Issues/Old Testament 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

OTG-540 Seminar: 3 Credits**OTG-541 Seminar: 3 Credits**

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

OTG-542 Seminar: 3 Credits**OTG-546 Semitic Languages: 3 Credits**

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

OTG-547 Semitic Languages II 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

OTG-550 Independent Study/Old Test. 1-3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

OTG-562 Selected Themes/OT Theology 2-4 Credits**OTG-566 Introduction to Judaism 4 Credits**

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

OTG-570 Special Topic: 1-3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

OTG-572 Old Testament Theology 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

OTG-574 Old Testament Ethics 3 Credits

The study of moral theology through a biblical theology of the created order. It is designed to explore the possibility of formulating a systematic approach to the norms for ethical conduct as they are set forth both in edict, institution and deed in the literature of the Old Testament. (M.T.S. must have OT Life and Literature or its equivalent.)

OTG-578 Old Testament Introduction 3 Credits**OTG-582 Bibl Theo of Lv,Sex,Marr & Fam 3 Credits**

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

OTG-584 Bibl Theo of Pwr,Wlth & Prosp 4 Credits**OTG-586 Bibl Theo/Power,Wlth,Prosper 3 Credits**

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

OTG-625 Current Issues/O.T. Studies 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

OTG-630 Kingdom of God/Old Testament 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

OTG-631 Intermediate Hebrew I 3 Credits

Further study of grammar and syntax including extensive exegesis of the narrative portions of the Old Testament. Offered alternate years.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

OTG-632 Intermediate Hebrew II 3 Credits

A continuation of Intermediate Hebrew I. Offered alternate years.

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

OTG-635 Moral Issues/Old Testament 3 Credits**OTG-640 Kingdom of God/Old Testament 3 Credits**

This course will focus on the following aspects of kingdom theology in the Old Testament: The theology of the kingship of Yahweh; the theology of human kingship in ancient Israel as it was ideally conceived; the rise of the monarchy- the idealized Davidic kingship; the development of the monarchy as it actually materialized in Israel and in Judah and; the application of these theologies to life situations. Included will be a study of the theological values in the patriarchal journeys, together with the archeological backgrounds of the patriarchs; the contribution of genealogies; the competition from neighboring concepts of God and kingship, the people of Israel and their land.

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

OTG-650 Independent Studies/O.T. 1-4 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring and Summer.

OTG-670 Special Topic: 1-3 Credits

Study in a special topic in Old Testament.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

OTG-680 Individual Study in Old Testament 1-3 Credits

A study of a subject not addressed by a regular course that is initiated by the student through a written prospectus of the proposed study and the securing of an appropriate sponsoring faculty member to supervise and evaluate the study. Up to a maximum of four units may be applied toward the degree requirements.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

OTG-690 Seminar in Old Testament 3 Credits

An investigation of one topic in the Old Testament of particular relevance to graduate students in religion. Examples are: Exodus, Isaiah, and Psalms.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

OTG-725 Current Issues in Old Testament Studies 3 Credits

An investigation and evaluation of the basic critical problems of Old Testament interpretation which aims to acquaint the student with the more significant methodologies and personalities in contemporary scholarly studies.

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

RELG-595 Directed Reading 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

RELG-596 Research Methodology 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

RELG-597 Master's Project 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

RELG-598 Master's Thesis 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

RELG-599 Cont Reg: Master Study 1 Credit

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

RELG-650 Directed Reading 3 Credits**RELG-680 Ind Studies: 1-4 Credits**

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

RELG-693 Integrative Seminar 3 Credits

The Integrative Seminar is a classroom experience designed to help students reflect theologically on ministry experience by integrating what they have learned in graduate coursework with the practice of ministry.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

RELG-694 Field Education 3 Credits

A field education experience with a qualified mentor approved by the Faculty Supervisor in Field Education. See the Graduate Religion Office for applications.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Summer.

RELG-695 Directed Reading 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring and Summer.

RELG-696 Research Methodology 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

RELG-697 Master's Project 3 Credits**RELG-698 Master's Thesis 3 Credits**

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

RELG-778 OCMS Thesis Proposal 4 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

RELG-779 OCMS Continued Registration 1-4 Credits**RELG-780 Independent Study 1-4 Credits**

RELG-788 Resrch Meth: Leadership Studies 3 Credits

An introduction to research and inquiry regarding leadership and religious organizations. Students will design and complete a mini research project that includes: a problem statement, definition of terms, limitations and delimitations, literature review, description of research method, collection of data, data analysis and interpretation of data. Required for all M.A. students, and M.T.S. students who have chosen the thesis, project or directed reading option in the field of Leadership Studies. May be used as one elective M.T.S. course.

Terms Typically Offered: Spring and Summer.

RELG-790 Exit Option Design/Proposal:Bib Studies 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

RELG-791 Exit Option Design/Proposal:leadership 3 Credits

The development of appropriate thesis and directed reading topics in the field of Leadership Studies, and the description of these topics in a formal proposal format. Students will meet with selected faculty and other students enrolled in each semester to research proposals until approved by faculty. After approval of the research proposal, students will continue to meet in this seminar to report progress on their research exit options. Required for all M.A. students, and M.T.S. students who have chosen the thesis or directed reading option in the field of Leadership Studies. May be used as one elective M.T.S. course.

Terms Typically Offered: Spring and Summer.

RELG-795 Directed Reading 3 Credits

The development of a problem statement necessary to conduct a literature search in a given area. Written critiques, a summary reflection paper and meetings between the student and the directed reading mentor monitor the student's progress and mastery of research topic.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

RELG-795A Directed Reading 4 Credits**RELG-796 Research Methodology 2 Credits**

Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

RELG-797 Master's Project 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Summer.

RELG-798 Master's Thesis 3 Credits

The study of a well-defined problem that both emerges from and carries forward some existing body of knowledge or theory. Students who choose this research option, work with the guidance of a faculty committee.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

RELG-798A Master's Thesis 4 Credits**RELG-799 Continuted Registration: Master's Study 1 Credit**

Required for each semester subsequent to registration of RELG 790, 791, 795, 797, or 798 until completed. Must be enrolled in semester of completion. RELG 799 credits do not count toward M.A. or M.T.S. degree requirements.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

RELG-799A Cont Reg: Master's Study 1 Credit

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

THOG-501 Found/Theological Studies 6 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

THOG-505 Intro to Theology & Ethics 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

THOG-507 Theology and Ethics 3 Credits**THOG-508 Theological Studies 3 Credits**

This course is designed mainly to expose the student to the nature and task of theology, especially to the issue of theological method. Included in theological method will be how biblical themes are interpreted in light of tradition and social/cultural contexts. Also included will be an awareness of the major fields of theological study.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

THOG-510 Systematic Theology: Christology, Anthropology, Soteriology 3 Credits

This course explores the subject of Christ, his person and work, and the topics of humanity and salvation using both a historical and constructive approach.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

THOG-515 Intro to Narrative Theology 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

THOG-520 Systematic Theology: Pneumatology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology 3 Credits

This course explores the subject of the Holy Spirit, including personage and deity, and the topics of the church, nature and purpose, and eschatology, including the nature of hope and the kingdom of God using both a historical and constructive approach.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

THOG-530 Systematic Theology: Theological Method, Revelation, and Theology Proper 3 Credits

This course explores the sources and method of theology, the topic of revelation, and the subject of God, including the Trinity and divine attributes using both a historical and constructive approach.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

THOG-532 Women in Ministry 3 Credits**THOG-533 Ldrshp/Context Urban Min. I 3 Credits**

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

THOG-534 Urban Ministry 3 Credits**THOG-535 Current Religious Trends 4 Credits****THOG-536 Contemporary Pentecostal Theology 3 Credits**

This course examines current trends and issues in Pentecostalism by critically exploring global Pentecostal Theologians and movements. The historical origin and development of Pentecostal thought in theology will also be covered.

THOG-537 Philosophical Theology 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

THOG-552 New Testament Theology 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

THOG-555 New Testament Ethics 3 Credits

THOG-557 Historical Theology 3 Credits

An investigation of the system of doctrine of the Christian faith with attention to the lives of the framers of early Christian doctrine; exploration of the development of Christian theology and doctrine throughout the reformation period and the twentieth century. The development of theological themes during this modern period will be discussed against the background of major events in church history and will be evaluated in terms of its relevance for the current situation of the churches.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

THOG-562 Selected Themes/Ot Theology 2-4 Credits**THOG-565 Christianity and Society 3 Credits**

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

THOG-567 Beauty and the Christian Life 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

THOG-570 Special Topic: 1-3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

THOG-572 Old Testament Theology 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

THOG-574 Old Testament Ethics 3 Credits**THOG-575 Contemporary Theological Ethic 4 Credits****THOG-582 Bibl Theo of Lv,Sex,Marr & Fam 3 Credits**

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

THOG-584 Bibl Theo of Pwr,Wlth & Prosp 4 Credits**THOG-586 Bibl Theo/Power,Wlth,Prosper 3 Credits**

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

THOG-589 C.S. Lewis II 3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

THOG-590 Seminar: 1-3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

THOG-630 Narrative Theo & Hermeneutics 3 Credits

This course explores the implications of narrative as a way of engaging in the theological task. Particular attention is given to narrative biblical interpretation, theology, and preaching. In addition, students will become aware of the use of narrative in emerging theological voices in cultures outside the West (and minority cultures within the West), especially in Pentecostal contexts.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

THOG-633 Ldrshp/Context Urban Min. II 3 Credits**THOG-635 Moral Issues in Old Testament 3 Credits****THOG-640 Systematic Theology 3 Credits**

This course will introduce the student to the major loci of systematic theology, including such major topics as God, Christology, Pneumatology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology. Each topic will be explored with the biblical witness, historical developments, and current issues in mind. The goal will be to provide the student with a broad basis for advanced graduate-level work in systematic theology.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

THOG-645 Theology & Ministry/Postmodern Context 3 Credits

The cultural-linguistic turn, otherwise known as postmodernism, changes everything. This course aims to enable students to recognize the effect of postmodernity on the twin tasks of doing theology and engaging in ministry. The goal will be to explore what it means to effectively contextualize the timeless message of God's work without accommodating it to the prevailing zeitgeist. Toward this end, students will evaluate various evangelical responses to postmodernism, explore what it means to do ministry in a missional rather than institutional manner, and examine the various ways in which evangelical churches have endeavored to reinvent themselves so as to minister effectively (make disciples, image the kingdom of God) in a postmodern, post-Christian context.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

THOG-650 Ind. Studies: Theology and Ethics 4 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

THOG-670 Special Topic: 1-3 Credits

Study in a special topic in theology and ethics.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Summer.

THOG-680 Individual Study: 1-3 Credits

An individualized study initiated by the student who must develop a written prospectus of the proposed study and secure an appropriate sponsoring faculty member to supervise and evaluate the study. Up to a maximum of three units may be applied toward the degree requirements.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Summer.

THOG-690 Seminar: 1-3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.