

# Church Ministries

## **Ethical Foundations of Leadership**

This is an introductory course addressing the ethical underpinnings necessary for effective leadership, with a specific focus on leadership in local churches and parachurch organizations. Special attention is placed on essential philosophical and spiritual principles necessary for effectiveness and longevity in leadership from the perspective of personal character, ministry giftings, leadership principles, intercultural awareness, and professional excellence.

## **New Testament Foundations**

An introductory course designed to provide students with a basic knowledge of contents of the New Testament, to equip them to understand and interpret its message, and to prepare them for advanced biblical studies. The historical context, geographical setting, literary types, theological themes, textual development, and canonical formation of the New Testament are investigated. An effective interpretive method is presented.

## **Leadership & Oral Communication**

This course deals with the art and science of communications for leaders, with specific attention to those serving in volunteer and professional roles in local churches and para-church organizations. Basic techniques and principles for presenting Christian thought based on transcultural ideals

developed from the historical and literary study of Hebrew and Christian Scripture are presented in the class.

## **Old Testament Foundations**

An introductory course designed to provide students with a basic knowledge of representative contents of the Old Testament, to equip them to understand and interpret its message, and to prepare them for advanced biblical studies. The historical context, geographical setting, literary types, theological themes, textual development, and canonical formation of the Old Testament are investigated. An effective interpretive method is presented. Significant developments in Old Testament scholarship are discussed.

## **Church History Foundations**

An introductory course designed to provide students with a basic knowledge of history of the Christian Church, to equip them to recognize and analyze the various factors that have influenced the Church's development, and to prepare them for further study of church history and history of Christian Spirituality. The development of the Christian Church from its inception to the twenty-first century is surveyed and examined. The four major periods of church history – Early, Medieval, Modern, and

Contemporary – are investigated, with attention given to the expansion, movements, leaders, councils, creeds, doctrines, and societal dynamics within each period.

## **Hermeneutics I**

This course is a foundational study of the principles and skills of biblical exegesis and interpretation. Hermeneutics, the art and science of interpretation, involves a twofold task of understanding and application of a text. The goal of this course is to establish, define and demonstrate key principles and methods for an accurate understanding of the various Biblical texts. A shorter and longer exegesis paper on two different literary genres constitutes part of the written requirements for this course.

## **Leadership in Smaller Churches**

Practical principles necessary for effective volunteer and professional leadership in smaller churches is studied. The class is seminar-based and focused on students exploring and discussing the literature and case studies which present the research and recommendations related to excellence in the two types of paradigms common in smaller churches as outlined by Rothauge.

### **Theological Foundations**

An introductory course designed to provide students with a basic knowledge of major Christian doctrines, to equip them to understand and evaluate various theological positions, and to prepare them for advanced theological study. The approach of systematic theology is employed to investigate four major areas: Trinity, God the Creator, God the Reconciler, and God the Redeemer.

### **Leadership in Larger Churches**

This course focuses on practical principles necessary for effective volunteer and professional leadership in larger churches. The class is seminar-based and focused on students exploring and discussing the literature and case studies which present the research and recommendations related to excellence in the two types of paradigms common in larger churches as outlined by Rothauge.

### **Paul & Spiritual Development or Equivalent**

A study of spiritual development using the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul as a model. Special attention will be given to understanding the stages of spiritual development of Paul and the implications of Church Leaders.

### **Hermeneutics II**

A continuation of Biblical exegesis and interpretation with an emphasis on special hermeneutics (parallels, types, symbols, numerics and genres) and expository preaching.

The second half of the exegetical paper and a sermon will be required of the passage selected in BIBL 3603 Hermeneutics I.

### **Leadership Internship**

A field-based course in which students demonstrate general attributes and competencies necessary for effective pastoral leadership within the local church. Other requirements for the course include the completion of selected required reports and a minimum of 300 hours of supervised field ministry within a local church.

### **Contemporary Spiritualities or Equivalent**

This class will give an overview of spiritualities of the twentieth century as expressed and experienced within a variety of spiritual traditions, including the major forms of Christianity (Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox), and particular variations within the primary forms. We will examine representative literature as a means to understand the spiritualities of this century.

### **Life & Teachings of Christ or Equivalent**

An analysis is made of the gospel materials with a view to establishing a life of Christ. Special emphasis is given to the teachings of Jesus in their historical and contemporary contexts. The Holy Spirit or Equivalent this course covers the person and work of the Holy Spirit in applying to individual lives the benefits of Christ's work, the establishing of a community of the redeemed, and the culminating of God's redemptive plan.

### **Leadership Internship II**

A field-based course in which students continue to demonstrate general attributes and competencies necessary for effective pastoral leadership within the local church. Other requirements for the course include the completion of selected required reports and a minimum of 300 hours of supervised field ministry within a local church.

### **Pentateuch or Equivalent**

An overview of the nature, purpose, content, background, and structure of the first five books of the Bible is followed by detailed investigations of selected passages, Proposals concerning composition, unity, dating, and authorship are addressed. Suggestions for using this material in contemporary ministry are discussed.

### **Introduction to Spiritual Formation or Equivalent**

This introductory course in spiritual formation will cover a variety of issues including: the meaning of experience, a working definition of spirituality, a description of different types of spiritual development and the stages of spiritual development.

### **Pentecostal Doctrine & History or Equivalent**

A course which presents Pentecostalism through the perspective of doctrine and history, with a special focus on the Assemblies of God. Special attention is given to unique contributions Pentecostalism has made to Christianity. Students will

examine current trends, challenges, opportunities, issues and growth patterns within Pentecostalism.

**Issues in World Missions or Equivalent**

A course which presents paradigms of world Missions ministries from the context of specific geographical, cultural and ethnic contexts by individuals with proven and established leadership in world missions ministries. Each paradigm presentation will also be required to address specific, pre-assigned issues and practical matters relating to world missions ministries.