

**Course Descriptions for Registration: Spring and Summer 2019****SPRING 2019****THE BIBLICAL DEPARTMENT**

<b>Bi.116 Introduction to the New Testament</b>	<b>Credits: 6</b>
<b>Prof: Bridgett Green</b>	<b>Limit: none</b>
<b>Note:</b> Open to Special Students and Auditors. No permission required.	
<b>Meets:</b> Thursdays, 8:00 - 10:50 am	
This course is a study of the New Testament as shaped by the varied circumstances in which the faith and life of the believing communities found expression.	<b>Prerequisite(s):</b> none

**THE DEPARTMENT OF THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY**

<b>CM.230 Theology and Practice of Mission and Evangelism</b>	<b>Credits: 6</b>
<b>Prof: Joseph DeLeon</b>	<b>Limit: none</b>
<b>Note::</b> Open to Special Students. No permission required, but prerequisites must be met.	
<b>Meets:</b> Thursdays, 6:00 - 9:00 pm	
This course is designed to equip students to lead congregations in the practice of mission and evangelism with theological integrity. Participants gain an overview and understanding of major contemporary issues in mission and evangelism as these pertain to the church in its global context and the particular church in its local setting. Theological developments among Protestants and Roman Catholics are traced and reflected upon with special reference to their implications for leaders of congregations. Special attention is given to social justice, global awareness, ecumenism, and lay ministry in the world.	<b>Prerequisite(s):</b> Bi.116, TH.100, and TH.104

<b>CM.255 Difficult Conversations</b>	<b>Credits: 6</b>
<b>Prof: Carolyn Browning Helsel</b> <a href="mailto:chelsel@austinseminary.edu">chelsel@austinseminary.edu</a>	<b>Limit: none</b>
<b>Note::</b> Open to Special Students and Auditors. Permission of professor required for all.	
<b>Meets:</b> Tuesdays, 8:00 - 10:50 am	
Following the insights of homileticians Lucy Rose and John McClure, this course teaches preachers to engage listeners as dialogue partners and co-creators in meaning. Students simulate the preaching event by engaging and facilitating discussions around difficult topics, as appropriate in various ministry contexts. Topics to be discussed include race, gender, and sexuality, as well as additional topics of interest to the students.	<b>Prerequisite(s):</b> none

<b>CM.301 The Polity of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)</b>	<b>Credits: 6</b>
<b>Prof:</b> Paul Hooker <a href="mailto:phooker@austinseminary.edu">phooker@austinseminary.edu</a>	<b>Limit:</b> none
<b>Note:</b> Open to Special Students and Auditors. Auditors need professor's permission.	
<b>Meets:</b> Mondays, 8:00 - 9:20 am; Wednesdays, 8:30 - 9:50 am	
In this course students become acquainted with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), with special attention to the Book of Order. An emphasis is placed on the theological roots of Presbyterian government. Students explore the practices of government that grow out of Presbyterian polity in order to further the faithful mission of the church.	<b>Prerequisite(s):</b> none

## THEOLOGICAL-HISTORICAL DEPARTMENT

### ● REQUIRED COURSES (vary by degree program)

<b>TH.106 Theology: Figures and Movements</b>	<b>Credits: 6</b>
<b>Prof:</b> Dave Jensen	<b>Limit:</b> 5 Spec. 5 Aud.
<b>Note:</b> Open to Special Students and Auditors. No permission required.	
<b>Meets:</b> Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1:00 - 2:20 pm	
This course explores the significance of several influential theologians and theological movements, with a particular focus on the modern and postmodern eras. Attention is given to the diversity and vitality of the Protestant and Reformed traditions, to their continual transformation, and to their constructive restatement in the church's life today. Figures and movements ordinarily include Friedrich Schleiermacher, Karl Barth, John Wesley, Catherine Keller, and Gustavo Gutiérrez.	<b>Prerequisite(s):</b> none

<b>TH./CM.225 Spirituality for Church Leaders</b>	<b>Credits: 6</b>
<b>Prof:</b> David Johnson	<b>Limit:</b> none
<b>Note:</b> Open to Special Students and Auditors. No permission required.	
<b>Meets:</b> Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1:00 - 2:20 pm	
This course explores spiritual practices that undergird and enrich pastoral ministry. The participants examine the historical and theological contexts of piety and spirituality, focusing particularly on Reformed, Lutheran, Anglican and Methodist traditions, in addition to certain streams of Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy. This course draws from the practices of a variety of faith communities, classical texts, and contemporary representatives of various traditions. Practice in disciplines of prayer and biblical reflection is expected as part of the course.	<b>Prerequisite(s):</b> none

<b>TH.235 Special Topics: Feminist, Mujerista, and Latina Feminist Theologies</b>	<b>Credits: 6</b>
<b>Prof:</b> Jennifer Owens-Jofré <a href="mailto:jowens-jofre@austinseminary.edu">jowens-jofre@austinseminary.edu</a>	<b>Limit:</b> 1 Spec. 3-4 Aud
<b>Note:</b> Open to Special Students and Auditors. Permission of professor required for all.	
<b>Meets:</b> Wednesdays, 12:30 - 1:50 pm; Fridays, 1:00 - 2:20 pm	
In this course we explore the contributions of Third Wave feminist theologies with particular attention to their development within US and Latin American contexts. We begin the course with methodological foundations, then focus our attention on key theological themes such as: theological anthropology, christology, ecclesiology, and suffering. We look at feminist, mujerista, and Latina feminist responses to these theological problems in light of their particular contexts and their understandings of the shared struggle of women. Special attention is paid to the often underrepresented role of spirituality in these texts as we consistently raise the question, "What is the spirituality which undergirds this theology?"	<b>Prerequisite(s):</b> none
<b>TH.245 The Theological Legacy of Karl Barth</b>	<b>Credits: 6</b>
<b>Prof:</b> Cindy Rigby <a href="mailto:crigby@austinseminary.edu">crigby@austinseminary.edu</a>	<b>Limit:</b> none
<b>Note:</b> Open to Special Students, with permission of professor. Closed to Auditors.	
<b>Meets:</b> Mondays, 1:00 - 2:20 pm; Thursdays, 9:30 - 10:50 am	
This seminar considers the theological achievement of Karl Barth by exploring selected themes in his own writings and in the writings of theologians influenced by him such as Wolfhart Pannenberg, Jürgen Moltmann, and Eberhard Jüngel.	<b>Prerequisite(s):</b> TH.104 or TH.106
<b>TH.296 Moral Issues</b>	<b>Credits: 6</b>
<b>Prof:</b> Asante Todd <a href="mailto:atodd@austinseminary.edu">atodd@austinseminary.edu</a>	<b>Limit:</b> 4 Spec. 4 Aud.
<b>Note:</b> Open to Special Students and Auditors. Permission of professor required for all.	
<b>Meets:</b> Mondays, 9:30 - 10:50 am; Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:20 am	
The goals of this course are to familiarize students with the various elements of analysis in Christian ethics and to use these to study particular moral issues. Issues considered may include: ecojustice, abortion, racism, gender and sexuality, immigration, economic justice, and capital punishment.	<b>Prerequisite(s):</b> none