



SHORT SYLLABUS

TM501 Theology of Ministry

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Course description

This course integrates learning from biblical, theological, and ministry studies into a capstone paper that expresses one's theology of ministry. This three-unit course is conducted as an independent study under the guidance of the professor as a capstone course for the Master of Pastoral Studies degree and for the Master of Theological Studies degree. Prerequisite: Student must be within six units of completing the Master's program and must pass a summative exam.

Estimated workload: For a student to do well in this course, the student will need to invest a total of 145 hours, or about 12-15 hours per week of reading, participating on the website, and writing papers.

Required textbooks

Kibbey, Sue Nilson. *Flood Gates: Holy Momentum for a Fearless Church*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2016. ISBN: 1501804021. 176 pages. \$17

Hastings, Ross. *Missional God, Missional Church: Hope for Re-evangelizing the West*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2012. ISBN: 0830839551. 333 pages. \$17.

Seamands, Stephen. *Ministry in the Image of God: The Trinitarian Shape of Christian Service*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2005. ISBN: 0830833382. 189 pages. \$13

Please obtain these books before the class begins. To find the lowest prices on these books, you may find it helpful to use www.bookfinder.com.

Recommended textbooks

Anderson, Ray S. *Theological Foundations for Ministry*. Edinburgh: T&T Clark, 1979. ISBN:

0567223558. 776 pages. \$120. (Used copies in good condition can be found for around \$20-\$40 on Amazon.)

Niebuhr, H. Richard. *Christ and Culture*. Expanded edition. San Francisco: Harper, 1951, 2001. 978-0061300035. About \$10.

Requirements and assignments

- 1) **Read the lectures.** Lectures will be posted each Monday for the first ten weeks.
- 2) **Read the textbooks.** They total about 698 pages, or about 70 pages each week.
- 3) **Weekly reaction paper.** Write a 2-page reaction paper each week. There will be 10 papers in all accounting for 50 percent of the grade.
- 4) **Final paper.** Write a 15-page reflection paper to present a theology of ministry based on what you have learned from the program. This assignment will count for 50 percent of the final grade.