January Term
2013-2014 (January 2014)

Theology

TH3201cr Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in Israel – Travel Course
The course will take students to Tantur Ecumenical Institute outside of Jerusalem to explore Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in the context of the Middle East. Classes, trips, worship, lectures, and informal conversation will expose students to the interfaces and points of tension among these great traditions.

• This course fulfills Theology Department distribution requirements.
• Students must complete an application process.
• This course fulfills the general requirement for a course on Christian responsibility in the public realm.
• Enrollment is limited to twenty students, middlers and seniors only.
• Pass/D/Fail.
• Prerequisite: TH3200cr.
• 2 credits.

January Term, 2013–2014; Ms. Charry

Ministry Leadership

ML4100 First Call: Living into a Pastoral Identity
The course focuses on critical knowledge and skills that will be useful in moving successfully into interviewing, negotiating, and beginning a first call to pastoral ministry, and into leading a congregation. The student will further the process of developing a contextual theology for ministry. The course will highlight four major elements, each of which will be considered in theological perspective: starting strong, leading/managing, self-care, and spiritual development. Primarily designed for senior M.Div. students who anticipate being called to congregational ministry, this course assumes a firm theological understanding of as well as practical skills in preaching, teaching, and pastoral care giving. Attention will be given to diverse contexts of ministry.

• This course will not meet the Practical Theology Department distribution requirement.
• This course will be open to all M.Div. students, but preference will be given to graduating seniors.
• Enrollment is limited to thirty students.
• Pass/D/Fail only.
• 2 credits.

January Term, 2013–2014; Mr. Rorem

Speech Communication in Ministry

SC1100 Spring Play Seminar
Textual analysis of the play to be produced by the speech area of the Practical Theology Department in the subsequent spring semester. The issues raised by the playwright, explicitly and implicitly, the linguistic concerns, and the theological world of the play will be explored. Textual survey and analysis will range from the meaning of a single word to the atmosphere of
the whole work. The class will attempt to develop a consensual twenty-first-century
interpretation of the text. Ideas as to how the thematic content of the text can be realized in
production will be explored. The course will culminate in a written reflection or the presentation
of a speech or scene from the play. This course is not a prerequisite for audition for the speech
production of the play in the spring, nor is it limited to those planning to be in the speech
production.

• This course fulfills the Practical Theology elective distribution requirement.
• Enrollment is limited to twelve students.
• 1 credit.
• Play for 2014, to be announced.
January Term, 2013–2014; Mr. Lanchester

Denominational History, Theology, and Polity

DP1209 United Methodist Studies: History
One of three required courses for every United Methodist student pursuing ordination or diaconal
ministry. Attention will be given to the origins, organizational development, events, persons,
issues, and movements that have shaped United Methodism. Students will become familiar with
the various interpretations of the tradition and the available resources.

• 2 credits.
January Term, 2013-2014; Mr. Kenneth Rowe

2014-2015 (January 2015)

Church History and Ecumenics

CH/EC3380 and CH/EC3381 Christianity in Cuba – Travel Course  (Subject to Budgetary
approval)
This course consists of a 1-credit Fall Term preparatory seminar and a 2-credit January-Term
travel component (to Cuba). Its focus will lie on the history of Spanish Christianity in the New
World from the 16th Century to the Present, using the specific case study of Cuba as a point of
reference. Using that case study will also open up lines of inquiry into the relationship of 20th-
century Christianity to Socialist government, and study the role of the Church in contemporary
Cuba. The course will include readings in history, social thought and theology, visits to
appropriate historical sites in Cuba, and interaction with Cuban Christians.

• This course fulfills either the Reformation distribution requirement or the mission,
ecumenics, history of religions distribution requirement.
• Enrollment is limited to fifteen students
• Students must complete an application process.
• 1 credit (Fall Semester); 2 credits (January Term)
Fall Semester and January Term 2014-2015; Mr. Appold

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