Denominational Courses and Requirements

All students should check with their denomination regarding required ordination courses. If you are Presbyterian USA, this would be the CPM (Committee on Preparation for Ministry). Many of the denominational courses will be taken during your middler and/or senior year.

DP1201 Presbyterian Church Polity
An introduction to the theology and practice of Presbyterian polity. Lectures, class discussions, and small group work will focus on and amplify the contents of the *Book of Order*, for the purpose of helping students apply the principles of Presbyterian polity with pastoral sensitivity.

- Pass/D/Fail.
- Prerequisite: TH2100.
- 2 credits.

Fall Semester, 2015-2016; Mr. Paul La Montagne
Spring Semester, 2015-2016; Ms. Joyce MacKichan Walker
January Term, 2015-2016; Mr. Paul Rack
Fall Semester, 2016-2017; Mr. Carlos Wilton

(This Baptist course is offered every other year.)

DP1205 Baptist History, Theology, and Polity
This course is designed to deepen one’s knowledge of Baptist principles, history, and mission, to understand more fully the unities and diversities of Baptist life in the past and present, to learn more about some historical Baptist leaders (men and women), to become more aware of the various theological traditions among Baptists, to reflect on the development of Baptist polity as it shapes church practices today, to become aware of the Baptist contribution to the Christian community, and to help prepare for ministry among and for Baptists of various backgrounds.

- 2 credits.

Fall Semester, 2016-2017; Mr. Peter Wool

DP1206 United Church of Christ Polity
In this course, participants will acquire knowledge of the history, polity, and theology of the United Church of Christ (UCC) and its predecessor denominations, apply that knowledge to issues in the life of the UCC, and become familiar with the polity and practice of ministry in the UCC.

- 2 credits.

(This course is offered as needed.)

DP1213 Anglicanism
As preparation for DP1214, students are expected to meet weekly for BPC Morning Prayer during the fall semester, and to write a short paper comparing Rite I and Rite II forms of either daily prayer or the Eucharist.

- 1 credit.

Fall Semester, 2015-2016; Mr. Graham

DP1214 Anglicanism
The purpose of this course is to identify and explore the distinctive contribution of Anglicanism to the history, theology and liturgy of the Church, and to enable Episcopalian/Anglican students to study the ecclesiastical character and theological foundations of their denomination. The course has three main themes: The *Book of Common Prayer* as a theological affirmation; Anglican theology of the sacraments; the history, constitution and character of the Anglican Communion. [As a 1 credit preparation for DP1214, students are expected to meet weekly for BPC Morning Prayer during the fall semester, and to write a short paper comparing Rite I and Rite II forms of either daily prayer or the Eucharist.]

- Although strongly recommended, DP1213 is not required for entrance into DP1214.
2 credits.
January Term, 2015-2016; Mr. Graham

DP3100 The Lutheran Confessions
This course is an analysis of the history and development of the theology of the documents comprising The Book of Concord with a view to establishing the importance of their contents for the ministry of pastors, teachers, and congregations.

3 credits.
Fall Semester, 2015–2016; Mr. Timothy J. Wengert

DP3150 Case Studies in Lutheran Ministry
This one-semester course is designed for students who either intend to enter a professional ministry of the Lutheran Church or are otherwise interested in Lutheran church life. Discussions, readings and written assignments will focus on applying the resources of the Lutheran Confessions and the theology of Martin Luther to selected case studies in the practice of ministry and leadership in congregational life.

- Prerequisite: DP3100 Lutheran Confessions or CH3320 Martin Luther and the German Reformation.
- Pass/D/Fail.
- 2 credits.
Spring Semester, 2015-2016, Mr. Daniel Whitener

DP3200 Lutheran Studies Colloquium
This one-credit colloquium will aid Lutheran students in their integration of their course work (Lutheran studies and overall M.Div.), with an eye on their vocational trajectory and candidacy. For Lutheran Studies Concentration, meets once a week.

- Capstone course.
- Pass/D/Fail.
- 1 credit
Spring Semester 2016-2017: Mr. Rorem

Beginning with the fall semester 2015, Princeton Theological Seminary will participate in a partnership program with Wesley Theological Seminary. The courses listed as Princeton courses are offered on the campus of Princeton Seminary. Additional courses from other partner schools are also available to Princeton Seminary students through this program. Princeton Seminary is a University Senate-Approved Seminary, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church. United Methodist Studies courses are offered on a two-year cycle.

ST 460 United Methodist History & Doctrine I (2 credits):
Life and thought of John Wesley, early English Methodism, American Methodism to the present covering both historical and theological development. History and doctrine of Black Methodists, the Evangelical United Brethren Church, the formation of The United Methodist Church. Attention also given to the development of indigenous theologies in various cultures. When taken with ST-461, fulfills the UM History and Doctrine requirement for election to probationary membership and commissioning in The United Methodist Church as specified in The Book of Discipline 2008, Par. 324.4a.
Fall Semester, 2015-2016; Mr. Darryl W. Stephens

ST 461 United Methodist History & Doctrine II (2 credits):
When taken with ST-460, fulfills the UM History and Doctrine requirement for election to probationary membership and commissioning in The United Methodist Church as specified in The Book of Discipline 2008, Par. 324.4a.
Spring Semester, 2015-2016; Mr. Darryl W. Stephens
CM 251 Polity: UMC (2 credits)
The Constitution and structural relationships of The United Methodist Church are examined with a
descriptive focus upon the workings of the local church. Fulfills the UM Polity requirement for election to
probationary membership and commissioning in The United Methodist Church as specified in The Book
of Discipline 2008, Par. 324.4a.
Princeton, January Term, 2016-2017

Reformed Church of America courses
Students who are in need of Reformed Church of America, (RCA) courses, may enroll in courses offered
at New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Princeton Seminar has an inter-
institutional agreement with New Brunswick Seminary which permits this. For further information
contact the registrar’s office.

WR3101 Introduction to Christian Worship
A survey of the history, practice, and theology of Christian worship, with particular attention to
ecumenal developments in North American contexts. Topics will include the service of the Word, the
celebration of baptism and the Lord’s Supper, weddings, and funerals. Must be taken with one of the
following courses for a minimum of three credits total: Christian Worship and Artistic Languages,
Christian Worship and the Presbyterian Tradition, Christian Worship and the Methodist Tradition,
Christian Worship and the Lutheran Tradition, Worship in the African American Traditions, Worship as
Resistance, or Word and Act in Christian Worship.
• This course does count toward the Practical Department elective requirement.
• 2 credits. (Capstone course)
WR3101 will not be offered in 2015-2016, but will be offered in 2016-2017.

WR3103 Christian Worship and the Presbyterian Tradition
Christian worship as practiced in the Presbyterian Church (USA), with special attention to the Book of
Confessions, the Directory for Worship, the rites of ordination, and the liturgical responsibilities of the
ministerial office. Strongly advised for those preparing for ordination in the Presbyterian Church (USA).
• WR3101 is required in combination with this course and may be taken concurrently.
• This course does count toward the Practical Department elective requirement.
• Pass/D/Fail only.
• 1 credit. (Capstone course)
WR3103 will not be offered in 2015-2016, but will be offered in 2016-2017.

WR3105 Christian Worship and the Methodist Tradition
Christian worship as practiced in the United Methodist Church, with special attention to the history of
Methodist worship, the United Methodist Hymnal, Book of Worship, By Water and the Spirit (a United
Methodist understanding of baptism and Christian initiation), This Holy Mystery (a United Methodist
understanding of Holy Communion) and the liturgical responsibilities of the pastoral office. Strongly
advised for those preparing for ordination in the United Methodist Church or pan-Methodist
denominations.
• WR3101 is required in combination with this course and may be taken concurrently.
• This course does count toward the Practical Department elective requirement.
• 1 credit.
WR3105 will not be offered in 2015-2016, but will be offered in 2016-2017.