January Term Course Offerings

SC1100 Spring Play Seminar  
**Tuesday and Thursday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.**
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 counts towards the Practical Theology elective distribution requirement.
- Enrollment is limited to twelve students.
- 1 credit.
- Play for 2014, *The Oresteia* by Aeschylus.

January Term, 2013–2014; Mr. Lanchester

DP1209 United Methodist Studies I: History  
**MoTuWeThFr 8:45-10:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**
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

ML4100 First Call: Living into a Pastoral Identity  
**MoTuWeThFr 8:45-10:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**
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

See Travel Flyer for complete information, including application process and scholarships.

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 Israel/Palestine. Classes, trips, worship, lectures, and informal conversation will expose students to the interfaces and points of tension among these great traditions. Travel dates: depart January 5 (arrive January 6); depart January 24 and arrive January 24).

- 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.
- Pass/D/Fail.
- Prerequisite: TH3200cr.
- 2 or 3 credits.

January Term, 2013–2014; Ms. Charry