



CERTIFICATE - LEVEL Courses

Advanced Theology: This course builds on what was learned in Introduction to Theology and digs deeper into theology from a Wesleyan perspective. This course will give the student a better grasp of Wesleyan theology intellectually, better know the God our theology describes, and better serve Him and His people. Objectives of the class are: 1. To gain a deeper understanding of God, the world He made, humanity, sin, and redemption. 2. To expand the student's skills of thinking about and applying theological truth. 3. To equip the student to proclaim and live the truth.

Christian Education: This course is designed to introduce the educational ministry of the church. Special attention will be given to four broad topics: biblical, theological, and philosophical foundations; aspects of the teaching/learning process; the needs, abilities, and special considerations of teaching various groups of people; and the organization and design of the Christian education ministries of the local church.

Church Leadership/Management: This course will introduce the student to basic principles of church leadership, church management, and parliamentary law. Through reading, observation, and reflection, the student will be prepared spiritually and practically to provide leadership in a local church.

Doctrine of Holiness: This course will provide the student with a better intellectual understanding of the Wesleyan doctrine of holiness, for their own benefit and for those they minister among. It is the hope that, as students gain in understanding, God will continue to work in them, drawer them closer and equipping them for more powerful service.

Evangelism/Church Health: The purpose of this course is to ignite a passion to share Christ's love with others. Through a series of Units, the student will actively engage in personal evangelism work under the leading of the Holy Spirit. There will also be guided, purposeful reflection on evangelism techniques and methodologies, church health, and church planting.

Expository Preaching: This course provides tools and techniques for biblically-based preaching and provides practice in preparing various types of expository sermons from select scripture passages.

General Church History: This is a general survey of the Christian church from the New Testament to the present and deals with important persons, movements, and doctrinal developments. The study helps to understand the Christian Church in America and in the world today. It will help the student to understand the beliefs and the denominational expressions of modern Christianity.

Global and Intercultural Ministries: This course provides an overview of the history, theology, and practice of cross-cultural mission theory, including local church involvement in cross-cultural ministry.



Wesleyan History & Discipline: This course is an introduction to the Discipline and a survey of the historical development of The Wesleyan Church. The student will be introduced to the doctrines, standards, practices and procedures that govern the church and the theological, historical, and sociological factors which have shaped the development of the denomination.

Introduction to Homiletics: This course provides a combination of theory and practice in the preparation and delivery of sermons. Analysis of sample sermons will occur with suggestions for finding and filing sermon resource material.

Introduction to Theology: The field of Christian doctrine will be studied in this course. The course surveys the general field of theology and is a study in basic beliefs and why we believe as we do. Later courses will go into more detail on various doctrine.

Methods of Bible Study: This course is an introduction to hermeneutics, the art of biblical interpretation, through the study of the principles of induction, the development of skills, and the use of various reference tools which are applied to specific books of the Bible.

New Testament Elective - Acts: The study of the New Testament Church as found in the book of Acts, relates to the redemptive ministry of Christ and His selection and training of disciples who were to become the apostles of the New Testament Church. The study will include the divine origin, purpose and plan for the church, the relationship of Christ, the Holy Spirit and the apostles in the Church's growth, the composition and character of the Church, the reasons for its success in a pagan world, and its relevance to the Christian Church today.

New Testament Elective - Life of Christ: This course will give the student a clear understanding of the message and life of Jesus Christ, as well as provide experience in the discipline of engaging in practical theology that leads to ongoing Bible study and lesson preparation.

New Testament Introduction: This course will enable the student to gain a clearer understanding of the New Testament as a whole, as well as its parts. Students will gain factual knowledge that can be passed along so that all can better know the Jesus of the New Testament and share His good news with others. The student will gain knowledge about the structure, content, history, and geography of the New Testament.

Old Testament Elective - Pentateuch: A special study of the first five books of the Bible, this course will give students insight into God's dealings with primitive people and how these books are definitive for the rest of Scripture. Emphasis will be placed on the books of Genesis and Exodus.

Old Testament Elective - Prophets: The student will be given an insight into the message of two of the biblical prophets, Jeremiah and Amos. The study will provide guidelines and ideas in approaching the prophets both for personal study and for preaching.



Old Testament Elective - Poetry: The purpose of this course is to study the books of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Canticles (Song of Solomon); to note the comparable literature of the surrounding cultures; to study the form and function of Hebrew poetry; to develop skills in the interpretation and utilization of poetic literature; and to study the characteristics of wisdom literature, noting its contribution to the old Testament.

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Pastoral Counselling: The objective of this study is to acquaint the student with various approaches to pastoral problems and the duties of a pastor in assisting persons in need. The student will gain an understanding of ministry appropriate to proper pastoral care. It will include the work of the pastor from both a psychological and theological frame of reference.

Pastoral Ministries: This course will provide a survey of the tasks which accompany pastoral ministry in a local church setting. Emphasis will be placed on pastors as persons as well as the competencies needed for contemporary ministry.

Philosophy & Ethics: This course is designed to provide a framework to assist in the philosophy of making an ethical decision and will provide insight into various thought processes and how segments of society arrive at their values. The course will help solidify what you believe and help you to express and defend your beliefs.

Psychology: This course is a study of the subject matter and methods of psychology as a science. The student will study human development and the physiological basis for behavior, personality, learning, sensation, perception, motivation, emotion, adjustment for mental health, abnormal behavior, and social psychology. Such a study will provide the basis for a better understanding of one's own behavior and that of others.

Sociology: This course introduces the basic principles and issues in the field of sociology – the study of human interaction. It will help students see the need for critical thinking about the social world, gain familiarity with basic sociological concepts, confront social change, plan for the future, and clarify their own values so they can appreciate how Christian faith is transmitted through human interaction.

Spiritual Formation: This course is designed for the personal and spiritual growth of the minister. It explores the biblical and historical foundations of the spiritual life, as well as methodologies and resources for developing Christian spirituality in the lives of others in cooperation with the work of the Holy Spirit. This course will enhance the student's ability to see the relationship between spirituality and ministry, discover principles for the enrichment of their own spirituality, and help Christian disciples grow in their relationship with Christ.

Worship: The course will include a study of the biblical, theological, historical, and contemporary elements of Christian worship, such as Scripture, music, sacraments, liturgy, prayer, and the ministry of the Word. Students will have a chance to evaluate their own personal worship. This course will enhance the student's ability to plan, participate in, and lead acts of public worship.



Old Testament Elective - Minor Prophets: A study of the Minor Prophets (also called “The Book of the Twelve”) with an emphasis on their historical setting, literary structure and contemporary meaning.

Introduction to Marketplace Ministry: This course will provide a survey of what the Bible says about Work. It begins by considering the identity and character of the worker. It then explores the nature and importance of work, as well as the money generated. It concludes by considering the workplace, both in terms of its challenges and opportunities. This course will provide biblical knowledge and exposes the student to many available resources. The student will be given opportunities to develop needed skills. This course also contains opportunities to develop the disposition needed to become a marketplace minister.”