

# GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CENTER, CENTENARY COLLEGE

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## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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### INTRODUCTION TO OLD TESTAMENT

This course provides an introduction to the legal, historical, poetic, and prophetic books of Hebrew Scriptures, with emphasis on the order and contents, cultural settings, literary forms, religious themes, and interpretive approaches. 4 semester hours.

### INTRODUCTION TO NEW TESTAMENT

This course provides an introduction to the 27 New Testament documents in the light of various historical-critical methodologies as well as of other more recent theories of interpretation. 4 semester hours.

### HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT & PRACTICE 1

This course surveys key developments in Christian thought and practice from the post-apostolic period to eve of the Reformation.

### INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGY

This course explores basic understanding of key doctrinal themes such as trinity, Christology, pneumatology, soteriology, ecclesiology, anthropology, creation, and eschatology, and basic theological questions and the role of doctrine in the church.

### THEOLOGY OF EVANGELISM

This course equips students to formulate their own conceptualizations of evangelism through critically examining how various theologies and biblical teachings inform evangelism.

### CHURCH & SOCIETY

This course provides an analysis of congregations' interaction with their communities in city, suburb, and small town as a basis for ministry. Development of strategies for the mission of the church (may count as ethics requirement for M.A. in-ministry).

### UM WORSHIP: THEORY & PRACTICE

This course surveys the ritual and resources provided for United Methodist worship and their theology of worship, and equips students for design and leadership of worship.

### UM STUDIES: 20TH CENTURY TO PRESENT

This course surveys developments within United Methodism, as related to the ecumenical movement, world mission, personal evangelism, and social justice and discusses the evolution of polity, theology, and denominational structure.

### UM STUDIES: WESLEY & 19TH CENTURY

This course surveys the foundational contribution of John Wesley to the history, doctrine, and polity and the development of Methodism in the U.S. through the 19th century.

### TEACHING FOR BIBLICAL FAITH

This course explores of the role of the Bible in Christian education and faith development with attention to approaches of Biblical teaching.