
MI 784 • Major Religions

Surveys the origins, growth, doctrines, and practices of the major religions of the world. Also examines their historical relationships and confrontations with Christianity, as well as suggested strategies for effective evangelism.

Two hours.

MI 785 • Cross-Cultural Ministry Practicum

Through the lens of theological study and cross-cultural research, this course focuses on developing an applied theology of missions. The worldview of various foreign cultures and their understanding of soteriology will be identified and examined by personally engaging different ethnic people groups within the Los Angeles area. Visits to ethnic churches in Los Angeles will afford students the opportunity to consider how the church can make disciples among different people groups. (See PM 785.)

Two hours.

MI 789, 790 • Internship in Missions

A specialized field involvement program designed to encourage interest and experience in cross-cultural ministries. Each student will be accountable to both on-campus and off-campus supervision and will be given exposure to as many aspects of missions as possible in view of the particular field assignment and the maturity of the student. Mission internship programs may be sponsored by The Master's Seminary, Grace Community Church, or other approved mission agencies. In all cases preparatory study is required with both reading and writing assignments, an agreed upon subject will be researched while on the field, and a report or research paper must be submitted after the internship. No more than four hours of credit may be granted unless the internship program requires actual course work on the field. When such course work is involved the student may register, with the permission of the Vice President for Academic Administration, for the specific courses involved.

On demand, one to four hours each.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES COURSES

Because the local church serves as God's primary agency for Christian worship and nurture, pastoral ministries courses begin to translate the information and skills learned in biblical and theological studies into relevant application for pastoral ministry. Whether this application is to be demonstrated by public ministries in the pulpit, in the evangelistic and educational ministries of the church, in the ordinances and ceremonies of the church, in church worship and music, in administrative leadership in the church, or by the more private modeling of personal godliness in the private devotional life, in counseling sessions, in leadership within the family, and in all other relationships, careful and prayerful preparation is necessary. In all of these settings there is no necessary dichotomy between thorough preparation and prayerful reliance on the Holy Spirit. Though many of these courses necessarily focus on skills and methodologies, all are also concerned with the preparation of the inner person with the development of those character qualities necessary for effective ministry and spiritual leadership.

Expository Preaching courses are designed to channel the student's academic training, personal giftedness, and individual personality toward effectiveness in expositional preaching from God's Word. This training often interfaces with the Hebrew and Greek courses so as to take full advantage of

exegetical assignments for developing pulpit materials. Preaching courses also require practicum sessions which include video taping of student preaching experiences for individual evaluation.

PM 500 • Continuing Registration

Zero Hours

PM 506 • The Pastor's Home

A study of biblical teaching regarding marriage and family relationships. Evaluates roles, marital relationships, parenting skills, the relationship between the home and the church, the home as an educational agency, and the special problems faced by pastors and their families.

Two hours.

PM 507 • Introduction to Preaching

Introduction to Preaching will expose the student to the initial elements of lesson and sermon preparation, research, and delivery. It will afford students at an early stage in their seminary career the opportunity to learn the foundational elements of public speaking and provide the groundwork for subsequent classes in expository preaching. The class will develop the students' skills in recognizing and organizing the proposition of a given passage for delivery with accuracy, clarity, and relevance. A high level of attention will be given to class discussion, evaluation, application, and personal feedback.

Two hours.

PM 511 • Field Ed: Church Ministries

Involves preparation and accountability for field education or internship assignments. Emphasizes an introduction and exposure to the diversified ministries within a local church. Pastoral staff members of Grace Community Church present overviews of their areas of ministry responsibility.

One hour.

PM 512A • Field Ed: Pastoral Counseling

This course covers topics such as the theological basis of discipleship/counseling, the definition of biblical counseling, the essentials for the discipler/counselor, a comparison of counseling philosophies, and the biblical view of change, guilt, and self-image. Also included are the key elements of the counseling process, handling one's past and one's attitude (case studies are also discussed). Prerequisite: PM 511.

Two hours.

PM 521, 522, 621, 622, 721, 722 • Discipleship Lab I–VI

Discipleship Labs focus on discussions relating to the development of Christian living skills and character qualities. Students meet in small groups for two hours weekly with a faculty member or church leader. Individual giftedness, personal and ministry experiences, and goals are discussed and evaluated. Particular emphasis is devoted to the evaluation of relationship styles as these have impact on relationships with God, family, church members, and others.

Assignments are not primarily academic in nature but instead are designed to promote growth in Christian character qualities and increased ability in encouraging and motivating others toward deeper devotion to God, greater love for others, and more effective ministry relationships. The

rationale for these practicums is based on the fact that most failures in pastoral ministry are not because of a lack of knowledge but because of moral failure and the inability to work well with others. The Discipleship Labs are thus designed as a major part of the seminary's commitment to be involved in the ministry of "Building Men of God."

Half hour each.

PM 605 • Christian Writing

When God chose to reveal Himself in detail, He did so in writing. Appropriately, this course involves the written medium in areas of both unpublished and published writings. Both content and style receive attention to enhance the pastoral capacity to communicate clearly and effectively.

Two hours.



PM 606 • Expository Preaching I

An introduction to homiletical methodology which emphasizes basic principles of sermonic organization. Requires actual preaching experiences. Prerequisites: OT 603, NT 603.

Three hours.

PM 611 • Field Ed: Discipleship and Leadership

Focuses on the personal life, family responsibilities, time management priorities, and other key relationship responsibilities in ministry. Emphasizes qualities for leadership and principles for developing leaders within the church. Also provides continuing accountability for field education and internship assignments. Prerequisite: PM 511.

One hour.

PM 612 • Field Ed: Worship and Music

An introduction to worship and music ministries in the church, including instruction in planning, song leading, hymnology, and selection of music for worship, evangelism, Christian education, and special services. Requires accountability for field education and internship assignments. Prerequisite: PM 511.

One hour.

PM 613 • Hymnology

This study addresses the importance of music in the worship service, the "language" of music, and how pastors must exercise careful oversight of the church's music ministry. Also included is a survey of worship from early Jewish music to the present day, with an evaluation of the latest paradigms.

Two hours.

PM 668 • Adult Bible Teaching

A study of the principles involved in a Christian philosophy of learning and teaching, and an evaluation of models for Bible lesson plans. Also includes experience in the use of visual aids and practice in becoming a vibrant teacher of the Bible to adults. Maximum of 8 students.

Two hours.

PM 701 • Ordination Preparation

Beginning with the biblical basis for ordination, the practical process for ordination is outlined. A thorough review is conducted of the student's personal life, ministry qualifications, and Bible knowledge. It is designed to functionally prepare the TMS senior to enter ministry after graduation at the highest level of excellence. *This class, without exception, is limited to those who will graduate the following May.* Prerequisites: BI 501, 502; 601 (See BI 701).

Two hours.

PM 702 • Expository Preaching III

As a continuation of PM 703 Expository Preaching II, this course is designed to help the student increase his effectiveness in moving from exegesis to exposition and delivery. With an emphasis on public speaking skills, it provides additional opportunities for the student to hone his sermon delivery. Prerequisite: PM 703

Two hours.

PM 703 • Expository Preaching II

Continues the study of homiletical methodology with special emphasis on expositional preaching and the development of communication skills. Video recordings are used as an aid allowing more personalized evaluation of effectiveness of communication in both content and style. Prerequisite: PM 606.

Three hours.

PM 706 • Preaching Dynamics

Continues the study of homiletical methodology with special emphasis on expositional preaching and the development of communication skills. Video recordings are used as an aid allowing more personalized evaluation of effectiveness of communication in both content and style. Prerequisite: PM 703.

Three hours.

PM 708 • Preaching Historical Narrative

This course is designed to enhance the preaching of Historical Narrative, which comprises the largest amount of the biblical text. Special attention is given to transforming description (narrative discourse) into prescription (sermonic exhortation). How to preach longer and more difficult



narrative sections is explored as well. The course also briefly surveys the history of preaching this genre, illustrating pitfalls to be avoided and examples to be emulated. Prerequisite: PM 606.

Two hours.

PM 709 • Effective Sermon Delivery

This course is designed to improve one's skill in handling and communicating the Word of God. The sermons of Jesus and great preachers of history are examined for the purpose of studying the reasons for their effectiveness. Many practical assignments help the student make his exegetical data more understandable, memorable and applicable to the hearers. Prerequisite: PM 703.

Two hours.

PM 710 • Church Administration

Designed to develop leadership potential in students and to give them a familiarity with the various elements of the administrative process, including goal setting and achieving, organization, delegation, human relations, group dynamics, supervision, and the training of other leaders. Though the principles are universal, the focus of the course is the Christian organization, particularly the local church. Course can also be taken by arrangement via audio tape through Institute of Theological Studies (cf. p. 54). Prerequisite: PM 712.

Two hours.

PM 711A • Field Ed: Church Administration

Application of Biblical principles to local church policy, structure, and management. Surveys the multitude of administrative tasks the pastor deals with in the daily operation of the local church. Also provides continuing accountability for field education and internship activities.

One hour.

PM 712 • Field Ed: Pastoral Ministries

Provides a foundation for the development of a personal philosophy of ministry. Integrates pastoral concerns and responsibilities with regard to evangelism, Christian education, discipleship, missions, developing church leadership, leading in worship and special services, long-range planning, community relations, and church ordinances. Also provides continuing accountability for field education and internship assignments. Prerequisites: PM 511, 512.

Three hours.

PM 713 • Church and Law

The growing number of legal issues facing the local church and its leadership are addressed.

Two hours.

PM 756 • Church Growth

Qualitative and quantitative factors of growing a church from a biblical perspective receive attention. A twentieth century philosophy which remains biblical and is also contemporarily relevant highlights this course.

Two hours.

PM 757 • Pastoring the Small Church

A study of the characteristics of small churches, with an evaluation of their potential for ministry and impact. Addresses the questions of congregational dynamics, staffing, finances, and programming. Local pastors supplement the regular class lectures with advice and first-hand accounts of experience.

Two hours.

PM 758 • Church Planting

Evaluates various kinds of church planting opportunities and methodologies. Offers step-by-step procedures, and calls upon successful local church planters for suggestions from their own experiences (see MI 758).

Two hours.

PM 761 • Church Leadership Seminar

Beginning with leadership in the home and extending to a broad range of issues in the church, this seminar touches on practical topics, such as strategic planning and staff development, conflict resolution, unity and diversity, power struggles, and principles of delegation. Case studies are conducted on the major leaders in Scripture as well.

Two hours.

PM 768 • Marriage and Family Counseling

This course is focused on the specific areas of marriage and the family. Topics covered include the purpose of marriage, divorce and remarriage, roles of husband and wife, physical intimacy within marriage, communication and conflict resolution, spouse and child abuse, stewardship of time and priorities, preventing and rebuilding after adultery, parenting, and family counseling (case studies are also discussed). Prerequisite: PM 711.

Two hours.

PM 769 • Advanced Biblical Counseling

This course is designed for those desiring to pursue a more in-depth understanding of discipleship/counseling. Topics covered include anger, worry, fear, depression, medical issues, counseling children, eating problems, decision making, incest, sexual abuse, crisis counseling, and other specific subjects (case studies are also discussed). Prerequisite: PM 711.

Two hours.

PM 772 • Biblical Conflict Resolution

An investigation into the nature of conflict, the divine perspective of it, and the biblical principles that should guide the believer in responding to it. Special attention is focused on understanding and handling interpersonal struggles in business, the church, and marriage in a way that honors the Lord.

Two hours.

PM 788 • Analysis of Significant New Testament Churches

Twelve churches receive detailed attention to determine what Christ commends and condemns in first century churches which all started with a right ecclesiology. Areas to avoid and areas to

emphasize are incorporated into a twentieth century “applied” ecclesiology (see BI 788).

Two hours.

PM 794 • Military Chaplaincy Residency

This program offers an opportunity to minister in a military environment alongside one of the U.S. Navy chaplains at the Chapel of Hope in Yokosuka, Japan. Interns engage in the various aspects of international mission work among the 24,000 American sailors and their dependents of the Navy’s 7th fleet. Responsibilities include preparing ministry materials, sermons, Bible studies, and building relationships with sailors and their families.

Two hours.

PM 795 • Counseling Residency

The goal of this course is to help the student learn, evaluate, and sharpen his discipleship/counseling skills. Practical application of biblical principles to human problems and relationships is promoted. Opportunities for observing counseling are offered along with interactive follow-up with the counselor. Prerequisite: PM 711.

Two hours.

PM 796 • Hospital Chaplaincy Residency

A study of the role of the pastor in hospital chaplaincy, including legal restrictions, etiquette, ministering to both the sick as well as to their families, and relating to the hospital staff. Considerable “hands-on” training is included.

Two hours.

PM 797 • Teaching Residency

For exceptional students who desire teaching as a ministry focus, opportunities will be provided to teach in Logos Bible Institute. This course will be conducted as directed study under faculty supervision.

Two hours.

PM 798 • Pastoral Residency

Occasionally students are afforded significant ministry opportunity and responsibility that is over and above the normal pastoral ministry involvement and field education duties expected of all students. To be considered for enrollment in this course, the student must present, in consultation with a Pastoral Ministries faculty member and the pastor providing oversight, a detailed proposal describing how this ministry responsibility fits within the above parameters and what kind of assignments one would undertake to fulfill the academic requirements (research papers, reading, book reviews, etc.).

Two hours.

PM 799 • Research in Pastoral Ministries

A limited number of credit hours may be earned by satisfactory completion of guided independent research. The special problem or area of investigation must relate closely to the course title, must be precisely stated in written form and must be pursued under faculty supervision and with the approval of the Vice President for Academic Administration. A fully documented research paper and a reading report are required. Because instruction and interaction within a classroom setting are significant elements of seminary course work, research courses are permitted only when a

particular course needed for graduation or important for needed expertise is not offered, or when a faculty member recommends such a course as an aid both to himself and to the student. Information regarding requirements, procedures, and grading is available from the Administration office. Prerequisites: two years of seminary study (60 hours) with at least one year at The Master's Seminary (30 hours).

On demand, one to four hours.

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY COURSES

The hallmark of the evangelical movement throughout its history has been the priority of expository preaching. Because The Master's Seminary exists to advance God's kingdom by equipping godly men to be pastors and/or trainers of pastors for excellence in service to Christ, the seminary is committed to making every effort to enable evangelical pastors to develop into master expositors through a doctoral program that is singularly focused on the exposition of Scripture.

The seminary, through the Doctor of Ministry program, is committed to enhancing the expositor's ability in the three classical disciplines of sermon preparation: exegesis, exposition, and eloquence. Each component of the curriculum relates clearly and specifically to the other elements of the program and is conducted with a view toward increasing the student's knowledge, understanding, and skills in these disciplines. The sequence of the seminars is designed to be linear, progressing from seminars that explore the more general and historical issues of expository preaching to studies in specific biblical genres of the Old and New Testaments, and culminating in an intensive examination of rhetorical/homiletical theory and models.

DM 900 • Personal Preaching Evaluation

Upon acceptance into the program, the new student will be asked to preach assigned texts from the Old and New Testaments. Study files for the two sermons will be turned in and will include lexical and syntactical studies, background and contextual observations, and expository assimilation. These sermons will be videotaped and archived by the student and by TMS. An initial self-evaluation of 5–7 pages will be prepared by the student summarizing strengths on which to build and weaknesses to address. After completion of the final seminar at the end of his second year, the student will preach new sermons from the same texts. New videotapes and study files will be reviewed and compared by a TMS faculty member. A final 5–7 page self-evaluation will be completed as well. Assessments will be made on the student's improvement in exegesis, exposition, and eloquence.

One hour each.

DM 913 • Doctoral Research and Methods

This seminar is designed to prepare the student for doctoral-level research, supporting both seminar work and the D.Min. Preaching Research Project. It also provides the opportunity to select the specific project topic to determine the best utilization of the subsequent seminars for project work.

One hour.

DM 914 • Preaching the Old Testament

This seminar is designed to provide an introduction to the interpretation of the Old Testament with the view to discovering, translating, and communicating in sermonic form the authors' intended messages. Following a general introduction to the interpretation of the Old Testament, attention will be devoted to appropriate hermeneutical strategies to be applied to different genres