

# Course Offerings Theological Bulletin Spring Semester 2026

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## MASTER and BACHELOR PROGRAMS COURSE OFFERINGS

### Onsite *and* Zoom (Real Time)

#### **Theological Studies 3577-Q Churching in a De-Churching Society: Church Practice and “Mission” in the Contemporary Context**

Rev. James Ravenscroft

Mondays, 6:00 – 8:30 pm

An examination of how we “do church” in an increasingly secular context. Grounded in the theology of God as missional and the scriptural witness of mission, the course examines how the church has engaged in mission historically and how ministry leaders can respond to the current context, including through practices of liturgy, evangelization, and community engagement. The course also considers the significance of decolonization in conversations about and the practice of mission. Students will be equipped to formulate their own understanding of mission and how this can be applied in a local ministry context.

Textbook: Readings provided by professor.

#### **Moral Theology 3665-Q Christian Theology and Religious Pluralism**

Dr. Michelle Rebidoux

Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:30 pm

This course examines Christian theological responses to religious pluralism, interfaith dialogue, and the historical, social, and cultural impacts of interaction between religious traditions. Key topics will include various models of comparative theology, the role and challenge of religious pluralism within secular society, and contemporary ethical concerns calling forth the positive traditional resources of religions globally. A basic introduction will also be provided to the core teachings of a few major non-Christian traditions, including Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism.

Textbook: John J. Thatamanil, *Circling the Elephant: A Comparative theology of Religious Diversity*, ISBN: 978-0823287734.

#### **3472-Q Supervised Practice of Ministry**

Dr. Carmel Doyle

Dates TBA

A twelve-week supervised placement in an institutional setting in which the student participates in an instruction and a pastoral placement in a model of supervised spiritual direction. The focus is on self-awareness, pastoral presence, and theological reflection under the direction of qualified facilitators.

# ASSOCIATE IN THEOLOGY

## COURSE OFFERINGS

(2 Credit Hour)

Asynchronous and some Zoom Classes

### **Moral Theology 2601-Q Christianity and Social Justice**

Rev Mark Nichols

Zoom Sessions: Tuesdays 7:00 pm, May 5, May 26, June 23, and July 21

This course will raise awareness of social justice work as integral to the Christian faith. Students will learn about various social justice traditions within Christianity, as well as the example of particular Christians for whom social justice was at the heart of their ministry. Students will also examine some contemporary social justice issues and prayerfully reflect upon a Christian approach to social justice through the use of a daily devotional.

Textbook: Stephen Mattson, *On Love and Mercy: A Social Justice Devotional*, ISBN: 978-1-5138-0937-3 (hardcover) ISBN: 978-1-5138-0938-0 (e-book)

### **Pastoral Studies 2450-Q The Vocational Diaconate: Past, Present, and Future**

Instructor: Rev Jolene Peters

Course Description: This course is arranged to provide an historical and theological overview of the diaconate as an Order of Ministry within the Church. The course will explain the connection between permanent diaconate and transitional diaconate. It will examine the uniqueness of diaconate and the potential of the vocational diaconal ministry to enhance and empower lay ministries.

Textbooks: Rosalind Brown, *Being A Deacon Today*, ISBN: 978-0819222015 & Ormonde Plater, *Many Servants: An Introduction to Deacons*, ISBN: 978-1561012701

### **General**

Stanley J. Grenz, David Guretzke & Cherith Fee Nordling, *Pocket Dictionary of Theology Terms*

*The New Oxford Annotated Bible* (NRSV)

T.S.K. Scott-Craig, *A Guide to Pronouncing Biblical Names*

Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, 9<sup>th</sup> edition*