

## **Major Courses:** Master of Divinity

### ***TS511 Old Testament Survey I*** [3 Credits]

A survey of the literature, history and religious tradition of Israel as recorded in the Old Testament. Emphasis is on reading and understanding the biblical text, using literary and historical-critical method. The first course will deal with the issues of revelation and inspiration, and the canon of the Scriptures. Special attention will be given to the covenant people of God, their understanding of God's relationship with them in the unfolding of history, and the meaning of the Old Testament message for today.

### ***TS512 Old Testament Survey II*** [3 Credits]

**Prerequisite:** *TS511* Old Testament Survey I

The survey is a continuation of Old Testament I, covering the last half of the Old Testament.

### ***TS515 New Testament Survey I*** [3 Credits]

This is a survey of Christian scripture in its historical settings, with a view toward understanding how the early church's teaching and preaching shaped the New Testament. Emphasis will be given to reading and understanding the biblical text and using literary and historical critical method. Special attention will also be given to the meaning of the mission and message of Jesus for the modern day.

### ***TS516 New Testament Survey II*** [3 Credits]

**Prerequisite:** *TS515* New Testament Survey I

The study is a continuation of New Testament I, covering the books of Acts to Revelation.

### ***TS535 Survey of Church History*** [3 Credits]

A general survey of the development of Christianity from apostolic times to the present, with emphasis given to the development of beliefs, practices and institutions, and Christianity's interaction with society and culture especially as it expanded towards Asia.

## ***TS536 Asian Church History*** [3 Credits]

**Prerequisite:** *TS535* Survey of Church History

A historical survey of the arrival and expansion of Christianity to Asia in its Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Protestant forms, from the earliest centuries to the present. Attention will be given to the expansion and institutional development of Asian churches as well as future challenges.

## ***TS541 History of Religions*** [3 Credits]

This course deals with the historical development, rites and worship, sacred literature and teachings of world religions. Special consideration will be given to both their historical and contemporary forms and settings. The course includes reading from the scripture of each tradition, in addition to secondary scholarship, aimed at an understanding of religious experience in general.

## ***TS551 Introduction to Christian Worship*** [3 Credits]

This is an exploration of the history and theology of Christian worship, including the shape of the liturgical calendar, the sacraments and the music in the congregation. Attention will be given to the forces that reshape Christian worship today, such as the issues of culture, gender, technology and consumerism.

## ***TS552 Introduction to Pastoral Care*** [3 Credits]

The course deals with one of the important ministries of the church, that of caring. Emphasis will be given to both institutional and individual care. The students will also learn about the art of listening and communicating. The connection between theology and practice of counseling will be developed through case studies and role-play.

## ***TS565 Christian Education*** [3 Credits]

This course will survey the biblical, historical, philosophical and psychological foundations of Christian education. The course will also look into methods of teaching, curriculum development, administration of Christian education as a whole. Attention will also be given to the nature of Christian communication especially in the Asian context.

## ***TS571* Field Education (Service Learning) <sub>10</sub>**

**Credits]**

A program of service-learning in some aspects of the ministry of the church: teaching, preaching, youth work, religious life leadership, leadership in church music. The students will be under the supervision of the field education director. The assignments of international students will be in English-speaking situations.

## ***TS572* Field Education (Service Learning) <sub>10</sub>**

**Credits]**

A program of service-learning in some aspects of the ministry of the church: teaching, preaching, youth work, religious life leadership, leadership in church music. The students will be under the supervision of the field education director. The assignments of international students will be in English-speaking situations.

## ***TS573* Field Education (Service Learning) <sub>10</sub>**

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A program of service-learning in some aspects of the ministry of the church: teaching, preaching, youth work, religious life leadership, leadership in church music. The students will be under the supervision of the field education director. The assignments of international students will be in English-speaking situations.

## ***TS574* Field Education (Service Learning) <sub>10</sub>**

**Credits]**

A program of service-learning in some aspects of the ministry of the church: teaching, preaching, youth work, religious life leadership, leadership in church music. The students will be under the supervision of the field education director. The assignments of international students will be in English-speaking situations.

## ***TS631 Christian Theology I*** [3 Credits]

This is the first course of a systematic and historical survey of both the key doctrines and classic figures of Christian theology. This course introduces students to the basic concept and method of theology and gives them foundation of the essential affirmations of the Christian faith and familiarizing them with various historic issues and debates. The first course will consider the basic theological method and consider the doctrines of the Trinity, Creation, Sin and Christology.

## ***TS632 Christian Theology II*** [3 Credits]

**Prerequisite:** *TS631* Christian Theology I

In addition to studying basic theological method, students will be encouraged to deal with the theological texts and issues critically and constructively. This course will continue consideration of Christology and will consider the doctrines of the Holy Spirit, the Church and Eschatology.

## ***TS634 Principles of Christian Ethics*** [3 Credits]

**Prerequisite:** *TS631* Christian Theology I

This course will examine the concepts of good or evil, right or wrong and decision-making from the point of view of the Christian faith. Abortion, racism, capital punishment, war and peace, advocacy of justice, ecology and sustainable development, drug abuse, AIDS and public policy, and bioethics are some of the issues that will be considered from the Christian ethical point of view.

## ***TS653 Principles and Practice of Preaching*** [3 Credits]

This course introduces the principles and practice of preaching, highlighting the use of Scripture in preaching, language and imagination and good communication skills in preaching. Students will be required to prepare sermons and preach a complete sermon in class.

## ***TS656 Church Administration*** [3 Credits]

A course designed to prepare students who are studying to be pastors. The course will deal with principles and techniques of building and administering a church program relevant to the

community. Some attention will be given to the pastor's responsibility in the areas of the church family, finances and general governance of the church.

## ***TS731 Understanding Theologies in Asia*** [3 Credits]

**Prerequisite:** *TS631-32*

A study of theologies in Asia such as Minjung theology, Dalit theology, theology of struggle and other emerging theologies in the region. After considering the various theologies, the course will focus on the task of doing theology in the context of Asia "a theology that addresses the nuances of Asian cultures and the spiritual aspirations of Asian peoples.

## ***TS802 Senior Colloquium (Independent Study)*** [3 Credits]

A course designed to help the student integrate his/her learning from the various theological disciplines and relate the knowledge to the contemporary Asian (or one's own country's) situation.