

Spring 2022 Classes



YELLOWSTONE
Theological Institute

BOZEMAN | WEEK-LONG COURSES

IN-PERSON @ Yellowstone Theological Institute, 2030 Stadium Dr., Bozeman
DISTANCE LEARNING available live online via Zoom

BIB 630 Advanced Bible: The Pastoral Epistles

MARCH 14-18 | 9AM-4PM | DR. JAY SMITH

The Pastoral Epistles— 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus— have a tremendous influence upon our understanding of church structure, leadership qualifications, and spirituality. This course considers the theological value of the Pastorals for the church along with clarifying the authorship question of these works attributed to Paul. Additionally, it explores how the church should apply these texts in the contemporary setting.

teaching of Jesus provided for us in the four Gospels, as well as the birth of the church in Acts.

MIN 531 Introduction to Pastoral Care

MAY 2-6 | 9AM-4PM | REV. JIM KEENA

Introduction to pastoral care is an important aspect of pastoral ministry, including self-evaluation, exploration of human spiritual/emotional frailty, practice of basic techniques, and understanding movement toward both personal and familial wholeness.

COM 532 Advanced Preaching & Teaching

MARCH 28-APRIL 1 | 9AM-4PM | REV. JIM KEENA

This course examines advanced preaching styles such as narrative, exegetical, and conversational. Sermon construction is emphasized, including delivery of the message, with special attention given to context and hearers.

LED 533 Leading Through Conflict

MAY 9-13 | 9AM-4PM | DR. DERRY LONG

LED 533 describes and gives the psychological, ideological and physical roots of the conflicts and ethical issues a local church leader will encounter. The course uses case studies to help the leader understand and practice how to resolve these conflicts and issues.

THEO 534 The People of God: Being the Church

APRIL 18-22 | 9AM-4PM | MR. MATT GREEN

The church today is suffering a case of mistaken identity. Many Christian believers are unsure of what the church is, why it exists, and what its actual mission is. THEO 534 covers in detail the genesis, nature, and function of the church as the "Body of Christ."

SPR 533 Christian Spiritual Theology

MAY 23-27 | 9AM-4PM | REV. BRETT DESPER

Expressions of Christianity have frequently oscillated between one of two directions: piety or legalism. As Christian worship and practice becomes more formal, it often morphs into a dry, habitual routine, or a rigid legalism. The idea of "piety" or "pietism" early on was seen as a reaction to this "spiritless" rigidity. SPR 533 discusses the origins of Christian piety, or spirituality, tracing it through the desert fathers and mothers to the medieval mystics, the German pietists, the Anabaptists, and the contemporary charismatic movements. Most importantly, it outlines a theology for Christian spirituality for today.

BIB 534 New Testament 1: Gospels & Acts

APRIL 25-29 | 9AM-4PM | REV. BRETT DESPER

The New Testament continues and consummates the drama begun in the Old Testament. In particular, it focuses on Jesus of Nazareth as the solution to the cosmic problem originating in Genesis 3. This course focuses on the person, work, and

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BOZEMAN | 10-WEEK EVENING COURSES



MIN 538 Clergy Self-Care

MONDAYS MARCH 14–MAY 16 | 6–9PM

REV. JIM KEENA

MIN 538 introduces the student to the crucial importance of self-care in ministry. The course discusses the stress-causing situations of ministry, and a variety of strategies to effectively cope with these situations.

LED 531 Basic Leadership: A Servant and Collaborative Approach

TUESDAYS MARCH 15–MAY 17 | 6–9PM

DR. DERRY LONG

LED 531 explores a shared form of leadership, one that combines the servant leadership paradigm modeled in the New Testament, with a contemporary approach that considers the various ways in which leaders communicate appropriately with their teams.

CUL 630 Advanced Cultural and Religious Studies: Postmodernism and Christianity

MONDAYS MARCH 21–MAY 23 | 6–9PM

DR. JAY SMITH

This advanced cultural and religious studies course examines the concept of postmodern thought and its influence on Christian theology and culture. Rather than a “monster” set on destroying the Christian faith, postmodern thought is a philosophical and cultural movement that questions—indeed, critiques—aspects of the “modern” worldview. How this influences the church and impacts its theology and ministries is the focus of the course.



BELLINGHAM, WA | WEEK-LONG COURSES



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BIB 530 Biblical Interpretation

MARCH 21–25 | 9AM–4PM | REV. BRETT DESPER

In this course, students will learn the basics of biblical interpretation with its cultural elements and theological implications. This course is basic for the Master of Arts degree.

LED 532 Entrepreneurial Leadership

APRIL 18–22 | 9AM–4PM | DR. DERRY LONG

Entrepreneurial Leadership explores what it means to be a Christian leader in a postmodern, post-denominational culture. The class explores the latest in contemporary leadership theory with a focus on creative or “entrepreneurial” leadership. The class applies these leadership principles in conversation with biblical and theological resources in order to explore the student’s vocation, as well as enhance the mission of the contemporary *ekklesia*.

BIB 630 Advanced Bible: Deuteronomy for the People of God

MAY 2–6 | 9AM–4PM | DR. NATHAN CHAMBERS

This course is a study of the book of Deuteronomy with particular attention to the ongoing significance of the theology and ethics of the book for contemporary Christians.