

FALL 2026 Class Schedule



YELLOWSTONE
Theological Institute

CLASSES RUN AUGUST 24–DECEMBER 4, 2026

AUG
20–22

Wilderness First Aid Practicum

ADV 5210 | LAURI HAWLEY

This hands-on practicum provides essential training in wilderness emergency response and first aid for outdoor leaders and ministry professionals. Students learn patient assessment, basic life support, treatment of injuries and illnesses in remote settings, and evacuation decision-making. The course follows American Red Cross guidelines and concludes with First Aid/CPR and Wilderness & Remote First Aid certification.

OCT
6–8

Adventure Practicum: Climbing Electric Peak (YNP)

ADV 5200 | REV. VERN STREETER

For this practicum, participants will hike hard and high to summit 10,969-foot Electric Peak with views over Yellowstone National Park and the Tetons. This three-day backcountry trip is only 11 miles but has 4,000 feet of vertical ascent. The first day will involve a hike to basecamp, followed by summiting the peak the next day and a leisurely hike out on the third day. Participants should expect early-winter weather and not be surprised to see grizzly bears getting ready for hibernation. All participants will provide their own gear and food. For class credit there will be pre-reading, adventure evaluation, and a final paper.

SEPT
11–12

Art Practicum: Painting the Good Shepherd

ART 5200 | MARY GAMMILL

This art practicum will explore the life, artistic evolution, materials, style and “visual exegesis” of Henry Ossawa Tanner.

MWF
11–NOON*

Greek III

LAN 6303 | DR. ROY MILLHOUSE

A continuation of Greek II, this course further develops students’ command of Greek grammar, syntax, and vocabulary. Students gain increased proficiency in reading and interpreting extended passages from the Greek New Testament. **Meets 11am-noon Mondays and Fridays and 1–2pm Wednesdays.*

MON
1–4PM

Theology I: Apostolic through Medieval

THEO 5301 | DR. JOSHUA SCHENDEL

THEO 5301 is a text-based course, in which students explore issues of theological method, reflection, and doctrinal development in foundationally important writings from the period of the Fathers through the scholastic and mystical traditions to the end of the thirteenth century.

MON
5–8PM

Contemporary Christian Doctrine

THEO 6301 | DR. JAY SMITH

Since its inception, the Church has articulated what it believes in the form of specific confessions or teachings, called “doctrine.” Unlike dogmatic or systematic theology, doctrinal theology has the goal of explaining the formative Christian teachings for the Christian faith in relation to the Christian life. THEO 6301 discusses the art and necessity of contemporary theological reflection, and, articulates the role of doctrine in the church today.

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MON 6–9PM **Visionary Leadership** LED 5301 | REV. MIKE GAMMILL

LED 5301 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 “visionary” leadership. The class applies these leadership principles in conversation with biblical and theological resources to explore the student’s vocation as well as enhance the mission of the contemporary church.

TUE 1–4PM **Advanced Studies in NT: Readings from the Greco-Roman World**

BIB 7320 | DR. ROY MILLHOUSE

This seminar examines key works of Greco-Roman literature from ~200 BC to ~AD 150 with special attention to their relevance for understanding the New Testament and early Christianity. Students will read primary texts in translation and analyze major cultural, philosophical, religious, and political currents in the Hellenistic and early Roman imperial periods.

TUE 6–9PM **Old Testament Overview** BIB 5301 | MATTHEW C. GREEN

This course provides a comprehensive survey of the Old Testament, examining its historical, literary, and theological dimensions. Students will explore the three major sections of the Hebrew Bible—the Torah, the Prophets, and the Writings—while giving attention to key themes, covenant development, and the unfolding story of God’s redemptive work. Emphasis is placed on interpretive issues and the Old Testament’s relevance for Christian ministry and theology.

WED 2–3PM & 6–7PM **Research Methods** CAP 5101-A (2–3PM) | CAP 5101-B (6–7PM) DR. JOSHUA SCHENDEL

This course prepares new master’s students for the rigors of graduate-level research and writing in a seminary setting. Students will develop essential skills in scholarly research, critical reading, source evaluation, and clear

theological writing. Emphasis is placed on formulating research questions, organizing ideas, and crafting well-argued papers appropriate for seminary coursework

WED 6–9PM **Theology and Political Thought** CUL 6303 | DR. CODY WHITTINGTON

CUL 6303 examines the role of political thought in the life of the Christian and the church, from the Greek polis to the contemporary nation-state. Specific discussion and application will be made in reference to the contemporary setting, the various manners in which Christians have reacted to politics, and how Christians should identify in the political spectrum.

THU 1–4PM **Introduction to Christian Spirituality and Practice**

SPR 5301 | DR. BRETT DESPER

SPR 5301 is an introduction to spiritual formation and discipleship. The course begins by discussing the nature of the human person, and the importance of adventure and the arts to spirituality. It then proceeds to give the student a basis to begin to reflect on their own spiritual journey and formation, as well as consider what practices and actions might further their journey toward being formed into the image of Christ.

THU 6–9PM **Advanced Preaching** COM 7300 | DR. JAY SMITH

An advanced seminar on specialized topics within the field of Homiletics. Course content varies each offering, allowing students to explore emerging or focused areas of study. May be repeated for credit with a different topic.

FRI 1–4PM **Introduction to Ministry** MIN 5301 | DR. DAVID BEAVIS

This course explores the biblical, theological, and practical foundations of Christian ministry. Students examine ministry as service, calling, and leadership, focusing on ministers’ character and roles while integrating faith, spiritual growth, and vocational discernment. It provides a broad framework for pastoral ministry and prepares students for further study and practice.

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