

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY 1101-4609. SPECIAL STUDIES.

Special courses not a part of the regular schedule but offered on an irregular schedule.

Prerequisite: Dean's consent

One to six semester hours

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY 2311. INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION.

An introductory survey of theology; its sources, methods, philosophical orientation and spiritual nature. The course is designed to acquaint the student with the theological orientation of the Christian Worldview, critical thinking skills, and prepare the student for upper level work in theology. Fall.

Prerequisite:: BIB 1303, BIB 1304.

Three semester hours

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY 2331. COMMUNICATIVE PREACHING.

An introduction to the art of communicative preaching and speaking. The techniques of oral communication, voice production, articulation and sermonizing will be given detailed attention. Spring.

Prerequisite: None.

Three semester hours

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY 3311. BAPTIST IDENTITY.

A study of the nature, mission and organizations of the local Baptist church, Baptist associations, the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the Southern Baptist Convention and other statewide, nationwide, and worldwide Baptist entities. Required of all students who receive tuition aid from the BGCT. Fall.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing.

Three semester hours

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY 3314. SPIRITUAL FORMATION.

This course is designed to assist the student in determining the difference between being religious and being spiritual. The subject matter includes a study of various disciplines in the Christian experience (their history, their place in Christianity, their current expression) and historical figures who had unique lives and ministries. Offered on demand.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or consent of instructor.

Three semester hours

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY 3323. CHRISTIAN ETHICS.

This course examines the moral dimensions of the Christian faith, drawing on the resources of Scripture, Christian theological reflection, and the corporate witness of the church through time. While the course will discuss alternate methods for pursuing the moral life, the primary focus will be on the cultivation of a community who embodies virtues in imitation of Christ. Spring, even years.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing.

Three semester hours

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY 3331. THE WORK OF THE MINISTER.

A study of Christian ministry with a focus on staff relationships, conflict resolutions, office management, pastoral care, counseling, visitation, and ministry to people in crisis. Time management, personal spiritual preparation, and family relationships will be addressed. Various organizational models will be considered. Spring, odd years.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing.

Three semester hours

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY 3361. HISTORY OF BAPTISTS.

A study of Baptist principles and history with special attention to Baptists in England, the Southern part of the United States and Texas. Spring, even years.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or consent of instructor.

Three semester hours

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY 4300. CHRISTIAN DOCTRINES.

A study of the major doctrines of the Christian faith, with emphasis on the nature of theological thinking. Spring.

Prerequisite: BIB 1303, 1304 and junior standing.

Three semester hours

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY 4304. SPECIAL TOPICS IN THEOLOGY.

A study of topics, issues, methods, models and challenges in Christian theology. Possible topics to include: Calvinism, Evangelicalism, Postmodernism, Emerging Theologies, Doxology, Trinity, Theological Anthropology, Atonement Theory, *Missio Dei* and Theological Aesthetics. Course may be repeated when different topics are addressed. Spring, odd years.

Prerequisite: PTH 2311 or PTH 4300 or consent of instructor.

Three semester hours

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY 4312. CHRISTIAN PROCLAMATION.

A study of the principles of expository sermon preparation with a focus on the effective use of narrative elements in communicating the Gospel to a postmodern world. The course will explore a variety of sermon forms and the use of media and sensory materials. Emphasis will be on sermon preparation and other vital issues relating to the preaching task. Fall, odd years.

Prerequisite: PTH 2331.

Three semester hours

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY 4331. HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY.

A general survey of the Christian movement from its beginning to the present time. Special attention will be given to significant individuals, selected ideas, movements and institutions which have influenced Christian theology. Spring.

Prerequisite: Junior standing or consent of instructor.

Three semester hours

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY 4333. THEOLOGY AND CULTURE.

Theology and Culture is an upper level exploration of the integration between theology and western culture. An examination of the university disciplines, a variety of the arts (literature, music, movies and media (news, internet, critical concerns of Western culture will be conducted in order to deduct theological content and meaning. Fall.

Prerequisite: PTH 4300 or consent of instructor.

Three semester hours