Course Descriptions

COS 121 - Bible I: Introduction

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This course introduces the role of the United Methodist pastor in biblical interpretation, with attention to developing a methodology of interpretation consistent with the nature of scripture. It is also helpful for lay persons who teach in their congregations or who want to deepen their understanding of scripture.

 COS 122 - Theological Heritage I: Introduction

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This course introduces the student to theological reflection in the Wesleyan tradition.  
Basic terms, tasks, and methods of Christian theology will be introduced. Representative  
classical themes will be defined and illustrated. The course provides a foundation for  
further historical and theological study.

COS 123 - Formation & Discipleship

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A course designed to provide pastors with an understanding of & commitment to the ministry of Christian Education and with tools to strengthen that ministry of formation in congregations.

COS 124 - Transformative Leadership

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This course forms the student’s identity as pastoral leader and change agent in congregations, The United Methodist Church, and the world.

COS 221 - Bible II: Torah & Israel's History

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A course designed to help you engage the Hebrew scripture using three questions: "What does the text say?" "What does the text mean?" and "What is God saying through this text?"

COS 222 - Theological Heritage II: Early Church

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This course covers the history of the early and medieval Christian church from the end of the 1st century (A.D. 100) into the Middle Ages. Emphasis is placed on the church's social context, the development of Christian doctrine, and key figures and events.

COS 223 - Worship & Sacraments

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This course focuses on the theology of worship from a Wesleyan perspective with attention to the Christian year, understanding and administering the sacraments and the rites of Christian marriage and of Death and Resurrection, and appropriate planning and leadership of worship.

COS 224 - Administration & Polity

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This course focuses on the pastor’s formation and competency in the role of pastoral administrator, with the goal of achieving a unity of doing and being. Emphasis is given to the development of administrative skills in keeping with the theology and polity of The United Methodist Church.

COS 321 - Bible III: Gospels

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This course focuses on the content and message of the Gospels, as well as the theological perspectives of the Gospel writers. The practice of exegesis is emphasized.

COS 322 - Theological Heritage III: Medieval & Reformation

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This course is an introductory survey of Christian history and thought during the period of the Protestant Reformation in 16th century Europe and Great Britain. Focal themes are the concepts of faith, grace, and justification, with further attention to significant individuals and their contexts.

COS 323 - Congregational Care

COS 324 - Preaching

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This course is designed to equip pastors/preachers for the task of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ from both the Old and New Testaments. Elements of the class include biblical exegesis, methods of sermon preparation, and sermon planning, delivery, and evaluation.

COS 421 - Bible IV: Prophets, Psalms & Wisdom

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This course examines God's Word as expressed through Israel's prophets, selected Psalms, and selected passages from Wisdom literature. Class work focuses on the forms, origins, and use of these texts in their original contexts and in ministry today.

COS 422 - Theological Heritage IV: Wesleyan Movement

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The goal of this course is to offer an overview of the Methodist movement both in England and America, so the student can develop a deeper understanding of its development, uniqueness, practices, and influence in our modern world. Pre-requisite: COS 312/322--Theological Heritage III: Medieval & Reformation.

COS 423 - Mission

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This course introduces the theology and scope of mission and the pastor's role in leading congregations in their mission as agents of God's transforming redemption. Attention is given to the Wesleyan relationship of personal piety and social holiness and to developing mission strategies in the student's ministry context.

COS 424 - Ethics

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This course offers an introduction to Christian ethics and moral decision-making with a particular emphasis upon pastoral and congregational responsibility for ethical decisions.

COS 521 - Bible V: Epistles & Revelation

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In this course we will work together to incorporate our previous learning in exegesis and biblical interpretation with the environment of the practice of ministry.

COS 522 - Theology in the Contemporary Church

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This course is designed to give students an understanding of the events and theological insights of the mid-to late 19th century that form the backdrop for 20th and 21st century developments in theology. Class work is intended to contribute to each pastor's growth as a pastoral theologian.

COS 523 - Evangelism

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This course provides an analysis of the theology of evangelism and our faithfulness to God's call and presents various strategies for enhancing the church's effectiveness in reaching out to people. It also explores the value of faith sharing and the role it plays in inviting others to join the faith community.

COS 524 - Theological Reflection: Practice of Ministry

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This course is the capstone to the student’s basic course of study. Its focus is the integration of the biblical, theological, and practical aspects of ministry. Pre-requisites: COS 121 - COS 523.