

FALL 2009 COURSES

Course #	Course Title	Instructor	Class Time	Room	Credits
GENERAL STUDIES					
SEGS 501	Intro to Biblical Studies (9/12-10/3)	Appler	Sa 9-Noon	DLC	1
SEGS 502	Learning As Ministry	Stoudt	W 6-9pm	DLC	2
SEGS 506	Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) [Prer: SEPF 733] ▲	Staff			3
SEGS 913	Inter-Seminary Seminar	Dreydoppel	F 1-4pm	Wittenberg	3
SEGS 816	MAPC Thesis	Staff			6
SEGS 826	MATS Thesis	Staff			6
SEGS 846	MDiv Thesis	Staff			6
BIBLICAL STUDIES					
OLD TESTAMENT/HEBREW BIBLE					
SEBO 603	OT: Literature, Culture & Religion [Prer: SEGS 501]	Appler	W 9-Noon	DLC	3
SEBO 913	Elementary Biblical Hebrew	Appler	MW 4-5:30pm	Kunwald	3
SEBO 925	Prophets: Jeremiah and Ezekiel [Prer: SEBO 603]	Appler	W 6-8pm	Kunwald	2
NEW TESTAMENT					
SEBN 634	The Gospels & Acts in a Global Context [Prer: SEBN 633]	Luckritz Marquis	W 9-Noon	Herrnhut	3
SEBN 922	Itinerancy, Mission, & Cross-Cultural Witness in Earliest Christianity [Prer: SEGS 501]	Luckritz Marquis	Th 6-9pm	Kunwald	3
DOCTRINAL THEOLOGY					
SEDO 613	Intro to Christian Theology	G Kim	T 6-9pm	Herrnhut	3
SEDO 833	Credo [Prer: SEDO 613 & 6 credit hrs. of required Theology courses]	G Kim	T 4-5pm	Herrnhut	3
SEDO 924	Theology from the Underside [Prer: SEDO 613]	G Kim	M 1-4pm	Herrnhut	3
CHURCH HISTORY					
SEHS 613	The Christian Story	Dreydoppel	M 6-9pm	DLC	3
SEHS 962	The Ancient Unity	Dreydoppel	T 2-4pm	Herrnhut	2
SEHS 971	Christian Spirituality: Guides from the 1 st –7 th Centuries	Wagner	Th 6-9pm	Herrnhut	3
SEHS 981	History of the United Methodist Church	Lawfer	M 6-9pm	Wittenberg	3
SEHS 983	History, Theology & Polity of the UCC	DeRemer	T 2-5pm	Kunwald	3
PASTORAL THEOLOGY & FORMATION					
SPIRITUAL FORMATION					
SEPF 723	Spiritual Formation	Heffner	Th 1-4 pm	DLC	3
SEPF 727	Individual Spiritual Direction [Prer: SEPF 723]	Kraybill-Greggo, Martell, Wallace	T 5-6 pm	Prayer Room	1
SEPF 744	Contemplative Communication & Relationship	Martell, Kraybill-Greggo	T 2-4pm	Aldersgate	2
PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING					
SEPF 763	Peer Group and Group Dynamics I ▲	Kraybill-Greggo	F Noon-3pm	Kunwald	3
SEPF 765	Counseling Supervision I ▲	Lewis	F 9-11am	Kunwald	2
SEPF 771	Integration of Psychology and Spirituality ▲	Lichner	T 9-Noon	Herrnhut	3
SEPF 772	Clinical Assessment and Treatment Planning	Lewis	M 1-4pm	Kunwald	3
SEPF 937	Human Sexuality	Johanson	T 6-9pm	Kunwald	3
SEPF 976	Professional Ethics and Counseling Practice	Johanson	Th 9-Noon	Kunwald	3
PASTORAL MINISTRY					
SEPM 100	Supervised Ministry Orientation (9/15, 29, 10/13, 27)	Stoudt	T 10-Noon	DLC	–
SEPM 602	Rhythms of the Church Year	Stoudt	Th 9-11am	Herrnhut	2
SEPM 653	The Teaching Ministry ▲	Beckwith	Th 1-4pm	Herrnhut	3
SEPM 655	Exploring Ministry in the Small Congregation (9/12-26, 11/7)	DeRemer	Sa 9-Noon	Herrnhut	1
SEPM 741	Homiletics ▲	Stoudt	M 6-8pm	Herrnhut	2
SEPM 980	Moravian Polity and Practice	Crouch	W 2-4pm	Kunwald	2

Schedule subject to change. ▲ Background check required. See page 9 for details.

FALL 2009 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

GENERAL STUDIES

- SEGS 501 Introduction to Biblical Studies** This course covers basic issues relevant to biblical studies such as exegetical method, canonization, biblical study tools, and a taste of the biblical languages. (This 1 credit course will meet for 3 hours/week on September 12, 19, 26 and October 3.)
- SEGS 502 Learning As Ministry** This course focuses on various learning styles and strategies, introduces basic theological and biblical terminology, and explores methods of research and writing in the various theological disciplines. It encourages appropriate professional and personal boundary development and diversity sensitivity. Students become acquainted with the information technology necessary for a productive Seminary experience. Beginning with a mandatory retreat experience in which participants share their spiritual pilgrimage as a starting point of theological understanding, the course introduces students to the full-time faculty, and provides a peer support group for the beginning of Seminary studies.
- SEGS 506 Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)** [Prereq: SEPF 733] ▲ An off-campus experience in supervised ministry at any center accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, including general hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, churches, prisons, and other agencies. It includes a three-fold process of self-awareness, the learning of pastoral skills, and theological reflection on human experience.
- SEGS 913 Inter-Seminary Seminar** An ecumenical seminar conducted jointly by Moravian and St. Charles Roman Catholic, Palmer Baptist, Westminster Presbyterian, and Philadelphia Lutheran Seminaries. The seminar allows participants to examine seriously their own tradition through in-depth discussion of specific topics with persons representing a variety of different communions. Permission of the instructor is required before registration.

BIBLICAL STUDIES

- SEBO 603 Old Testament: Literature, Religion and Culture** [Prereq: SEGS 501] In this course students will be introduced to textual criticism and exegetical method while studying selected portions of the Hebrew Bible (in Hebrew).
- SEBO 913 Elementary Biblical Hebrew** This course focuses primarily on the grammar and syntax of biblical Hebrew. Jewish music and liturgy will be interjected throughout the semester to achieve a better understanding of how the Hebrew texts might have functioned in ancient Israel.
- SEBO 925 Prophets: Jeremiah and Ezekiel** [Prereq: SEBO 603] Why did Ezekiel eat the scroll, didn't he have any bread? And why was Jeremiah thrown in a ditch?! This course will examine two "major prophets," Jeremiah and Ezekiel, focusing on their messages, rhetoric, and relevance for their ancient audiences and for today's church. Attention will be given to the historical situation, the literary form, and the canonical shape of each prophet. Since the Hebrew prophets have provided a strong link between Judaism and Christianity, discussions will also include how early Christians interpreted their messages.
- SEBN 634 The Gospels and Acts in a Global Context** [Prereq: SEBN 633] An exploration of the four Gospels and Acts, both in terms of their inter-relationships and in terms of each gospel's own particular depiction of the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The Gospels will be considered in light of their relation to the first century world and in relation to the various trajectories of tradition, theology, and practice that developed within the emerging Christian church and that play vital roles in communities of faith, both locally and within the global context.
- SEBN 922 Itinerancy, Mission, and Cross-Cultural Witness in Earliest Christianity** [Prereq: SEGS 501] The first preachers of the Gospel traveled not only to bring their message to new communities but to express and perform facets of the message itself. This class will explore the role of itinerancy as a central element of the Gospel and its connection to issues of economics, gender, sexuality, household structure, ethnicity, and politics in the early Church. Our investigations will serve as an impetus for reflection upon the role of both word and deed in the context of theology, ministry, and identity.

DOCTRINAL THEOLOGY

- SEDO 613 Intro to Christian Theology** The discipline of Christian theology is approached topically and historically. Attention is given to: faith and theological study; the triune reality of God; understanding of the person and work of Jesus; the mission of the Holy Spirit; the identity and purpose of the church; and the vitality of Christian hope.
- SEDO 833 Credo** [Prereq: SEDO 613 and 6 credit hrs. of req. Theology courses] Participants are enabled to draw together, in an extended paper (25-30pp.), an integrated understanding which encompasses biblical, historical, theological, and pastoral studies and experiences. The result of the process is a description of the student's formation in faith and for the responsibilities and tasks of ministry after having taken the basic courses in the disciplines of theological study.
- SEDO 924 Theology from the Underside** [Prerequisite: SEDO 613] An examination of theology from the side of the less privileged. The course will explore how people in the margins/underside experience and understand creation, God, Christ, Scripture, Salvation, Church/Community, Suffering/Han, Eschatology/Hope, etc. Such people from the margins contribute, critique and give insight to the dominant North American theology.

CHURCH HISTORY

- SEHS 613 The Christian Story** This course will teach the philosophy and methods for the study of church history, as well as introducing the student to the key issues, movements and people which have influenced Christian history and to some of the classic documents of the Christian tradition.
- SEHS 962 The Ancient Unity** Attention will be focused upon the life and theology of Hus, the Hussite reformation and revolution, and the origins of the Unity of the Brethren. The flourishing of the Unity and its theological contributions, particularly those of Comenius, will also be discussed.
- SEHS 971 Christian Spirituality: Guides from the 1st-7th Centuries** Beginning with Paul and the Fourth Gospel, the course centers on selected Eastern and Western Christian spiritual masters and pastors through the mid-7th century. The other figures anticipated to be considered are Clement of Alexandria, Origen, Athanasius, Cyril of Jerusalem, Gregory of Nyssa, Gregory of Nazianzus, Augustine, John Cassian, Pseudo-Dionysius, Gregory the Great, and Maximus the Confessor. Opportunities are provided for participants to reflect on their own responses, growth and ministries.
- SEHS 981 History of the United Methodist Church** This course will examine the heritage of the United Methodist Church and its antecedent organizations. It focuses on the individuals and events which mark the high points of Methodist history and identifies several important continuing trends, exploring how the Methodist past has shaped the Methodist present.

SEHS 983 History, Theology & Polity of the UCC This course is designed to introduce United Church of Christ students to the history, theology, and polity of the United Church of Christ and its predecessor denominations, and to enable them to become familiar with the polity and practice of ministry, as well as the resources of the UCC.

PASTORAL THEOLOGY & FORMATION

SEPF 723 Spiritual Formation The course examines issues such as the nature/experience of God, evil & suffering, classics of Christian devotion, resources of Christian life (prayer, spiritual autobiography, journaling, meditation, etc.), process of spiritual & personal growth, and others' spiritual direction in parish or pastoral counseling settings. Students engage in theological/psychological understanding of their own life experiences, requiring practice of some of the studied areas.

SEPF 727 Individual Spiritual Direction [Prereq: SEPF 723] Students meet individually with a trained spiritual director for one hour a week and have full class meetings three times throughout the semester to reflect critically about their experience and learning.

SEPF 744 Contemplative Communication & Relationship This Formative Spirituality course draws from Scripture, Psychology and Christian Mysticism to develop the understanding and skills of loving communication and relationship necessary to transform individuals and social systems into the radical witnesses of Christian love that God calls them to be.

SEPF 763 Peer Group and Group Dynamics I ▲ MAPC students involved in a clinical internship receive support and feedback from peers in order to enhance self-awareness and sharpen communication skills. Reading and discussion of group dynamics is also part of the experience.

SEPF 765 Counseling Supervision I ▲ An intensive weekly experience of case supervision in which clinical issues and treatment activities are presented and discussed with a qualified supervisor for the purpose of helping students conduct responsible pastoral counseling. Limited to MAPC students involved in a clinical internship who are also enrolled in Peer Group.

SEPF 771 Integration of Psychology and Spirituality ▲ Explore the relationship between spiritual and psychological dimensions of human growth and change, with the goal of helping the student develop a sense of professional identity as a pastoral counselor. Students give a case presentation from their clinical internship or supervised ministry placement and present a project illustrating a holistic integration of spirituality and psychology.

SEPF 772 Clinical Assessment and Treatment Planning Learn how to identify diagnostic categories and personality styles, conduct mental status examinations, and plan appropriate pastoral counseling activities and other treatment strategies.

SEPF 937 Human Sexuality This course will explore biological, social, psychological, and spiritual aspects of human sexuality, including sexual development, assessment of sexual dysfunction, and treatment. The process of learning will include active participation, dynamic discussion, professional videos, and lectures. As a result of this course the pastoral counselor will better understand and be prepared to begin the treatment of sexual dysfunction.

SEPF 976 Professional Ethics & Counseling Practice Understand the importance of legal, ethical, and professional issues that form the basis for a code of ethics that protects the welfare of their clients. This code is not only the Code of Ethics of a professional association or Licensure Act, but a code by which professionals practice and hold themselves out to the public. Professional roles/responsibilities will be discussed. Students are required to discuss legal, ethical and professional issues with practicing therapists & counselors and discuss local/state laws regarding the practice of therapy & counseling with attorneys.

SEPM 100 Supervised Ministry Orientation This required (non-credit) course introduces MDiv students to the expectations of Supervised Ministry, the Seminary's field education program. It meets 3 times throughout the semester in preparation for students to begin their first placement.

SEPM 602 Rhythms of the Church Year Professional responsibility is described and pastoral identity is cultivated by exploring the rhythms of church life throughout the program year [Sept–Aug]. Focus on seasonal concerns of church ministries including worship, education, stewardship, evangelism, discipleship, and summer programming, plus personal concerns of the pastor including self care and professional development. Students begin a journey of understanding and appreciating paid/accountable leadership in congregational ministry.

SEPM 653 The Teaching Ministry ▲ Addresses the theory, theology, practice, and current trends of Christian Education in the local congregation. Acquire and practice skills in teaching, adult discussion groups, creative Bible study, evaluation of curriculum and planning comprehensive programs for persons from the cradle to the grave. Experience "teaching from the heart," a method which acknowledges God as the great teacher who guides and empowers Christian Education. A Supervised Ministry placement or approved alternative is required.

SEPM 655 Exploring Ministry in the Small Congregation The course examines the theological, sociological, behavioral, and problematic characteristics of smaller congregations. The pathways and challenges of being healthy pastors and healthy congregations will be examined. The course will utilize a field survey of a smaller congregation to analyze the ways it demonstrates and/or challenges the insights from the materials studied.

SEPM 741 Homiletics ▲ The course examines the historical, theoretical and theological foundations in the discipline of preaching [homiletics]. It will encourage students to begin formulating their own personal theology of preaching that is God-centered, Bible-based and life-focused. In every class students will also view videotapes of contemporary preaching masters, and learn the skills of critiquing sermons for self improvement. This course does not include student preaching. A Supervised Ministry placement or approved alternative is required.

SEPM 980 Moravian Polity and Practice Focus on the nature and responsibilities of ordained ministry in the Moravian Church; exploring the Ground of the Unity, Moravian Covenant for Christian Living, Book of Order, and other resources in light of their significance for the worldwide Unity, congregational life, an understanding of "call," and a life of ministry.

▲ BACKGROUND CHECKS

All students directly engaged in ministry/counseling as part of their Seminary program, with responsibility for individuals within a congregation or community agency, are required to file the appropriate background record checks with the Director of Vocation and Enrollment. These documents must be current and on file before a student may participate in a Clinical or Supervised Ministry placement or register for specific courses.

Contact the Director of Vocation and Enrollment for the appropriate forms (610-861-1525). The cost of acquiring these record checks is the responsibility of the student.

For more information, visit www.moravianseminary.edu/handbook/ and click on Policies & Practices/Background Checks.