

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS FOR FALL SEMESTER 2023

### Master, Diploma, and Certificate Courses

**OT 501 Pentateuch:** The course covers the authorship, date, unity, and setting of the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. It examines key themes and theologies in each book, the Pentateuch, and the larger sweep of Scripture. The course emphasizes the ability to exegete and expounds Pentateuchal texts.

**NT 501 Synoptic Gospels:** A study of the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) including authorship, content, historical background, literary problems, and proposed methods of interpretation of the Synoptic Gospels, harmonizing the Gospel accounts into chronological order, along with related background material.

**BL 811 Hebrew 1:** This course studies the fundamentals of classical Hebrew grammar, syntax, and vocabulary. It helps to prepare students for Old Testament interpretation.

**ST 501 The Doctrine of God—Theology Proper:** Theological prolegomena, the doctrine of Revelation (general and special), arguments for the existence of God, the nature and attributes of God, the decrees of God, the providence of God, the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

**CH 501 Ancient and Medieval Church History:** An introductory course designed to acquaint the student with the history of the Ancient and Medieval Church periods, consideration of views of the Scriptures, the church, the Christian ministry, and the Trinity in the early church. This course will cover the various apologetics offered for the Christian faith in the ante-Nicene period. It will also cover an extended period of the early, high, and Latin Middle Ages through the European Reformation (500-1600). Students are encouraged to evaluate and discuss the philosophical-theological history of the period with an emphasis on the persons of Aquinas through Luther.

**AARS 530 Preaching Methods in the African American Tradition:** Preaching is vital to the worship context in the African American tradition. Through rigorous biblical criticism, cultural relevance, and a homiletic approach, preaching goes through several reviews before the preacher proclaims the message. This course will examine the varied ways to move from scripture to sermon. Students will commit to a preselected text for the semester and preach in class using the different methods. This will allow students to know other preaching ways to better assist them in preaching.

**PT 722 Evangelism & Discipleship:** This course intends to enable students to develop and articulate a theological and historical understanding of evangelism, identify important principles in evangelism and outreach and use them to evaluate existing models, and develop a plan for mobilizing a real or hypothetical parish church for evangelism. The students will also study the biblical principles and processes of discipleship and the critical role of vision in disciple-making. Each student must produce a project.

**PT 701 Public Worship (Spiritual Formation):** These courses focus on spiritual formation—the process and practices by which a person progresses in one's *spiritual* life. Students will become familiar with the Daily Office, Collects, and the Great Litany in the Book of Common Prayer.

### ENRICHMENT COURSES

**OTSUR 101 Old Testament Survey:** Students learn about the Pentateuch (Genesis through Deuteronomy) and the Historical Books (Joshua through Esther). This course examines the geographical and historical backgrounds, focusing on each biblical book's structure and major theological themes.

**OTSUR 102 Old Testament Survey:** Students learn about the Poetic and Wisdom Books (Job through Song of Solomon), the Major Prophets (Isaiah through Daniel), and the Minor Prophets (Hosea through Malachi). This course examines the geographical and historical backgrounds, focusing on each biblical book's structure and major theological themes.