

San Francisco Theological Seminary Doctor of Ministry Program

SUMMER 2020 COURSE SCHEDULE

DM-6017 Pastor As Person (3 Credits)

Instructor: Dr. Gloria Burgess

Schedule: June 15 – 19, Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm

This foundational seminar engages students' experiences as spiritual leaders in their ministry settings as they confront the expectations, tensions, and other complex realities that accompany the practice of ministry and leadership. Providing space for reflecting on personal and professional issues with ministry peers, the course focuses on the themes of calling, spiritual leadership, awareness of self in multiple contexts, and spiritual disciplines. The contemplative activist Simone Weil writes, "Attention is the rarest and purest form of generosity." In this course, we reflect on and practice various forms of the attentive life to which ministers are called. Our point of departure is an autobiographical observation, a guided re-remembering of movements that shape self-identity and vocational expression. We then turn our attention to the particular contexts of individual formation. We examine the sociocultural and religious/theological systems in which our understandings of self and the world are embedded. Recognizing the wisdom, challenges, and possibilities each carries into ministry, students enter a conversation about spiritual leadership from her/his unique location.

Requisites:

None

DM-6065 Prayer & Discernment in Ministry (3 Credits)

Instructor: Dr. Daeseop Daniel Yi

Schedule: June 15 – 19, Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm

The course concentrates on the biblical and theological foundations for spirituality in one's personal formation, congregational leadership, and other expressions of ministry. The significance of prayer and discernment in the practice of ministry and leadership will be a major focus. Students will explore how various contexts, including the congregation and community, are the loci for spiritual formation, prayer, and discernment. Lectures, discussions, readings, writing brief reflection papers, small groups, and practices of prayer and discernment will be the modes of instruction. A final paper synthesizing readings and class experiences is required. Faculty Consent required.

Requisites:

None

DM-6039 Theology, Culture and Mission (3 Credits)

Instructor: Dr. Elizabeth Liebert

Schedule: June 22 – 26, Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm

As the second of two foundational seminars in the Doctor of Ministry program, this course, Theology, Culture and Mission, engages students in exploring a contextual approach to theological reflection and ministry by examining the interface between culture and mission, the issues and challenges of understanding their own social location, and the possibilities and limits of understanding their ministry setting in terms of its structural dynamics. Students will explore the emergence of contextual theologies as a way of examining how theology is shaped by socio-historical context and human experience. Students will explore the pastoral/praxis circle as a method of pastoral planning, examine various methods of social analysis, and engage both in social analysis and theological reflection on their ministry setting or a subset of it.

Requisites:

None

DM-6055 Gospel & Global Media Culture (3 Credits)

Instructor: Dr. Mary Hess

Schedule: June 22 – 26, Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm

This course explores the emerging discussion at the intersection of biblical studies, cultural studies, public theology and digital media environments. Students explore how Christian faith informs the narrative identities and practices of missional congregations as they engage their communities and the world. Students use at least two digital tools to create their own interpretation and confession of Christian witness. Pass/fail only. Must be in SFTS DMin program to enroll. Auditors with faculty permission.

Requisites:

None

DM-6162 Biblical Images for Reimagining Church (3 Credits)

Instructor: Jon Berquist

Schedule: June 29 – July 3, Monday – Friday, 9am - 5pm

Biblical history provides multiple examples of how the faith communities of ancient Israel and early Christianity (the temple, the synagogue, the church, and more) organized themselves for mission in their particular historical and social context. In each case, a careful reading of Biblical texts can teach us the benefits and challenges of different forms of organization. With this understanding, we can see how faith leadership responds effectively to new and changing social situations.

Requisites:

None

DMPS-6052 Interfaith/Intercultural Care & Counseling (3 Credits)

Instructor: Dr. Daniel Schipani

Schedule: June 29 – July 3, Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm

This course focuses on cultural and spiritual factors and the dynamics of difference in caring and counseling processes. It offers students a way to sensitively and flexibly understand and care for and with people in light of their cultural context. Context is viewed as including gender, age, class, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, and religious/spiritual tradition. By identifying and working with those factors operative in the caregiving relationship, students will be better equipped to serve in multicultural and multifaith settings. They will be introduced to a psycho-spiritual, wisdom-focused model, and guided to develop competency in three interrelated dimensions: personal-spiritual, academic-interdisciplinary, and clinical-ministerial.

Requisites:

None

DM-6001 D/P Proposal Seminar (3 Credits)

Instructor: Dr. Teresa Chavez Saucedo

Schedule: June 22 – 26, Monday – Friday 6:30 – 9:30pm

The D/P Proposal Seminar is designed for students who have completed the DM-6014 D/P Orientation Seminar and are ready to prepare their Topic and/or Design Proposal. In this course we will review the requirements for Candidacy and the D/P process from proposal to final review of the D/P manuscript. Students will prepare a draft proposal for presentation and receive feedback from their peers. The final course objective is completion of a Topic Proposal for submission to the APS Committee.

Requisites:

Prior to taking this course, **MUST HAVE COMPLETED: DM-6014; A MINIMUM OF 5 DMIN RESOURCE SEMINARS, OR PERMISSION OF INSTRUCTOR**

DM-6014 Dissertation/Project Orientation Seminar (3 Credits)

Instructor: Teresa Chavez Saucedo

Schedule: June 15 – 19, Monday – Friday, 6:30 – 9:30pm

The Dissertation/Project (D/P) is the "signature assignment" in one's Doctor of Ministry studies. The D/P Orientation Seminar introduces students to the requirements of the D/P and the proposal process, and guides students through the development of a draft Topic and/or Design Proposal. This course is required for all students. New students are encouraged to take it in the first year. There is no tuition for this course. This course is open to SFTS DMin students only.

Requisites:

None