

Course Descriptions 2022-23

SAM (Year 1) / LWL Courses

Spirituality & Prayer (SP 101)

At the center of this course is learning how to nurture a more attentive relationship with God in daily life. It is the foundation of who we are as people of faith. How does our relationship with God impact our lifestyle and leadership? What is holy listening? How do we lead corporate prayer with greater authenticity and sincerity? These are central questions that we will be exploring together.

Liturgical Practices & Leadership (WO 101)

In this course, students will learn how to plan and lead worship in a Lutheran congregational setting, including the selection of hymns, preparation of prayers, and preparation of the liturgy. This course includes attention to leadership skills as well as experiential dimensions of worship leadership in the ELCA.

Lutheran Theology & Practice (TH 101)

As Lutherans, we see God through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. How do we live our daily lives as followers of Jesus? The way we see God and each other through Christ necessarily affects the way we live our lives and the way we minister to God's people. This course will give opportunities to listen to, discuss, and to put into practice the unique ways we Lutheran Christians understand God's actions in our world and in our lives through Jesus Christ.

Preaching 1 (PR 101)

This course will provide you with a solid foundation in one method of Spirit-inspired, biblically engaged, and theologically informed sermon composition and Gospel proclamation. In addition, during this course, we will awaken and deepen your understanding of the creative, rhetorical, and critical thinking tools involved in *being a preacher*.

New Testament 1 (BL 151)

Students will gain a knowledge of the basic story and content of the New Testament as well as the basic principles and methods of Biblical interpretation. Students will be introduced to useful resources for preparing sermons on New Testament texts.

Hebrew Bible 1 (BL 101)

Students will gain a knowledge of the basic story and content of Hebrew Bible as well as the basic principles and methods of interpreting the various genres of the Hebrew Bible. Students will be introduced to useful resources for preparing sermons on texts from the Hebrew Bible.

Leadership (LR 101)

In this course, students will engage in a variety of matters pertaining to leadership. Primary among these will be the understanding of self as a person in ministry. We will take up topics of communication and leadership styles, boundaries, touch on family systems.

SAM (Year 2) Courses

Church History (CH 201)

The first half of this class will survey the growth and development of the Early and Medieval Church, by considering key doctrines and events in the Church's history, which still influence Christians today. The second half of this course will survey the Reformation and Modern periods in the Church's history, with special attention to key theological ideas and events in the Lutheran Reformation, and consideration of the history and theological views of the ELCA.

Parish Administration (LR 202)

Church administration is an absolute necessity when it comes to leading a church. Reports, record keeping, and the organization of a church office are essential tools that measure and facilitate ministry. This class will focus on the daily details that yield a bigger picture of mission.

Engaging the Context (LR 201)

In this class, you will learn to effectively determine how the history, geographical setting, and profile of a Lutheran congregation help inform the congregational leader for faithful ministry in a particular context.

Hebrew Bible 2 (BL 201)

Building on the knowledge gained in Hebrew Bible 1, students will gain additional experience and skills in interpreting the Hebrew Bible. Students will further explore the academic approaches to the study of the Hebrew Bible and its role in the Christian Canon. We will also discuss ways to apply the Hebrew Bible to various aspects of congregational life.

Worship Design (WO 201)

In this class, you will learn how the flow of the Lutheran liturgy engages the congregation for worship, service, and presence in the community. You will become familiar with how to design worship for a variety of liturgical occasions.

Not Offered in 2022-23

Christian Education (CE 201)

Confessions (TH 201)

New Testament 2 (BL 251)

Pastoral Care (PC 201)

Preaching 2 (PR 201)