

Fall Term Course Descriptions

HTS 501 History of New Thought Christianity (3 cr hr or 4 ceu)

Tracing the family tree of New Thought Christianity, this course approaches Church history through mini-biographies of selected mystics and metaphysical thinkers. Studies will enrich and deepen the students' spiritual lives and provide ample resources for preaching and teaching in the ministry. The course provides an in-depth look at the emergence of modern New Thought Christianity with special attention to the origins of Unity. Students will be required to do research in original source materials available at the Unity Library and Archives and present their findings to the class.

HTS 652 New Thoughts in Theology and Metaphysics (3 cr hr or 4 ceu)

This course offers students the opportunity to critically examine the cutting-edge ideas in theology and metaphysical studies. Special attention will be paid to emerging paradigms in religious thought. Specific areas studied will vary depending on current trends in theological discussion. Prerequisite: HTS 551 Advanced Metaphysics I.

MAS 502 Pastoral Counseling II (2 cr hr or 3 ceu)

This course continues to explore the spiritual and psychological dimensions of pastoral counseling in a Unity ministry. We offer supervised counseling practice in the classroom. We will discuss the administrative, ethical and legal considerations of pastoral counseling. Prerequisite: MAS 501 Pastoral Counseling I or equivalent.

MAS 521 Homiletics I: The Power of the Talk (2 cr hr or 3 ceu)

This course teaches the theoretical and practical aspects of the Sunday lesson. Students learn relevant communication theory from the time of Aristotle to today and learn how to research, create and deliver memorable talks that are dynamic "expressions of God." Students will prepare and deliver lessons of varying lengths.

MAS 541 Leadership in Ministry (2 cr hr or 3 ceu)

This course develops the leadership competencies of the learner. The course identifies leadership traits, skills, styles and ethics. It also examines emotional intelligence and laws of leadership. The second half of the course applies spiritual principles to the workplace.

MAS 605 End of Life Issues (2 cr hr or 3 ceu)

This course addresses issues related to aging, dying, death and bereavement. The focus is on the function of ministry to individuals and family members within such circumstances. Spiritual, medical, ethical and legal considerations will be explored within the context of these issues. Concerns of diverse religious, cultural and socioeconomic factors will be discussed.

MAS 643 Association of Unity Churches International Polity (2 cr hr or 3 ceu)

This class is based on recommended practices of the Association of Unity Churches International, including studies and experiences of boards and bylaws, decision making, minister/ministry ethics and the review process. This class will examine effective ways to enter and leave a pastorate in a healthy and helpful way. Each student will gain experience and knowledge of the various services and products offered by the Association. Prerequisite: MAS 542 Issues and Policies in Ministry or equivalent.

MAS 646 Youth and Family Ministry (2 cr hr or 3 ceu)

This course will provide students with an overview of ministry for families, youth and the adults who serve them. The focus of the class will be examining, evaluating and creating a plan for youth and family ministry based on the best practices. By the end of the course, students will have a general understanding of the components of youth and family ministry.

PRA 691 Internship in Prayer Ministry (2 cr hr or 10 ceu)

Supervised internship at the Silent Unity Telephone Prayer Ministry or any other approved prayer ministry. This internship will require 80-100 contact hours in the prayer ministry, weekly papers and weekly consultations with a Unity Institute faculty member. This internship may be repeated, in consultation with the student's advisor. Prerequisites: SPD 501 Prayer and Meditation, completion of at least 30 credit hours or 40 continuing education units and faculty approval.

PRA 692 Internship in Hospital Chaplaincy (2 cr hr or 10 ceu)

Supervised internship in an approved hospital environment where Clinical Pastoral Orientation (CPO) is available. This internship will require 80-100 contact hours at the hospital, weekly papers and weekly consultations with a Unity Institute faculty member. This internship may be repeated, in consultation with the student's advisor. Prerequisites: SPD 501 Prayer and Meditation, SPD 551 Spirit, Mind, Body Awareness, completion of at least 30 credit hours or 40 continuing education units and faculty approval.

PRA 694 Internship in Church Ministry (2 cr hr or 10 ceu)

Supervised internship in an approved church, which is not the student's home church. This internship will require 80-100 contact hours in the church, weekly papers and weekly consultations with a Unity Institute faculty member. Students who choose the Church Ministry specialty are encouraged to take one internship in a small church and the second internship in a large church. This internship may be repeated, in consultation with the student's advisor. Prerequisites: MAS 541 Leadership in Ministry, MAS 542 Issues and Policies in Ministry, completion of at least 30 credit hours or 40 continuing education units and faculty approval.

PRA 695 Internship in Clinical Pastoral Education (10 cr hr or 40 ceu)

Supervised internship in an approved hospital where Clinical Pastoral Education is available. This internship will require 400 contact hours in the hospital, weekly papers and weekly consultations with a Unity Institute faculty member. Prerequisites: SPD

501 Prayer and Meditation, SPD 551 Spirit, Mind, Body Awareness, completion of at least 30 credit hours or 40 continuing education units and faculty approval.

SAS 501 Unity in Contemporary Society (3 cr hr or 4 ceu) ONLINE

Since the beginning of the New Thought movement, our culture has grown through a number of scientific and philosophic worldviews. Today a new paradigm is emerging. This class will explore how this evolution has influenced the way Unity and New Thought see themselves and their relevance in our contemporary society. Students will investigate the potential for application of Unity teachings to various contemporary issues and explore the impact this could have on our world. Prerequisite: HTS 501 History of New Thought Christianity.

SAS 602 Religion and the Arts (3 cr hr or 4 ceu)

This course surveys selected classic and contemporary artistic forms from primal, Asian and Western cultures to demonstrate the intimacy between religion and the arts. Students will develop an appreciation for various forms of art in their personal spiritual life and in congregational leadership.

SCS 501 Bible History: Hebrew Scripture (3 cr hr or 4 ceu)

This is an overview course that covers the approximately 900-year period of the writing of the Hebrew Scripture. The various writings are examined based on the probable sequence of their writings. The course contains an overview of the history of the Israelite people who, as far as we know, are the first people who attempted to write down their history. By looking at the history of the Israelites, we are able to discern how the perception of God changed. Prerequisite: It is expected that students will have the knowledge level found in the Spiritual Education and Enrichment course Bible Overview.

SCS 503 Bible Interpretation: Hebrew Scripture (3 cr hr or 4 ceu)

This course examines various interpretations of the Bible with emphasis on metaphysical teachings and how the Bible can be seen and used in dealing with everyday problems of individuals and humankind in the light of evolution of consciousness. This course enables students to apply the lessons from the Bible to their own and humankind's spiritual journeys. Prerequisite: SCS 501 Bible History: Hebrew Scripture or equivalent. SCS 503 may be taken concurrently with SCS 501.

SPD 551 Spirit, Mind, Body Awareness (1 cr hr or 1.5 ceu)

This is a survey course in the practical application of self-awareness and spiritual principles in one's everyday life. Emphasis is on helping the student function optimally through application of self-care and balanced living in all areas of life. Specific issues arising from the student's life experiences will be addressed.

SPD 591 Credo I (1 cr hr or 1.5 ceu)

A credo is the articulation of a personal belief system. The purpose of this course is to facilitate the student's verbal and written description of his or her personal credo. Students are encouraged to question, evaluate and defend their belief systems. The student may be required to respond to critical questioning by a credo review

committee. Prerequisite: SPD 552 The Call to Ministry, HTS 551 Advanced Metaphysics I and completion of at least 30 hours/40 units.

SPD 602 The Art of Spiritual Direction (3 cr hr or 4 ceu)

This course explores the nature of spiritual direction and introduces students to the skills needed to become a spiritual director. The spiritual journey will be explored within the framework of the relationships one has with self, others, one's culture, the world and nature. Prerequisite: SPD 501 Prayer and Meditation.