



## The Academic Programs

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Certificate, Ordination, A.A.,  
B.A., Th.D., Ph.D. and D.D. Programs

The United States Ecclesiastical Society and Seminary  
is pleased to offer training for the Ministry and Counseling  
leading to ordination, academic accomplishment  
and ecclesiastical charter.

*ALL COURSES ARE TAUGHT FROM  
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## **Our Goal**

The profession of the Ministry, while concerning itself with the teachings and administration of the ordinances and laws of God, is so expansive and encompassing that volumes could be written on the profession itself. We view the ministry as a

helping profession guided by the ever-changing needs of humanity and the Laws of God. Therefore, it is very important to us that all prospective students who desire to help others through counseling, guidance, example, word, and deed be well-trained for their calling. In order to accomplish this in the most effective and meaningful fashion, the minister should be well-versed in philosophy, psychology, comparative religion, history, as well as the Old and New Testaments, and the rites and ceremonies of the Minister.

This is the philosophy of the Seminary, and towards this end, we strive to produce graduates who are committed to compassion, forgiveness, and transformation. The United States Ecclesiastical Society and Seminary is a non-denominational, non-profit religious organization. The word "Society" embodies our desire to be unified as Ministers, while still maintaining our individual uniqueness. The word "Seminary" refers to a place where teaching and training for the ministry take place. Prior to the words "Society" and "Seminary" is the word "Ecclesiastical," which to us means the body of our Lord, or church.

The church name for the Society is Church of the Guardians.

In our endeavor to provide a complete service to the prospective minister or the person who desires the calling, the Student, Minister or Healing Practitioner i.e., physicians, psychologists, professional counselors, holistic healer, social workers, nurses, chiropractors, para-professionals or lay healers, we offer church charters to those who have met the qualifications of ordination.

Our goal is to guide those seeking a career in the Ministry or Guardianship through the process of ordination and academic achievement, and the subsequent establishment of a branch or chartered church of the United States Ecclesiastical Society and Seminary.

In addition to our Seminary work, we have, through our founding organization, the Church of the Guardians, been involved with

Many worthy goals include national health initiatives, orphan support, rehabilitation, counseling, medical care, scholarships, drug awareness, awards to outstanding citizens, and housing the homeless through a transitional housing program.

To our joy, we can now offer many people who have wished for a career in the ministry the opportunity to realize their ambition. We aim to provide a reputable organization that offers ordination, church charter, and academic enrichment opportunities, without being limited by financial constraints, student debt, work obligations, or the challenges associated with attending on-campus or in-house programs.

Presently, we offer the following:

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- b. Ordination – Page 19
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- d. Bachelor's Degree of Religious Studies and Ordination – Page 22-24
- e. Doctor of Theology – Page 25-26
- f. Doctor of Philosophy in Practical Theology – Page 27-28
- g. Doctor of Divinity – Page 29-30

These are all earned degrees that require both coursework and practical experience.

### **Accreditation Information**

The United States Ecclesiastical Society and Seminary is incorporated in the State of California. Under our charter, the Seminary is exempt from approval by the state board of education. While accreditation is not required for a religious institution offering training in the Ministry, the Seminary is actively seeking accreditation, since some students would like to work in a secular setting.

### **Philosophy of Education Seminary With and Without Walls**

#### **With Walls**

We have limited space for students who wish to study at the Seminary. In some cases, live-in space is available for those who wish to be cloistered while pursuing their goals.

## **Non-Traditional/Online**

The concept of a Seminary without walls is similar to Universities without walls. The original concept was developed when the academic world realized that real-life experience could be equated with credits earned in conventional academic institutions. We at the Seminary are pleased that more and more institutions are realizing that real-life experience is of significant value and often outweighs the information and knowledge gathered in traditional coursework. Therefore, most students can achieve their goals in an off-campus setting by combining previous experience with our online classes.

## **Introduction to Curriculum**

The curriculum at the seminary has been designed for those students who wish to dedicate their lives to doing the Lord's work. All coursework is designed for students who don't have the time or funds to attend conventional in-house or on-campus programs, yet desire to learn and earn their credentials. Some coursework can be substituted with documented outside experience, prior education, or proficiency examinations. However, we require the same quality of work as if you were attending an in-house or on-campus program. Each student is expected to do their best, since their work will reflect on them as well as our institution.

## **Ecclesiastical Charters**

These shall be granted to qualified individuals who are ordained by the United States Ecclesiastical Society and Seminary or have an equivalent ordination. A charter allows you to establish a branch of our church in your community. You may either use our name or name your own church, as long as the name aligns with our principles and clearly states that you are a Branch Order. Once you have received the charter, you must keep records of all donations or income. The United States Ecclesiastical Society and Seminary requires a ten percent tithing of all branch churches for its Mission and Seminary.

## **Ordination Documents and Renewals**

Upon ordination, the minister will receive his/her ordination certificate and is required to sign an oath to the Lord. In addition, he shall receive an Ecclesiastical Identification Booklet. The Ecclesiastical Identification Booklet is updated yearly by an Ecclesiastical stamp.

### **Definitions**

**Life Experience:** *Related documentable life experiences may be substituted for any course which is followed by an asterisk.*

**Related Life Experience:** May include, but is not limited to, medical, psychological, nursing, ministerial, missionary, counseling, volunteer work, social work, participant/observer, halfway house, rehabilitation, legal, etc.

**Previous Coursework:** **This includes work completed** at any school, home study courses, junior college, university, or vocational coursework. All transcriptions must be sent to this institution for approval.

**Equivalency Exams:** Any exam for credit offered by a university, corporate, or government agency (e.g., CLEP) that meets a requirement shall be accepted for any course followed by an asterisk. Additionally, we will offer exams to students who believe their knowledge is sufficient in a particular area. We accept Straighterline credits ([www.Straighterline.com](http://www.Straighterline.com)).

### **Types of Students:**

On Campus

Blended Study - *Combination of off Campus and on Campus Study*

Live-in

Online

**Residence Time:** This refers to the minimum amount of time a student must be registered with the Seminary.

**Expulsion:** Any student found guilty of falsifying documents or life experiences shall immediately be expelled without refund of tuition.

## **Courses Offered**

### GENERAL EDUCATION

Students follow a general education curriculum that is grouped into four foundational areas: Humanities, Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Political and Social Sciences. Courses offered may vary. Courses that fulfill the General Education requirements are listed below.

#### **Humanities**

COM 102: Public Speaking For Christian Clergy  
COM 303: Introduction to Communication For Christian Clergy  
ENG 101: English Composition and The Bible  
ENG 202: Introduction to Christian Literature For the  
Christian Mind  
ENG 303: Critical Thinking and Argument For the  
Christian Thinker

#### **Mathematics**

MATH 101: College Math 1 For Christians  
MATH 130: Introductory Algebra For Christians  
MATH 150: Intermediate Algebra For Christians  
MATH 200: College Algebra and The Bible  
MATH 301: Statistics and The Church

#### **Natural Sciences**

ANA 105: Anatomy and Christian Thought  
BIO 101: General Biology, A Christian Perspective  
CHEM 101: General Chemistry, A Christian Perspective  
PH 300: Physics, A Christian Perspective  
PHY 105: Human Physiology and Christian Thought

#### **Social & Political Sciences**

HIS 202: US History: Past to 1877 and  
Church History Perspectives  
HIS 203: US History 1865 - Present and  
Church History Perspectives  
POLS 101: Political Science For the Christian  
PSY 101: Introduction to Psychology:  
Christian Counseling Perspective  
SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology: Christian Perspectives

In the humanities area, students will be exposed to the great philosophical, religious, and literary traditions of the world's civilizations. While all courses will emphasize the importance of the rational aspects of human beings and their mental processes, it is hoped that students will also, by studying the fine arts and other humanities subjects, develop an appreciation for the great expressions of the human spirit.

The social and political sciences are designed to help students acquire the knowledge and understanding of their behavior as individuals and as part of their society, ethnic group, heritage, and world. The study of the history of the United States and that of other parts of the world will provide students with knowledge of events, factual information, and further practice in critical thinking and analysis.

The natural sciences and mathematics should enable students to learn how to solve problems, acquire analytical skills, gain knowledge of the physical world, and develop a genuine spirit of inquiry. These qualities, we believe, will, along with the other liberal arts, strengthen lifelong habits of learning and the continued acquisition of knowledge about the world and themselves.

## Humanities

### **COM 102 Public Speaking For Christian Clergy** 3 Credit Units

This course introduces all aspects of effective public speaking, including verbal and non-verbal considerations such as tone, diction, command, and connection with the audience. Students practice delivering various types of messages in front of groups. Special emphasis is placed on the fundamental methods of sermon preparation, including both structure and delivery. Attention is given to determining the audience type, the proper use of voice, and other principles of public speaking.

*Required textbook: Public Speaking (ISBN: 978-0-07803682-8)  
and the Old and New Testaments*

### **COM 303 Introduction to Communication For Christian Clergy** 3 Credit Units.

This course equips students with interpersonal and basic public speaking skills, geared toward preparing them for church-related interactions that involve communication-based problem-solving skills.

*Required textbook: Comm (ISBN: 978-1-28544558  
and the Old and New Testaments*

**ENG 101 English Composition and The Bible** 3 Credit Units

This course incorporates a range of grammar lessons and writing prompts to develop students' ability to create thesis statements, draft and develop paragraphs, and write and revise their own essays. Special emphasis is placed on the Bible as literature. All essays and assignments incorporate the Old and New Testaments.

*Required textbook: The Longman Reader and Pearson Writer Bundle (ISBN: 978-111827212) and the Old and New Testaments*

**ENG 202 Introduction to Literature For the Christian Mind** 3 Credit Units

This course guides the student through reading, understanding, and applying critical theory to the four different types of literature: Fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and drama. Students learn how to apply biblical and Christian thought to all types of literature. They examine linguistic and structural elements of each type of writing. Various types of fiction are examined, as well as types of poetry, theater (drama), and nonfiction. Plot and characterization are discussed. Students discover how to write about literature and demonstrate the ability to write a research paper from a Christian perspective.

*Required textbook: Introduction to Literature (ISBN: 978-1-11182721-2) and the Old and New Testaments*

**ENG 303 Critical Thinking and Argument For the Christian Thinker** 3 Credit Units

This course provides the student an opportunity to apply argument theory, critical thinking, and writing skills to a variety of current issues while applying Christian values. The student will have the opportunity not only to become familiar with what other writers think about issues but also to apply critical thinking theories to engage with the world around them by exploring, analyzing, and synthesizing their own perspectives as Christians. *Required textbook: Think Critically (ISBN: 978-0-205-49098-1)*

*and the Old and New Testaments*

## **Mathematics**

**MATH 101 College Math I For Christians** 3 Credit Units

This course incorporates basic mathematics principles, theories and computation to develop students' ability to solve algebraic and geometric math problems. Emphasis is placed on how Math is used and explained in the Bible.

*Required textbook: Basic College Mathematics (ISBN: 978-0-321-93190-0) and the Old and New Testaments*

**MATH 130 Introduction to Algebra For Christians** 3 Credit Units.

This course establishes a foundation in algebra and problem-solving. Topics include signed numbers, exponents, order of operations, simplifying expressions, solving linear equations and inequations, graphing, formulas, polynomials, and factoring. Importance is placed on how Algebra can be applied to the Bible and modern Christian life.

*Required textbook: Introductory Algebra (ISBN: 978-0-321-59921-6) and the Old and New Testaments*

**MATH 150 Intermediate Algebra For Christians** 3 Credit Units

The algebra of linear and quadratic equations, graphing, functions, inequalities, rational expressions, radicals, and systems of equations. The course emphasizes the development of critical thinking and problem-solving skills. *Required textbook: Intermediate Algebra (ISBN: 978-0-321-61336-3) and the Old and New Testaments*

**MATH 200 College Algebra and The Bible** 3 Credit Units

This course is a continuation of the fundamental concepts of Algebra taught in MATH 130. It covers algebra of matrices, conic sections and systems of nonlinear equations, arithmetic and geometric sequences, mathematical induction, counting techniques, probability, and the binomial theorem. All instruction is rooted in the Bible, with special emphasis placed on explaining biblical instances where math is used.

**MATH 301 Statistics and the Church** 3 Credit Units

Prerequisites: Math 150 or its equivalent.

This course is designed to provide students with the skills necessary to interpret and critically evaluate statistics commonly used to describe, predict, and evaluate data in an information-driven environment. The focus is on the conceptual understanding of how statistics can be used and how to evaluate statistical data. Emphasis is placed on how statistics can be used to build and enhance the modern church. The focus is on church growth, utilizing statistics.

*Required textbook: Elementary Statistics: Picturing the World (ISBN: 978-0-321-91121-6) and the Old and New Testaments*

## Natural Sciences

### **ANA 105: Anatomy and Christian Thought** - 3 Credit

Units. The topics of this course include understanding the structures and functions of the skeletal system, muscular system, nervous system, integumentary system, respiratory system, tissues, membranes, and blood. In addition, this course will also include understanding the proper use of anatomical terminology. Special thought is given to man's remarkable creation and how only God could design man in all his complexity.

*Required textbook: Human Anatomy (ISBN: 978-0-321-902856) and the Old and New Testaments*

### **BIO 101: General Biology, A Christian Perspective** 3 Credit Units

This course offers a basic overview of biology, which is simple enough for non-science majors and thorough enough to serve as a foundation for those who wish to pursue scientific or medical degrees later. Emphasis is placed on how God designed man and the biblical facets of science and creation.

*Required textbook: Biology (ISBN: 978-1-133-365536-5) and the Old and New Testaments*

### **CHEM 101: General Chemistry, A Christian Perspective** (3 Credit

Units) This course introduces the physical and chemical properties of elements, chemical reactions, gas laws, chemical nomenclature, atomic structure, chemical bonding, and solutions. Christian thoughts and biblical facts are used to enhance learning, and emphasis is placed on how only God could have created the complexities found in chemistry.

### **PH 300: Physics, A Christian Perspective** 3 Credit Units

This course teaches Physics topics, including a prelude of stars and atoms, the Newtonian Universe, a transition to new physics, and the post-Newtonian Universe, and finally exploration within the atom, including fusion and fission. The course concludes with an examination of understanding God's role in physics and the laws of nature.

### **PHY 105: Human Physiology and Christian Thought** 3 Credit Units

The topics of this course will include understanding the structures and functions of the skeletal system, muscular system, nervous system, integumentary system, respiratory system, tissues, membranes, and blood. In addition, this course will also include understanding proper use of anatomical terminology and how the complex creation of man is God's ultimate creation.

*Required textbook: Human Anatomy (ISBN: 978-0-321-902856) and the Old and New Testaments*

## Social & Political Sciences

### **MS 202: US History: Past to 1877 and Church History Perspective**

3 Credit Units

This course provides a comprehensive survey of American history, covering New World exploration and settlement through the Civil War. The development of the church in America in relation to other historical events is thoroughly analyzed and explored. A special emphasis is placed on how Christianity evolved and grew in the United States of America.

*Required textbook: America Past and Present Vol 1 (ISBN: 978-0-205-90519-5) and the Old and New Testaments*

### **MS 203: US History: 1865 - Present and Church History Perspective**

3 Credit Units

This course delivers a broad survey of American history from the Civil War to the present. A great emphasis is placed on how the church in America has grown and changed over time. The course explores how basic Christian thought evolved in response to historical events.

*Required textbook: America Past and Present Vol 2 (ISBN: 978-0-205-90547-8) and the Old and New Testaments*

### **POLS 101: Political Science For the Christian** 3 Credit Units

The student examines the concepts and methodology of Political Science as well as the various fields of the discipline, including American politics, comparative politics, international politics, and political philosophy, and the origins of our political values. Students analyze political ideas, theories, ideologies, systems, and policies from a Christian perspective in order to focus on and investigate political problems on a national and global level as well as define central concepts related to the study of political science and Christianity.

### **PSY 101: Introduction to Psychology: Christian Counseling Perspective**

3 Credit Units

This course offers a comprehensive yet concise overview of the basic principles of psychology. Emphasis is placed on psychology within the context of Christian thought and counseling, and how this can be applied in the local church.

*Required textbook: Introduction to Psychology (ISBN: 978-1-11183363-3) and the Old and New Testaments*

### **SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology: Christian Perspective**

3 Credit Units.

This course will help students quickly understand how sociology applies to various aspects of their Christian lives and how it is utilized in everyday activities. Christian values and perspectives are applied, and the Bible is utilized as a timeless source of study in sociology.

*Required textbook: Sociology- Intro To Sociology (ISBN: 978-1133588085) and the Old and New Testaments*

\* (Life Experience exchange is possible.)

## UPPER DIVISION COURSES

### **100 Hypnosis and the Christian Mind** 3 Credit Units

The course will help you to become a hypnotist and cover the methods of hypnotherapy. It will explain what hypnosis is and what it is not. The class will cover the history of hypnosis and review relevant vocabulary. It will cover the rules of the mind, the pre-induction interview, and mental attitudes. Several different methods of induction and emerging techniques are covered, as well as hypnotic depth testing, methods of deepening, direct suggestion techniques, self-hypnosis, and regression techniques. It includes information on the intake forms, client worksheet, and physician referral form. Learn about sports enhancement therapy, fear removal, universal therapy, medical hypnosis, enhancement of productivity, and other benefits.

### **102 Academic Foundations for Christians** 1 Credit Unit

In this course, students will learn to read more efficiently for higher comprehension and retention. Students will learn how to take meaningful study notes about what they read and display a basic knowledge of standard rhetorical principles and elements of various texts, including the Bible. Students are required to critically analyze and respond to nonfiction texts related to the themes of personal and academic success in college.

*This course is required of all students during the first semester of study.*

### **305 Philosophies of the World and Christianity** 4 Credit Units

The study of philosophy from Plato to James. This is an overview course covering major concepts of these thinkers, as well as the development of philosophical principles. Emphasis is placed on how each school of philosophy can enhance Christianity. Successful completion of this course shall be measured by a paper describing the similarities and differences between these thinkers, as well as their contribution to Christianity and the modern world.

### **310 Counseling of the Family For Christian Clergy** 6 Credit Units

The student shall find a place in the community where they shall make themselves available for five hours a week or more to help those who require aid. He shall do this under the supervision of a physician, counselor, psychologist, minister, nurse, priest, or a person similarly qualified. During this period, he shall read two significant books on family counseling for Christian clergy. Successful completion of this course shall be demonstrated by documentation and the recommendation of this supervisor. Additionally, a paper (12 pages or more) is required that covers the various approaches used or studied during the training.

\* (Life Experience exchange is possible.)

Emphasis must be placed on the concept of what Jesus would do to help and aid others in need. A total of 100 hours of supervised counseling is required.\*

**315 The Theory of Family Life and Christianity** 4 Credit Units

Community work, observation, and reading are required in this area. Documentation shall consist of a schedule of activities concerning the Christian family, which, when possible, includes certified documents showing the time and quality of the work that the student has done.\*

**320 Human Sexuality for Christians** 3 Credit Units

This course explores the biblical perspective on procreation and sexual experience within the context of Christianity. If outside documentation is required, it must be provided by a physician, nurse, or a qualified person in the field. A licensed psychologist, a marriage and family counselor, or the equivalent may provide additional documentation.\*

**325 The Bible** 5 Credit Units

This course involves an intensive study of the Bible; both the Old and New Testaments.

**350 Personality Theory I and Christianity** 4 Credit Units

General overview of the psychological theories that affect the individual in his/her adaptation to life. Successful completion of this course requires a 30-page or larger paper discussing the various theories studied as they relate to daily life and Christianity.

**350 Personality Theory II and Christianity** 4 Credit Units.

This course is a continuation of the Personality Theory I curriculum, offering a broader and deeper exploration.

**370 Politics, Sociology and Anthropology and Christianity**

4 Credit Units.

This course consists of general readings on the theories of politics, society, and culture as they relate to religion and Christianity in modern times.

**400 Comparative Religions** 5 Credit Units

This course consists of the study of at least three different Christian faiths. A paper comparing and contrasting the doctrines of the different Christian faiths **will be** required.

\* (Life Experience exchange is possible.)

**410 The Old Testament** 4 Credit Units

A complete reading of the Old Testament.\*

**415 The New Testament** 4 Credit Units

A complete reading of the New Testament.\*

**420 The Koran and Buddhist Bible From a Christian View** 3 Credit Units

A complete reading of the above texts, followed by comparing the similarities and differences to the Old and New Testaments, **will be** required. Each student must be familiar with basic Buddhist and Islamic beliefs in order to explain the differences in Christianity to believers and non-believers. It is expected that an inspired Christian Evangelist can better win non-believers to Christ and salvation with basic knowledge of Islam and Buddhism.

**425 Duties and Rituals of the Minister-Priest I** 5 Credit Units

This course shall cover the duties and rituals of the Minister-Priest. The student may practice on tapes or write papers on the use of proper passages covering particular rites. In addition, he shall practice healing, marriage, baptismal, and burial services.\*

**430 Duties and Rituals of the Minister-Priest II** 5 Credit Units

This course is the continuation of the Duties and Rituals of the Minister-Priest I curriculum, involving more breadth and depth.\*

**450 Inspirational Experiences I** 3 Credit Units

A paper is required describing the inspirational experiences of the student. This must be personal and can relate to the student's experience with God during a crisis or under normal circumstances.\*

**455 Inspirational Experiences II** 3 Credit Units

This course is the continuation of the Inspirational Experiences I curriculum, involving more breadth and depth.

**499 Capstone Project** 6 Credit Units

The Capstone Project is a two-semester process in which students pursue independent research on a question or problem of their choice, engage with the scholarly debates in the relevant disciplines, and, with the guidance of a faculty mentor, produce a substantial paper that reflects a deep understanding of the topic.

\* (Life Experience exchange is possible.)

## GRADUATE COURSES

### **500 Thesis Project** 8 Credit Units

A Thesis of 50 pages or more covering the student's life experiences and a topic of personal interest that integrates the covered coursework.

### **605 Research in Christian Philosophy** 9 Credit Units

This is a broad, in-depth course that covers the development of thought. A paper shall be prepared covering the important philosophical issues, such as free will, determinism, nature versus nurture, mind-body-spirit, materialism, and others, as outlined by the directors of this institution. This is a broad course and may take the student as long as six months to prepare the document.

### **610 Religion and Theosophy** 7 Credit Units

This course is similar to the Research in Philosophy course, except that its content focuses on the development of Religion and Theosophy. Practical as well as coursework experience is necessary. All practical experience shall be documented. In addition, a 40-page paper is required covering the various aspects of religion and Theosophy.\*

### **620 The Study of Psychology and Theology For the Christian Leader**

5 Credit Units

Conflict or complementary? This course is an independent study project that focuses on the dynamics of psychology and theology, as well as their interplay and conflicts within the Christian world, for Christian leaders.

### **632 The Essence of Man and the Bible** 5 Credit Units

This is a course calling for creativity. The student is required to write a 25-page original work on the nature of man. The Bible is to be used as the main source of understanding the nature of man

### **640 Readings For Christians** 3 Credit Units

Readings of the students' choice from the Suggested Book List\*

### **650 Writings For Christians** 4 Credit Units

Writings of the students' choice in reference to the Suggested Book List\*

\* (Life Experience exchange is possible.)

**650 Writings For Christians** 4 Credit Units  
Writings of the students' choice in reference to the Suggested Book List\*

**660 Society and Sin From a Christian Perspective** 3 Credit Units  
This course covers various social systems which affect free will, choice, sin, and man's love and worship of God from a Christian perspective.

**700 Research In Christian Thought** 5 Credit Units  
The student shall select two relevant topics in Christianity and do research in this area. Both breadth and depth are to be expected. This is a pre-dissertation course.\*

**710 Research Theory and Design From a Christian Perspective** 5 Credit Units  
This course involves research that is directed toward the writing of the doctoral project. The student is to read, research, and reflect intellectually, spiritually, and vocationally from the Christian perspective. The student is to read and document by creating an annotated bibliography with synoptic abstracts of the works that have been read. This exercise provides an opportunity for the student to initiate their doctoral research. There is no minimum or maximum number of words required; however, the writing must be comprehensive enough to cover the topic thoroughly.

**720 Doctoral Research Proposal** 5 Credit Units  
The student is required to write a proposal for the Doctoral Dissertation, describing the project in accordance with the prescribed format. The Doctoral Committee of the University must approve the completed proposal. The process and format for a doctoral proposal are described in *"Research Writing Made Easy."* The topic must be rooted in Christianity and reflect Christian thought and beliefs.

**725 Intensive One Week Seminar** 5 Credit Units

**730 Dissertation** 15 Credit Units  
A comprehensive research project that shall be prefaced by a history of the student's life, including personal joys and struggles as a Christian. The body of the dissertation must be original and written in such a fashion that it may be published.

## Certificate Programs

Certificate programs are on campus only and range from 9 to 15 units. All classes taken in the certificate program can be applied to an A.A. or B.A. degree.

**Description:** Our Certificate Program is designed for students seeking focused theological or ministry-related training within a faith-based academic environment. Offered exclusively on campus, this program consists of 3 to 4 carefully selected courses to provide a solid foundation in biblical studies, Christian leadership, or related disciplines. Ideal for individuals pursuing personal enrichment, vocational ministry preparation, or academic advancement, all courses in the certificate program are fully transferable and may be applied toward an Associate of Arts (AA) or Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree at our institution. Students benefit from small class sizes, spiritual community, and direct engagement with experienced faculty. This program is ideal for individuals who wish to deepen their knowledge and understanding while remaining on a clear pathway to a full degree.

### Certificate in Bible Studies

Description: Certificate in Bible Studies

Offered by the United States Ecclesiastical Society and Seminary, this 3-course certificate program provides a foundational understanding of the Holy Scriptures. Students will explore key biblical themes, historical context, and practical application, equipping them for personal spiritual growth and lay ministry. Designed for those seeking a deeper relationship with God through His Word, this program emphasizes faith, scholarship, and service.

### Certificate in Christian Education

Description: Certificate in Christian Education

This 4-course program from the United States Ecclesiastical Society and Seminary prepares students to teach and lead effectively in church, school, and community settings. With a focus on biblical foundations, instructional methods, and spiritual formation, the Certificate in Christian Education equips individuals to communicate God's truth with clarity and compassion. Ideal for Sunday school teachers, ministry leaders, and aspiring educators.

### Certificate in Christian Family Counseling

Description:

Certificate in Christian Family Counseling

This certificate equips students with biblically grounded principles for supporting individuals and families through common relational, emotional, and spiritual challenges. Topics include marriage and parenting,

communication and conflict resolution, and pastoral care within a family context. Ideal for church leaders, lay counselors, and ministry workers, the program emphasizes compassionate guidance rooted in Scripture and consists of 3 on-campus courses.

#### Certificate in Religious Studies

Description: Certificate in Religious Studies

This program offers a broad introduction to the study of religion with a focus on the Christian faith, its history, doctrines, and cultural impact. Students will examine biblical texts, theological concepts, and the development of Christian thought in a structured academic setting. Designed for those seeking a deeper understanding of their faith or preparing for further theological education, the certificate includes 3–4 on-campus courses.

#### Certificate in Bible Studies

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| <b>325</b> | The Bible         | 5 Credit Units |
| <b>410</b> | The Old Testament | 4 Credit Units |
| <b>415</b> | The New Testament | 4 Credit Units |

#### Certificate in Christian Education

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| <b>325</b> | The Bible                    | 5 Credit Units |
| <b>400</b> | Comparative Religions        | 5 Credit Units |
| <b>450</b> | Inspirational Experiences I  | 3 Credit Units |
| <b>455</b> | Inspirational Experiences II | 3 Credit Units |

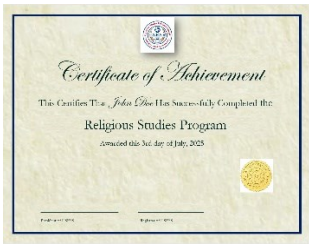
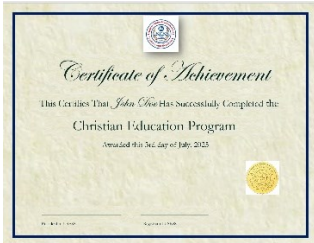
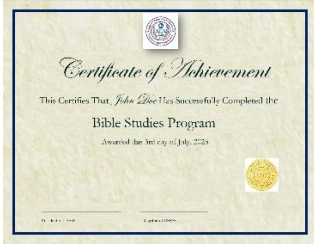
#### Certificate in Christian Family Counseling

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| <b>310</b> | Counseling of the Family For Christian Clergy | 6 Credit Units |
| <b>315</b> | The Theory of Family Life and Christianity    | 4 Credit Units |
| <b>320</b> | Human Sexuality For Christians                | 3 Credit Units |

**Certificate in Religious Studies**

|            |  |                |
|------------|--|----------------|
| <b>425</b> | Duties & Rituals of the Minister-Priest I  | 5 Credit Units |
| <b>430</b> | Duties & Rituals of the Minister-Priest II | 5 Credit Units |
| <b>450</b> | Inspirational Experiences I                | 3 Credit Units |
| <b>455</b> | Inspirational Experiences II               | 3 Credit Units |

After completing the coursework, an oral or written exam will be administered. If the student passes, they will be granted a certificate in the program they have completed.



## **Ordination**

**Description:** The definition of Ordination is "the rite of consecration to the Ministry". This means a ceremony that sets apart as sacred, a person who believes in His work and is authorized to teach and administer the ordinances of God. Therefore, ordination by the Society is not taken lightly.

Ordination requirements:

One year of study and 30 semester units or the equivalent (two years of work experience are equivalent to one year of college). Appropriate documents must accompany any substitutions acquired through work experience or other similar experience. This shall include but is not limited to:

1. A Personal sworn oath
2. Employer's letter of verification
3. Personal references from three people  
*(The official forms are in the Information and Application document).*
4. Transcripts of college credits.

### **Course Work**

| <b>Course No.</b>         | <b>Course Name</b>                            | <b>Credit Units</b> |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------|
| 102                       | Academic Foundations For Christians           | 1                   |
| 310                       | Counseling of the Family for Christian Clergy | 6                   |
| 315                       | The Theory of Family Life and Christianity    | 4                   |
| 320                       | Human Sexuality For Christians                | 3                   |
| 325                       | The Bible                                     | 5                   |
| 350                       | Personality Theory I and Christianity         | 4                   |
| 425                       | Duties and Rituals of the Minister-Priest I   | 4                   |
| 450                       | Inspirational Experiences I                   | 3                   |
| <b>Total Credit Units</b> |   | <b>30</b>           |

A certificate of ordination will be provided after the successful completion of the ordination program.

## Associate Degree of Religious Studies & Ordination

**Description:** The Associate of Religious Studies and Ordination program is a comprehensive two-year degree designed for individuals called to Christian ministry, biblical teaching, or spiritual leadership. Offered both on campus and online, this flexible program enables students to study in a way that suits their lifestyle while remaining grounded in sound doctrine and practical ministry training. Students will engage in foundational coursework in Bible, theology, Christian ethics, and ministry leadership, preparing them for immediate service or further academic pursuit. This degree also includes a guided ordination track, equipping the graduates with the theological understanding, spiritual maturity, and ministry readiness necessary to become licensed or ordained ministers through the University's affiliated network or denominational partners. Whether you are beginning your journey in ministry or seeking formal credentials to serve more effectively, the Associate of Religious Studies and Ordination program provides both academic depth and spiritual formation in a supportive, Christ-centered environment.

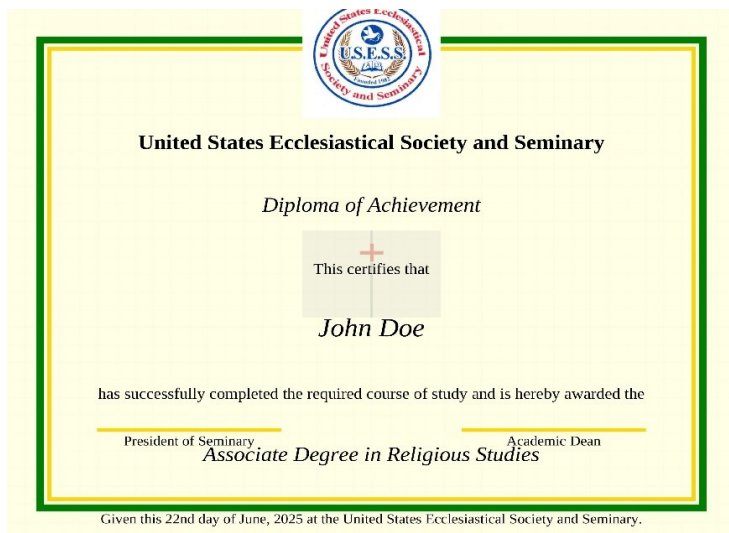
**Requirements:** Two years of study or 60 semester units and the following required courses. Some of these requirements may be met by years of documented related work experience.

### Course Work

| Course No.                           | Course Name  | Credit Units |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------|
| <b>12 General Education Classes*</b> |  |              |
| <i>(3 from each area)</i>            |  | 36           |
| <b>102</b>                           | <b>Academic Foundations For Christians</b>           | 1            |
| <b>310</b>                           | <b>Counseling of the Family For Christian Clergy</b> | 6            |
| <b>320</b>                           | <b>Human Sexuality For Christians</b>                | 3            |
| <b>325</b>                           | <b>The Bible</b>                                     | 5            |
| <b>415</b>                           | <b>The New Testament</b>                             | 3            |
| <b>499</b>                           | <b>Capstone Project</b>                              | 6            |
| <b>Total Credit Units</b>            |  | <b>60</b>    |

After completing the above coursework, an oral or written exam will be administered, and if the student passes, they will be granted an Associate of Religious Studies degree and an Ordination document.

\*See General Education Classes.



## **Bachelor's Degree of Religious Studies & Ordination**

**Description:** The Bachelor of Religious Studies & Ordination is a four-year degree program designed to prepare students for a lifetime of effective ministry, theological scholarship, and spiritual leadership. Offered both on campus and online, this program combines academic rigor with practical ministry training, equipping students with the tools to serve faithfully in churches, missions, chaplaincy, or other Christian vocations. Coursework includes an in-depth study of biblical texts, systematic theology, church history, pastoral care, Christian ethics, and ministry leadership. Integrated throughout the program is a structured ordination track, providing mentorship, spiritual formation, and ministerial preparation that leads to ordination within the college's affiliated ministry network or denominational partners. Ideal for those called to full-time ministry or advanced theological study, the Bachelor of Religious Studies & Ordination emphasizes both knowledge and character, cultivating leaders who are grounded in Scripture and ready to impact the world for Christ.

Requirements: All requirements of the Associate Degree of Religious Studies and the following:

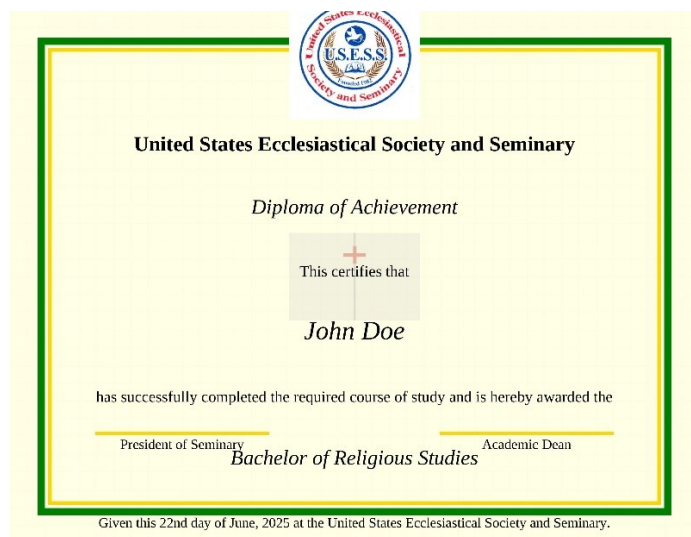
Two years of college or 60 semester units. Some of these requirements may be met by years of documented related work experience.

### **Course Work**

| <b>Course No.</b>         | <b>Course Name</b>   | <b>Credit Units</b> |
|---------------------------|--|---------------------|
|                           | <b>4Electives</b>  | 12                  |
|                           | <b>4 General Education Classes*</b><br><i>(1 from each area)</i> | 12                  |
| <b>305</b>                | <b>Philosophies of the World and Christianity</b>                | 4                   |
| <b>315</b>                | <b>The Theory of Family Life and Christianity</b>                | 4                   |
| <b>350</b>                | <b>Personality Theory I and Christianity</b>                     | 4                   |
| <b>370</b>                | <b>Politics, Sociology, Anthropology, and Christianity</b>       | 4                   |
| <b>410</b>                | <b>The Old Testament</b>   | 4                   |
| <b>425</b>                | <b>Duties and Rituals of the Minister-Priest I</b>               | 5                   |
| <b>450</b>                | <b>Inspirational Experiences I</b>                               | 3                   |
| <b>500</b>                | <b>Thesis Project</b>  | 8                   |
| <b>Total Credit Units</b> |  | <b>60</b>           |

After completion of the above coursework, an oral or written exam shall be given, and if the student passes, he or she shall be granted the degree of Bachelor of Religious Studies & Ordination

\*See General Education Classes.



### **Doctorate Degrees**

The United States Ecclesiastical Society and Seminary offers three earned Doctorate degrees.

The degrees offered are:

**Doctor of Theology, Th.D.**  
**Doctor of Philosophy in Practical Theology Ph.D**  
**and Doctor of Divinity D.D.**

## Doctor of Theology

**Description:** The Doctor of Theology (Th.D.) Program is the highest academic degree offered at our university, designed for pastors, scholars, and ministry leaders who desire to deepen their theological expertise, engage in advanced research, and contribute meaningfully to the life of the church and the Academy. The rigorous doctoral program is offered on campus and through a guided online format, allowing for flexibility without sacrificing depth or community. The curriculum includes advanced coursework in biblical theology, systematic theology, historical theology, and theological ethics, as well as research seminars and a doctoral dissertation that reflects original thought and scholarship. Rooted in a Christ-centered worldview, the PhD program emphasizes both intellectual excellence and spiritual maturity. Students are mentored by experienced faculty and encouraged to develop theological insight that is both biblically faithful and culturally relevant. Graduates are prepared for leadership in higher education, pastoral ministry, denominational leadership, and theological writing, making a lasting impact in both the Church and the world.

### Requirements:

1. A Bachelor's degree plus the equivalent of 30 credit units or a Master's degree acceptable to this institution, or the equivalent of 150 credit units, and or equivalency exams or related life experiences.

2. Ordination acceptable to this institution. If not ordained the following courses may be required:

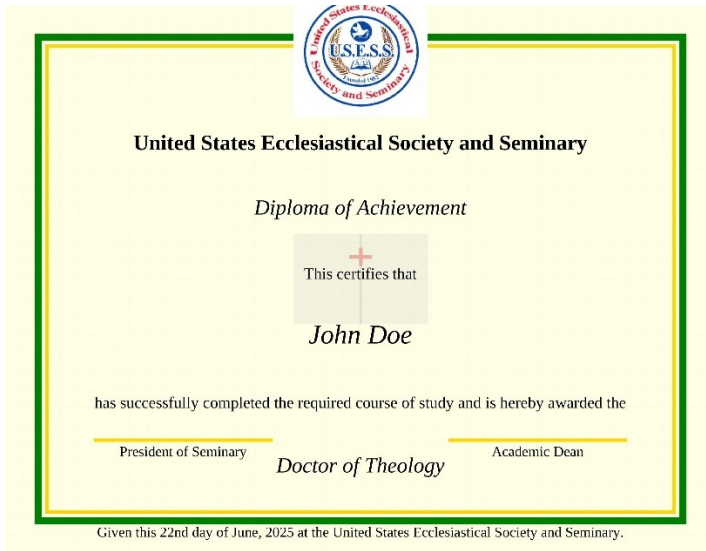
| Course No. | Course Name                                   | Credit Units |
|------------|---|--------------|
| 310        | Counseling of the Family For Christian Clergy | 6            |
| 325        | The Bible                                     | 5            |
| 400        | Comparative Religions                         | 5            |

3. Coursework as outlined below.

| Course Work |   |              |
|-------------|---|--------------|
| Course No.  | Course Name   | Credit Units |
| 102         | Academic Foundations For Christians                       | 1            |
| 410         | The Old Testament   | 4            |
| 415         | The New Testament   | 4            |
| 420         | The Koran and Buddhist Bible From a Christian Perspective | 3            |
| 450         | Inspirational Experiences I                               | 3            |
| 500         | Thesis Project  | 8            |
| 610         | Religion and Theosophy                                    | 7            |
| 632         | The Essence of Man and the Bible                          | 5            |

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|---------------------------|--|-----------|
| <b>710</b>                | <b>Research Theory and Design From a Christian Perspective</b> | 5         |
|                           | <b>Doctoral Research Proposal</b>                              | 5         |
| <b>725</b>                | <b>Intensive One Week Seminar</b>                              | 5         |
| <b>730</b>                | <b>Dissertation</b>  | 15        |
| <b>Total Credit Units</b> |  | <b>65</b> |

After completing the above coursework, an oral or written exam will be administered, and if the student passes, they will be granted the degree of Th.D., Doctor of Theology document.



## Doctor of Philosophy in Practical Theology

**Description:** Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Practical Theology is a terminal academic degree designed for ministry professionals, educators, and researchers who seek to explore the intersection of theology and lived experience in the church and society. This advanced program equips students to engage in critical, contextual, and constructive theological reflection that informs practice and shapes faithful ministry. Offered on campus or through a flexible online format, the PhD in Practical Theology emphasizes both scholarly research and practical application. Areas of focus include pastoral care, spiritual formation, preaching, liturgy, leadership, and community engagement, always grounded in Scripture, theological tradition, and contemporary relevance. Students will engage in advanced seminars, conduct independent research, and complete a doctoral dissertation that contributes original insights to the field of practical theology. The program fosters academic excellence, spiritual depth, and a sense of mission, preparing graduates for careers in teaching, church leadership, authorship, or advanced pastoral roles. Whether your calling is to shape the church from the pulpit, the classroom, or the page, the PhD in practical theology offers a transformative path for serious theological inquiry and meaningful impact.

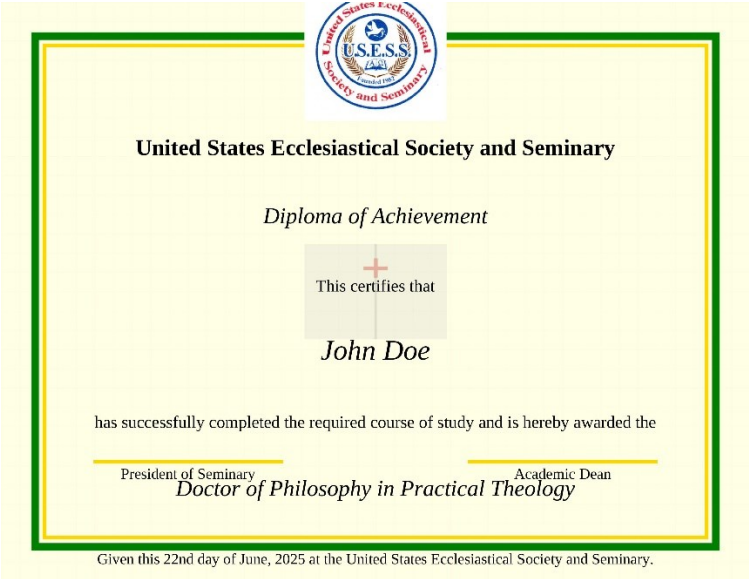
Requirements:

1. A Bachelor's degree plus the equivalent of 30 credit units or a Master's degree acceptable to this institution, or the equivalent of 150 credit units, and or equivalent related experiences or exams.
2. Coursework as outlined.

### Course Work

| Course No.                | Course Name  | Credit Units |
|---------------------------|--|--------------|
| 102                       | <b>Academic Foundations For Christians</b>   | 1            |
| 605                       | Research in <b>Christian Philosophy</b>  | 9            |
| 610                       | <b>Religion and Theosophy</b>  | 7            |
| 620                       | <b>The Study of Psychology and Theology For the Christian Leader</b>                 | 5            |
| 640                       | <b>Readings For Christians</b> ( <i>from the Suggested Book List</i> )               | 3            |
| 650                       | <b>Writings For Christians</b><br>( <i>in reference to the Suggested Book List</i> ) | 4            |
| 660                       | <b>Society and Sin From a Christian Perspective</b>                                  | 3            |
| 700                       | Research in <b>Christian Thought</b>   | 5            |
| 710                       | <b>Research Theory and Design From a Christian Perspective</b>                       | 5            |
| 720                       | <b>Doctoral Research Proposal</b>  | 5            |
| 725                       | <b>Intensive One Week Seminar</b>  | 5            |
| 730                       | <b>Dissertation</b>  | 15           |
| <b>Total Credit Units</b> |  | <b>67</b>    |

After completing the above coursework, an oral or written exam will be administered, and if the student passes, they will be granted the degree of Ph.D. in Practical Theology.



## **Doctor of Divinity**

**Description:** The Doctor of Divinity (D.D.) is an advanced professional ministry degree designed for experienced pastors, ministry leaders, and church executives who seek to deepen their spiritual insight, expand their theological understanding, and strengthen their leadership for greater impact. This program, available on campus and online, offers a blend of academic excellence and professional ministry formation. Coursework includes advanced studies in biblical theology, pastoral leadership, homiletics, ecclesiology, and spiritual formation, all taught from a Christ-centered, Spirit-led perspective. The D. You D. Program emphasizes applied learning and ministerial excellence rather than academic research alone. Students will complete a capstone project or ministry portfolio that demonstrates effective, transformative leadership within a church or ministry context. Ideal for those with significant ministry experience, the Doctor of Divinity affirms and equips those already engaged in pastoral work, offering a pathway to greater authority, ordination credentials, and leadership influence within the body of Christ.

Requirements:

1. A Bachelor's degree plus the equivalent of 30 credit units or a Master's degree acceptable to this institution, or the equivalent of 150 credit units, and or equivalent related experiences or exams.
2. Ordination acceptable to this institution. If not ordained, the following courses may be required:

| <b>Course No.</b> | <b>Course Name</b>                                   | <b>Credit Units</b> |
|-------------------|--|---------------------|
| <b>310</b>        | <b>Counseling of the Family For Christian Clergy</b> | <b>6</b>            |
| <b>325</b>        | <b>The Bible</b>                                     | <b>5</b>            |
| <b>400</b>        | <b>Comparative Religions</b>                         | <b>5</b>            |

3. Coursework as outlined.

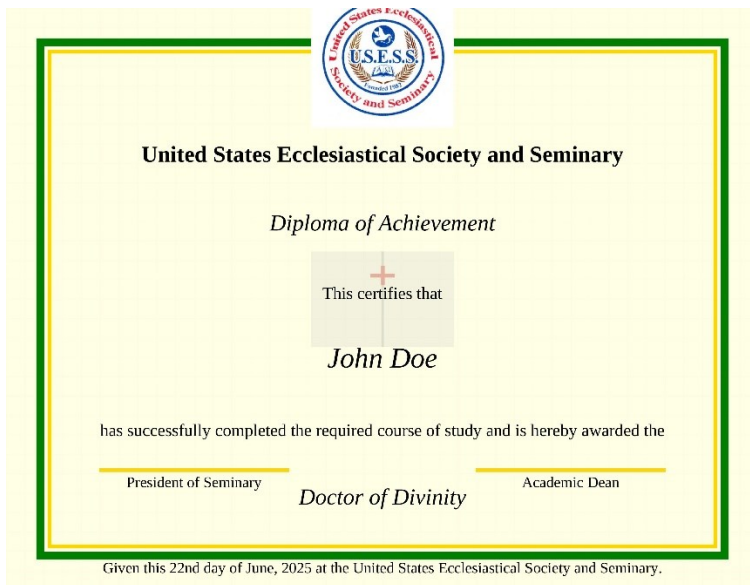
### **Course Work**

| <b>Course No.</b> | <b>Course Name</b>   | <b>Credit Units</b> |
|-------------------|--|---------------------|
| <b>102</b>        | <b>Academic Foundations For Christians</b>                       | <b>1</b>            |
| <b>410</b>        | <b>The Old Testament</b>   | <b>4</b>            |
| <b>415</b>        | <b>The New Testament</b>   | <b>3</b>            |
| <b>420</b>        | <b>The Koran and Buddhist Bible From a Christian Perspective</b> | <b>3</b>            |
| <b>425</b>        | <b>Duties and Rituals of the Minister-Priest I</b>               | <b>5</b>            |
| <b>430</b>        | <b>Duties and Rituals of the Minister-Priest II</b>              | <b>5</b>            |

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| <b>450</b> | <b>Inspirational Experiences I</b>   | 5  |
| <b>455</b> | <b>Inspirational Experiences II</b>  | 5  |
| <b>500</b> | <b>Thesis Project</b>  | 8  |
| <b>640</b> | <b>Readings For Christians</b> <i>(from the Suggested Book List)</i>               | 3  |
| <b>650</b> | <b>Writings For Christians</b><br><i>(in reference to the Suggested Book List)</i> | 4  |
| <b>725</b> | <b>Intensive One-Week Seminar</b>  | 5  |
| <b>730</b> | <b>Dissertation</b>  | 15 |

**Total Credit Units 66**

After completing the above coursework, an oral or written exam will be administered, and if the student passes, they will be granted the degree of D.D., Doctor of Divinity.



## Selected Book List

- Gordon W. Allport *The Nature of Prejudice*, 1958
- Issac Asimov *Guide to the Bible: The Old Testament*, 1969
- Revised Standard Bible***
- John Brown *The Suffering And The Glories of The Messiah*, 1981
- Martin Buber *I And Thou*, 1937
- D. A. Carson and Douglas. J. Moo *An Introduction to the New Testament*, 2005
- Rudolf Ekstein *The Challenge: Despair and Hope in The Conquest of Inner Space, 1911*
- Dion Fortune *The Mystical Qabalah*, 1976
- Erich Fromm *Man For Himself*, 1947
- The Art of Loving*, 1956
- J. K. Galbraith *The Affluent Society*, 1967
- Benjamin Graber M.D., and Georgia Kline-Graber R.N.  
*Woman's Orgasm*, 1975
- Dwight Goddard *The Buddhist Bible*
- Wayne Grudem *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical, Doctrine*, 2009
- Harold J. Haas *Pastoral Counseling*, 1970
- George Howie *St. Augustine on Education*, 1969
- Abraham Jacobson/Christopher Hyatt *A Modern Jew in Search of a Soul*, 1986
- William James *The Varieties of Religious Experiences*, 1902
- Masters and Johnson *Human Sexual Response*, 1966
- Carl Jung *Two Essays on Analytical Psychology*, 1966
- Bob Kelleman, PhD. *Soul Physicians: A Theology of Soul Care and Spiritual Direction*, 2007
- Sheldon B. Kopp *I/You Meet The Buddha On The Road Kill Him: The Pilgrimage of Psychotherapy Patients*, 1972
- The Koran***
- Elisabeth Kubler-Ross *On Death and Dying*, 1969

Calvin S. Hall, Gardner Lidzey and John B. Campbell *The Theories of Personality*, 1957, 1998

Alexander Maclaren *Maclaren's Sermon Outlines: A Choice Collection of 35 Model Sermons*, 1954

Rollo May *The Art of Counseling*, 1939

Osho *Rebellion, Revolution and Religiousness*, 1990

Francis Regardie *The Romance of Metaphysics: An Introduction to the History, Theory and Psychology of Modern Metaphysics*, 1946

Wilhelm Reich *The Murder of Christ*, 1953  
*The Mass Psychology of Fascism*, 1933

Carl Rogers *On Becoming A Person*, 1961

Lee Rosten *Religions of America*, 1975

Richard W. Roukema, MD. *Counseling For The Soul In Distress-What Every Pastoral Counselor Should Know About Emotional and Mental Illness*, 2nd Edition, 2003

Bertrand Russel *The History of Western Philosophy*, 1972

Jean-Paul Sarte *Anti-Semite and Jew*, 1965

Gershon Scholem *Major Trends in Jewish Mysticism*, 1941

F. M. Schweitzer *A History of The Jews*, 1971

George Seldes *The Great Quotations*, 1960

Sri Daya Mata *Only Love*, 1976

Sri Gyanamata *God Alone: The Life and Letters of a Saint*, 1984

Paul Tillich *Courage To Be*, 1952

Eckhart Tolle *A New Earth*, 2005  
*StillnessSpeaks*, 2003

Uccocil *Book of Worship: United Church of Christ*, 1986  
*(Students' Denomination)*

Merrill F. Unger *Unger's Bible Handbook*, 1966

Charles L. Wallis *The Minister's Manual (Doran's)*, 1947

John H. Walton and Andrew E. Hill *Old Testament Today*, 2006

Max Weber *The Protestant Ethic and The Spirit of Capitalism*, 1958

Paramahansa Yogananda *Autobiography of a Yogi*, 1946  
*Where There Is Light*, 1988