ST 516: Course Overview

TEXTBOOKS:
- The Bible
- John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, IV.1, 14-17
- Wallace, *Calvin’s Doctrine of Word and Sacrament*, chapters 11-13
- Rayburn, Robert, *What About Baptism?* (will be available on self-service)
- Stay and Wright, *Serving the Word of God*, p 55-77
- Maclean, Malcolm, *The Lord’s Supper*

STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE:
Lectures and readings will deal with two major topics:

1. Ecclesiology
2. Sacraments

REQUIREMENTS:
1. Do the required reading.
2. Learn the content conveyed in lectures.
3. Take home exam on reading, to be given out on March 5, and due on April 9 at the beginning of class.
4. Essay (see topics below), due March 19.
5. A final exam, covering the entire course.
## Essay Topics

Choose *one* topic from among these options. Write an 8 to 10 page paper (typed and double spaced). Do some appropriate research on your chosen topic. Think through what it means and write clearly (without too much quotation).

1. The gifts of the Holy Spirit in the ministry and worship of the church today.

2. The place of women in the church.

3. What is "contemporary worship” and how would you relate to it?

4. What is "traditional worship” and how would you relate to it?
### Course Objectives Related to MDiv Student Learning Outcomes

**With Mini-Justification**

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<th>MDiv Student Learning Outcomes</th>
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<td><strong>Articulation (oral &amp; written)</strong></td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>Students are required to understand &amp; articulate the Biblical basis for the Church and the sacraments.</td>
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<td><strong>Scripture</strong></td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>Because all good theology is rooted in exegesis, the Scriptures will be the basis for theology.</td>
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<td><strong>Reformed Theology</strong></td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>The course will take into view the Reformed understanding of the Church and sacraments, with emphasis upon writings of the Reformers, as well as <em>The Westminster Confession of Faith</em>, chapters 21, 25-31</td>
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<td><strong>Sanctification</strong></td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>Students will not only learn theological truths about the Church and sacraments, but also how each enriches our relationship with the Lord.</td>
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<td><strong>Desire for Worldview</strong></td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>In a day when the church often conforms to the culture, understanding how God has ordained the Church is critical.</td>
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<td><strong>Winsomely Reformed/Evangelistic</strong></td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>Because each of these are controversial topics, other views are considered, discussed, and addressed in light of Scripture.</td>
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<td><strong>Preach</strong></td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>The content of this class will help students to better understand</td>
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<th>Knowledgeable of historic and modern Christian-worship forms; and ability to construct and skill to lead a worship service.</th>
<th>Strong</th>
<th>This course will be instrumental for students in understanding many of the elements in the worship service.</th>
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<td><strong>Worship</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Shepherd</strong></td>
<td>Ability to shepherd the local congregation: aiding in spiritual maturity; promoting use of gifts and callings; and encouraging a concern for non-Christians, both in America and worldwide.</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>The content of this class is significant in aiding leaders to not only lead their congregations to maturity, but also to safeguard against erroneous doctrine in the church.</td>
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<td><strong>Church/World</strong></td>
<td>Ability to interact within a denominational context, within the broader worldwide church, and with significant public issues.</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>This class utilizes the teachings of the Church Fathers and other theologians from throughout history, and thereby offers a rich emphasis on history. Many of the issues that the church has faced in the past continue to plague the church today, and this course offers orthodox responses to those issues.</td>
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