COURSE SYLLABUS
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FUNDAMENTALS OF PASTORAL MINISTRY

Summer 2019 (July 8-12)

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Class Schedule: Monday 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM; Tuesday thru Thursday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM;
Friday 9:00AM – 1:00 PM

Class Hours: 3

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Welcome to “Fundamentals of Pastoral Ministry,” a doctor of ministry course that explores pastoral ministry from a biblical, theological, cultural, and historical perspective. Topics include:

- The biblical foundations of pastoral ministry
- The pastor and ministry of the word
- The pastor and pastoral care
- The pastor and personal holiness
- The pastor and public worship
- The pastor and church administration
- The pastor and church government
- The pastor and his public life
- The pastor and contemporary American culture
- The work of the pastor in historical perspective
- The pastor’s self-care

Lectures present a theology of Reformed pastoral ministry and its application to the life of the pastor and his work. Class conversations offer time to discuss the challenges and opportunities of ministry, and to work together toward developing a biblical theology of ministry and practice. Class members are experienced pastors, and will learn from each other during the week.

REQUIRED TEXTS

The Bible: 1 Corinthians 4, 1 Thessalonians 2, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus


**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

1. **Reading Assignments** — You should complete all reading assignments prior to the first class, and come to each prepared to participate in class discussions. On July 8, 2019 you will submit 1-2 page reading report for each required book. The assigned biblical texts may be treated as a single reading. **On each report, indicate the amount of reading you completed.** The reading reports constitute 40% of the final grade.

   Reading reports are not formal book reviews, but summaries of information and ideas collected from the readings that will prove useful to your pastoral ministry.

2. **Pastoral Ministry Paper** — By October 30, 2019 students will submit a 20-30-page paper. Integrating the readings, class lectures and discussions, and personal experiences, the paper will address an area(s) of concern in your pastoral ministry. The paper constitutes 60% of your final grade.

   Grading criteria:

   **Formatting (10 pts):** See number 3.  
   **Depth of Paper (70 pts):** Your paper must demonstrate careful integration of readings and class lectures and discussions with your pastoral ministry. 
   **Presentation of Paper (20 pts):** Your paper must reflect good grammar, spelling, punctuation, and clarity of expression, and be written in an appropriate academic style.

4. **Electronic Devices** – Computers, tablets, and voice recorders are not permitted in the classroom. Cell phones should be turned off and put away.

5. **Disclaimer** - The instructor reserves the right to modify any portion of this syllabus.

6. **Course Objectives Related to DMin Student Learning Outcomes**

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<td><strong>Biblical/Theological Foundations:</strong></td>
<td>Significant knowledge of biblical and theological foundations for pastoral ministry. (This includes interaction with Biblical texts, as well as awareness of Reformed Theology.)</td>
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<td><strong>Historical/Contemporary Practices:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Integration:</strong></td>
<td>Ability to reflect upon and integrate theology and practice, as well as implementation in a contemporary pastoral setting.</td>
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<td><strong>Sanctification:</strong></td>
<td>Demonstrates a love for the Triune God that aids in the student’s sanctification.</td>
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**RECOMMENDED READINGS FOR FURTHER STUDIES IN PASTORAL MINISTRY**


Dabney, Robert Lewis. *Sacred Rhetoric Or A Course of Lectures On Preaching; Delivered In the Union Theological Seminary Of the General Assembly Of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (1870).* Whitefish, MT: Kessinger Publishing, 2010.


