Pastoral Ministry (PMGR)

PMGR 6510. THEOLOGY OF MINISTRY. (3 Credits)
This course treats ministry as a culturally complex and theologically significant practice. Starting from contemporary concerns, we ask where ministry comes from, what it can be today, and where it might go. We focus on developing responsible and relevant accounts of ministry that enrich practice today.

PMGR 6612. MINISTRY WITH LATIN@S. (3 Credits)
This course presents a comprehensive introduction to the principal issues related to U.S. Latin@ Christianities from an ecumenical perspective. The course is divided into three parts: The Landscape of Latin@s in the U.S., Latin@s and the Churches, and Hispanic Ministries. Among the topics covered are: the history of the principal Latino groups in the U.S. (Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Cubans, Dominicans, and Central Americans), the churches’ responses to Latin@s, parish ministry, youth ministry, the sacraments, popular religiosity, and an introduction to U.S. Latin@/Hispanic theology.

PMGR 6613. U.S. LATIN@ THEOLOGY. (3 Credits)
This course presents an introduction to the theological output of U.S. Latin@ theologians from an ecumenical perspective. We begin with an overview of US Latin@ Theology as a contextual theology and then proceed topically looking at US Latin@ Catholic theology, U.S. Latina Feminist theology, and US Latin@ Protestant theology.

PMGR 6616. LATIN@ PREACHING. (3 Credits)
A practicum in preaching to Latino congregations with review of the pertinent literature on different preaching styles and Latino audiences. Facility in Spanish required.

PMGR 6617. LATIN@ SPIRITUALITY. (3 Credits)
This course presents an introduction to the way Latinos and Latinas live-out their relationship or faith in God or spirituality. While the focus of the course will be on Latino Christian spirituality—both Catholic and Protestant—attention will also be paid to non-Christian Latino spiritualities, especially Santería. We begin with an overview of the variety of spiritualities practiced by Latinos and Latinas and then proceed topically looking at popular Catholicism, the Latino celebration of the sacraments, Marian devotion (especially to Our Lady of Guadalupe), New Ecclesiastical Movements (especially the Charismatic Renewal and the Neo-Catechumenal Way, Mainline Latino Protestant spirituality, and Latino Pentecostalism.

PMGR 6618. HISP FAMILY MINISTRY & CATECHE. (3 Credits)
Latinas/os are deeply religious, and their way of experiencing God and life is often different from that of the U.S. mainstream culture. This course will study the lived reality of U.S. Hispanic families. It will challenge participants to critically reflect, analyze and articulate in what ways family ministry and family catechesis is embodied in families and faith communities today; to explore what helps or hinders religious development within families, and the responsibility of church and society to foster growth in faith; to explore experientially based frameworks for ministering with Latino communities; and to nuance their role as religious educators. Our conversation partners will include the writings of U.S. Hispanic theologians and religious educators.

PMGR 6620. MODELS OF PASTORAL THEOLOGY. (3 Credits)
PMGR 6650. ETHICS IN PASTORAL MINISTRY. (3 Credits)
Ethics in Pastoral Ministry is an online course that addresses ethical conduct in ministry for professionals working in a supervisory or leadership capacity with emphasis on legal issues and moral decision-making. The course will focus on the formation of conscience as it relates to the self, ministry, and society. It includes case studies and the application of ethical principles to real-life situations as well as the study of theory. It is theoretical, establishing a theological basis for ethical conduct and moral decision-making, and practical, giving students skills and resources to deal with the various issues they may encounter in ministry.

PMGR 6780. ANALYSIS FOR MINISTRY. (3 Credits)
Analysis for Ministry is a graduate seminar that seeks to assist ministers of the Gospel to reflect on the context of their pastoral practice in light of Catholic social teaching and social science analysis. Readings will focus on social justice concerns at the global, national and local level.

PMGR 7510. THEOLOGY OF MINISTRY. (3 Credits)
This course treats ministry as a culturally complex and theologically significant practice. Starting from contemporary concerns, we ask where ministry comes from, what it can be today, and where it might go. We focus on developing responsible and relevant accounts of ministry that enrich practice today.

PMGR 7616. LATIN@ PREACHING. (3 Credits)
A practicum in preaching to Latino congregations with review of the pertinent literature on different preaching styles and Latino audiences. Facility in Spanish required.

PMGR 7617. LATIN@ SPIRITUALITY. (3 Credits)
This course presents an introduction to the way Latinos and Latinas live-out their relationship or faith in God or spirituality. While the focus of the course will be on Latino Christian spirituality—both Catholic and Protestant—attention will also be paid to non-Christian Latino spiritualities, especially Santería. We begin with an overview of the variety of spiritualities practiced by Latinos and Latinas and then proceed topically looking at popular Catholicism, the Latino celebration of the sacraments, Marian devotion (especially to Our Lady of Guadalupe), New Ecclesiastical Movements (especially the Charismatic Renewal and the Neo-Catechumenal Way, Mainline Latino Protestant spirituality, and Latino Pentecostalism. This course is for Doctor of Ministry students only and will require doctoral level participation and additional research/writing elements.

PMGR 7628. PAST & PRACT THEOLOGY. (3 Credits)

PMGR 7650. ETHICS IN PASTORAL MINISTRY. (3 Credits)
Ethics in Pastoral Ministry addresses ethical conduct in ministry for professionals working in a supervisory or leadership capacity with emphasis on moral decision-making. The course will focus on the formation of conscience as it relates to the self, ministry, and society. It includes case studies and the application of ethical principles to real-life situations as well as the study of theory. It is theoretical, establishing a theological basis for ethical conduct and moral decision-making, and practical, giving students skills and resources to deal with the various issues they may encounter in ministry.

Updated: 10-25-2018
PMGR 7688. SPEC TOPICS: PASTORAL STUDIES. (3 Credits)
Spiritual exercises across religious and cultures is a comparative practical theological study. We place the spiritual exercises of Ignatius of Loyola in conversation with spiritual exercises from diverse traditions - while learning from the complexity of the Ignatian heritage. A critical appreciation for spiritual exercises will inform the practice of such exercises today.

PMGR 7713. U.S. LATIN@ THEOLOGY. (3 Credits)
This course presents an introduction to the theological output of US Latin@ theologians from an ecumenical perspective. We begin with an overview of US Latin@ Theology as a contextual theology and then proceed topically looking at US Latin@ Catholic theology, U.S. Latina Feminist theology, and US Latin@ Protestant theology. This course is for Doctor of Ministry students only and will require doctoral level participation and additional research/writing elements.

PMGR 8030. CAPSTONE: PASTORAL STUDIES (MA). (3 Credits)
The concluding capstone course for all students in the M.A. Pastoral Studies degree.

PMGR 8530. EVANGELIZATION: FAITH & CULTURE. (3 Credits)
This course is a theological exploration that treats evangelization as an important stake in Christian tradition that involves Christian practice with practices of contemporary society. We look continually to the real-world contexts of students and to an intensive consideration of what evangelization entails in a cultural, including religiously, diverse world.

PMGR 8628. PAST & PRACT THEOLOGY. (3 Credits)
This is a class about the foundations and formations of practice-minded theologies, especially as those theologies inform and enrich the practice of pastoral professionals. Fundamental questions about the relationship between religious tradition and contemporary practice are explored.

PMGR 8632. RESEARCH SEMINAR: PASTORAL THEOL & PRACTICE. (3 Credits)
This seminar prepares DMin students to write their doctoral thesis. We explore some fundamental approaches to conducting research into pastorally significant experience today, so as to deepen students’ research competence and facilitate readiness for conducting ministry-relevant research. Students will generate a sound draft of a proposal for their DMin thesis.

PMGR 9999. ST TUTORIAL-PASTORAL MINISTRY. (3 Credits)
This course is reserved for students pursuing a special research topic in Pastoral Ministry with the approval of the area faculty and Dean.