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

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

PMGR 6614. Latinx Preaching. (3 Credits)
A practicum in preaching to Latinx congregations with a review of the pertinent literature on different preaching styles and Latinx audiences. Facility in Spanish required.

PMGR 6617. Latinx Spirituality. (3 Credits)
This course presents an introduction to the way Latinxs and Latinas live out their relationship or faith in God or spirituality. While the focus of the course will be on Latinx Christian spirituality—both Catholic and Protestant—attention will also be paid to non-Christian Latinx spiritualities, especially Santería. We begin with an overview of the variety of spiritualities practiced by Latinxs and then proceed topically looking at popular Catholicism, the Latinx celebration of the sacraments, Marian devotion (especially to Our Lady of Guadalupe), New Ecclesial Movements (especially the Charismatic Renewal and the Neo-Catechumenal Way), Mainline Latinx Protestant spirituality, and Latinx Pentecostalism. This course is for Doctor of Ministry students only and will require doctoral-level participation and additional research/writing elements.

PMGR 6618. Hispanic Family Ministry & Catechesis. (3 Credits)
Latinxs 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 Latinx 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 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.

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PMGR 7688. Spec Topics: Pastoral Studies. (3 Credits)
This is a special topics course in pastoral studies. Each time the course runs it will be focused on a unique and current aspect of ministry. Please see the course book for the term in question to find a description of the course as it will run each time it is given.

PMGR 7712. Ministry with LatinxS. (3 Credits)
This course presents a comprehensive introduction to the principal issues related to U.S. Latinx Christianities from an ecumenical perspective. The course is divided into three parts: The Landscape of Latinxs in the U.S., Latinxs and the Churches, and Hispanic Ministries. Among the topics covered are: the history of the principal Latinx 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. Latinx/Hispanic theology. This course is for Doctor of Ministry students only and will require doctoral level participation and additional research/writing elements.

PMGR 7713. U.S. Latinx Theology. (3 Credits)
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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 culturally, religiously diverse world.

PMGR 8628. Pastoral and Practical 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 Theology and Practice. (3 Credits)
This seminar prepares D.Min. 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 D.Min. 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.