Course Information
All courses are 3 semester credit hours and use the Bible as the foundational text. Courses numbered 5000’s and 6000’s are graduate level courses which are open to graduate and select undergraduate seniors.

Course Descriptions

**BIBL (Bible)**

**BIBL 5203 Bibliology**
A study of the structure, history and validity of the Bible will be the content of this course. History of transmission, reliability, theories of interpretation as well as inspiration will be emphasized.

**BIBL 6213 Hermeneutics**
An examination of the essential techniques of biblical interpretation will be discussed. Hermeneutical response to critical issues of contemporary ministry will be evaluated.

**BIBL 6403 Old Testament History and Theology**
A comprehensive analysis of Old Testament literature in its literary and historical context is the content of this course.

**BIBL 6413 New Testament History and Theology**
New Testament literature will be examined in its prophetic, historical, and literary contexts.

**HIST (History)**

**HIST 6113 Church History I**
A basic introduction to the development of the Christian church’s doctrine, faith and practice from the early patristic era to the Protestant Reformation, including constructive theology, conflict with heresies, and the writing of church creeds will be discussed in this course.

**HIST 6123 Church History II**
The course provides a basic introduction to the development of the Christian church’s doctrine, faith and practice from the time of the Protestant Reformation to the Modern church era including reformation theology, revivalism, the rise of denominations, and pertinent contemporary doctrinal issues.

**ICST (Intercultural Studies)**

**ICST 5103 Missionary Life and Practice**
A study of the principles of itinerating, fund raising, gaining prayer support, networking, and mobilizing others for missions are vital dynamic aspects of this course. Relationships of missionaries to pastors, local churches, mission boards and others on the field are also examined. This class is usually held in partnership with the IPHC School of Missions.

**ICST 5203 International Issues and Trends**
A study of current issues and trends in various ethnic populations worldwide including cultural and geo-political perspectives. The course will present an application of current events in the context of a global lens and will give the student a broader perspective of cultural awareness.

**ICST 5303 Foundations of World Evangelism**
A study of the church’s mission to the world including history, doctrine, and cultural anthropological insights.

**ICST 5403 World Religions**
A comparison of living world religions and select cults including: origins, founders, sacred texts, and central beliefs will be the content of this course. The study is historically and analytically presented from the
Christian viewpoint. It is a presentation which inspires the appreciation of the unique values and blessings of Christianity.

**ICST 5693 Mobilizing the Local Church for World Evangelism**
Topics include how to mobilize the local church with a global vision, praying for the harvest, targeting an unreached people group, training of leadership, raising missions budgets, conducting missions conferences, taking short term trips and giving the local church a world vision for the harvest.

**ICST 6503 Ministering Across Cultures**
Cultural values and practices, language barriers, non-verbal communication, and other pertinent characteristics will be covered in relation to ministry. Integration of biblical essentials within the boundaries of culture is emphasized.

**ICST 6853 Issues and Trends in World Evangelization**
This course covers the major trends, both theological and strategic, in contemporary missions. These will be examined and evaluated in light of a Pentecostal perspective. The student will develop a strategy that will engage the issues and lead to greater effectiveness in reaching the unreached people groups of the world.

**LEAD (Leadership)**

**LEAD 5553 Leadership Theory and Principles**
This course is an overview of leadership within the contemporary church or ministry with special consideration given to the integration of biblical values, contemporary organizational and leadership theory, in addition to the participant's context of ministry.

**LEAD 5563 Character, Leadership and Community**
A self-reflective, personal growth course incorporating emerging competencies for global leaders. Students will evaluate their personal leadership strengths, and learn to integrate a global perspective, and develop relationships with diverse populations.

**LEAD 5743 Dynamics of Balanced Leadership**
The course examines the necessity of being biblically centered on the balance of spiritual, emotional, and physical wholeness of the leader and those they serve. The need for the temperance of the leader is emphasized as being crucial for the ministry to the broken.

**LEAD 5763 Leadership and Spiritual Development**
A practical course where in which the personal growth and professional development of a leader are emphasized. Characteristics of successful leaders are studied and applied to the leader's personal life. Growth goals, time management, and personal health of a successful leader are encouraged by becoming accountable to peers.

**LEAD 5793 Leadership Formation, Training and Development**
The course features an examination of the selection process, discipling, mentoring, and empowering emerging leaders in local and para-church ministries. The maturation of such believers through spiritual growth is a vital component emphasized in this course.

**LEAD 5923 Conflict Management Skills**
This course is designed to help the leader address, analyze, and manage conflict effectively, with professional and ministerial etiquette. It explores organizational methodologies needed to effectively mediate conflict in the contemporary church. Change agent theory and other organizational methodologies needed to effectively lead the contemporary church are also explained.
LEAD 6833 Profiles in Leadership
The lives of significant historical and current leaders are studied as to their development, personal lives, historical situation, significant decisions and legacy or contribution. This course allows students to be mentored by these case studies and apply concepts to their own leadership development.

LEAD 6993 Leadership, Marketing and Consultation
This course is an intensive study of selected biblical texts exploring leadership principles. The objective is to immerse the student in leadership concepts as reflected in persons and events from the biblical narratives.

PMIN (Pastoral Ministry)

PMIN 5323 Trends in the Contemporary Church
This is an in-depth study exploring the current “Missional Church Movement” and “Emergent Church” concepts being embraced by many evangelical churches across America. These and other trends are examined in the light of Scripture and similar shifts in church history.

PMIN 5423 Church Planter’s School
This course is a partnership with EVUSA of the IPHC Ministries and ARC to equip and train leaders for church planting.

PMIN 5443 Worship in the Contemporary Church
An investigation of the role of worship in the life of the Church, emphasizing the development of a theology of worship. Pentecostal-Charismatic worship and its place in growing churches is explored along with a number of other worship patterns in evangelical churches around the world.

PMIN 5613 Small Groups and Community
This course examines small group dynamics and their relationship to building healthy congregations. Various small group models are examined for their possible contribution for church vitality.

PMIN 5673 Evangelism and Mission
Various types of evangelism and outreach are studied to enhance the mission, growth and impact of the local church in a community is the emphasis of this course. Outreach to all segments of society and ethnic groups is stressed so the church is faithful to the Great Commission. Practical field experience in a dynamic church is a vital aspect of this course.

PMIN 5723 Church Revitalization and Renewal
Students are trained to evaluate local congregations in light of key factors essential to a healthy church. Potential corrective strategies are explored concerning growth barriers as well as other factors that impact the life of the church.

PMIN 5773 Pastoral Care
An integration of the functions and practice of biblical pastoral ministry for the purpose of wholeness in the local body.

PMIN 5853 Contemporary Communication
An examination of creative and non-traditional techniques in proclamation of the gospel to the non-Christian community will be studied in this course. It includes the use of modern technology in presenting the gospel.

PMIN 5913 Church Stewardship and Management
A survey of the biblical foundations of stewardship principles, fundraising and capital campaigns essential to resource growing churches are investigated. The management, budgeting and financing for successful church life and ministry support are examined.
PMIN 6453 Christian Ethics
A study of the ethical dimensions of life and practice from a biblical and theological perspective. Sound biblical and ethical lifestyle is stressed. Units of the course include an examination of contemporary ethical issues in the church and society.

PMIN 6723 Marriage and Family
Ministry needs of families across multicultural contexts and how to effectively minister to them is the focus of this course. Critical issues facing marital and family relationships in today’s society, the family life cycle, and the leader’s home and family needs are also covered.

THEO (Theology)
THEO 5103 Theological Foundations for Ministry
The course explores a wide range of theological perspectives pertaining to a biblical basis for the nature of the church, the role of ministers in the Christian community, and the nature of gifts and ministry. Students will be guided to articulate their personal theology of ministry.

THEO 5773 Pentecostal/Charismatic History and Theology
The history and practices of Pentecostalism are examined in light of their contributions to theological thought and their impact upon global Christianity.

THEO 6453 Biblical Theology
The course is an examination of key contemporary theological concepts and doctrines of the Bible. Selected topics, contemporary issues and themes that are significant to Holiness-Pentecostal-Charismatic movements are studied.

THEO 6633 Theological Method
A study of the Wesleyan quadrilateral of scriptures, tradition, experience and reason as the basis of making theological decisions is the structure of this course. Other contemporary theological methods, including various Evangelical and Pentecostal approaches are explored.

THEO 6113 Systematic Theology I
An intensive study of God, Christology, and Anthropology will be examined. A variety of theological traditions will be surveyed with emphasis on the Wesleyan-Armenian perspective.

THEO 6123 Systematic Theology II
An intensive study of Pneumatology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology. A variety of theological traditions will be surveyed with emphasis on the Wesleyan-Armenian perspective.

RESC (Research Curriculum)
RESC 5803 Research Methods
A course designed to enable the student to conduct meaningful research and to report the findings in a clear written format. Exegetical, survey, historical, and descriptive methods will be examined carefully. The form and structure of critiques, research papers, book reviews, journal articles, research proposals, and theses will be studied. Course assignments allow the student to apply the principles and methods learned, receiving constructive evaluation throughout the process. Students will be introduced to Graduate studies, the Turabian style of writing, reminded of proper English grammar, and general writing usage.

RESC 6913 Ministry Application Project
The MAP project is the capstone experience within the graduate curriculum. It is designed to address a specific situation within the student’s present field of ministry, giving the student practical value through the synthesis of prior course content, research, and the writing of the project. The application project is developed in conjunction with the Research Methods course as well as the MAP Advisor and MAP Director. Prerequisite: RESC 5803 Research Methods