

INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSES

GS 001 • Graduate Research Seminar: Masters Level 0 Credit

The Graduate Research Seminar is a requirement for all students in a masters degree program. The seminar teaches students to design their research methodologies to most effectively complete course assignments. By learning how to efficiently use library tools and services, a student will save time and effort when completing assignments. The class will also focus on evaluating, citing, and using source material properly.

Grade exceptions: This course is graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory.

GS 006 • Graduate Research Seminar: MFT Degree 0 Credit

The Graduate Research Seminar is a requirement for all students in the MFT degree program. The seminar teaches students to design their research methodologies to most effectively complete course assignments. By learning how to efficiently use library tools and services, a student will save time and effort when completing assignments. The class will also focus on evaluating, citing, and using source material properly.

GS 007 • Graduate Research Seminar: Doctoral Level 0 Credit

The Graduate Research Seminar is a requirement for all students in a degree program. The seminar teaches students to design their research methodologies to most effectively complete course assignments. By learning how to efficiently use library tools and services, a student will save time and effort when completing assignments. The class will also focus on evaluating, citing, and using source material properly.

Grade exceptions: S/U Grading.

GS 670 • Directed Study in General Studies 1-3 Credits

Research and study by arrangement with the professor.

Special Notes: Permission is required.

GS 699PT • Portfolio in General or Interdisciplinary Studies 0.5-6 Credits

Portfolio course of preselected topics within an existing course in the field of General or Interdisciplinary Studies.

Special Notes: Portfolio courses are created upon request with permission by an overseeing Program Director.

GS 772 • Seminar in General Studies 2 Credits

A Master of Divinity or Doctor of Ministry concentration course; an in-depth study of a particular General Studies theme.

Special Notes: Fulfills DMin elective requirements.

GS 774 • Seminar in General Studies 4 Credits

A Master of Divinity or Doctor of Ministry concentration course; an in-depth study of a particular General Studies theme.

Special Notes: Fulfills DMin elective requirements.

GS 780 • Senior Integrative Seminar 4 Credits

Integration of theology, leadership, formation, intercultural awareness, and worldview analysis into personal, professional, and interdisciplinary understanding and practice. Exploration and analysis of diverse case dilemmas across multiple disciplines, with the ability to contextualize the messages of scripture in respectful and engaging ways. Demonstration of critical thinking, intercultural competence, and integration, within the context of respectful, professional dialogue. *Special Notes: This course must be taken in the student's final year.*

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GS 801 • Integral Research and Writing 4 Credits

Introduction to research methodologies for literature review and biblical research for the purpose of gaining understanding of research methods and writing characteristics for future thesis work; and improving research and source evaluation skills. Exposure to matters related to doctoral-level research writing and familiarization with the style guide that dictates the final form the research project report will take.

Special Notes: This should be the very first course that DMin students take.

GS 897 • Dissertation Extension 0 Credit

Extension course for continued enrollment ; required when the thesis course is incomplete. The extension allows students continued access to university resources. Student must be registered in an extension course at the time the dissertation is granted final approval and receives a grade. Fee applies.

GS 899PT • Portfolio in General or Interdisciplinary Studies 0.5-6 Credits

Portfolio course of preselected topics within an existing course in the field of General of Interdisciplinary Studies.

Special Notes: Portfolio courses are created upon request with permission by an overseeing Program Director.

GS 901 • Thesis Proposal Foundations 2 Credits

Orientation to the nature of research proposals and the purpose of doctoral research. Identification of research topic, a problem and response statement, exploration of relevant literature and development of a preliminary bibliography. Thesis Proposal Foundations (GS 901) and Thesis Proposal Workshop (GS 902) are a combined course unit to be taken sequentially in subsequent terms.

Special Notes: Students cannot take this course until all other required and concentration courses are completed. .

GS 902 • Thesis Proposal Workshop 4 Credits

Develop and draft a thesis proposal based upon work done in GS 901. Students will engage in a process of modifying, expanding, and refining a thesis proposal, as well as developing a strategy for proposal implementation and writing of their thesis. Thesis Proposal Foundations (GS 901) and Thesis Proposal Workshop (GS 902) are a combined course unit to be taken sequentially in subsequent terms.

Prerequisites: GS 901.

GS 991 • Thesis Project A 4 Credits

Completion and defense of an approved thesis proposal, involving thesis writing, and engagement with their Thesis Advisor, keeping in line with the requirements and deadlines listed in the DMin Manual for finishing the thesis during GS 993.

Prerequisites: GS 901, GS 902. Grade exceptions: This course is required and is Pass/ Fail grading.

GS 992 • Thesis Project B 4 Credits

Continuation of working toward completion and defense of an approved thesis, involving thesis writing, and engagement with their Thesis Advisor, keeping in line with the requirements and deadlines listed in the DMin Manual for finishing the thesis during GS 993.

Prerequisites: GS 991. Grade exceptions: This course is required and is Pass/Fail.

GS 993 • Thesis Project C 2 Credits

Completion and defense of an approved thesis proposal, involving thesis writing, and engagement with their Thesis Advisor, keeping in line with the requirements and deadlines listed in the DMin Manual for finishing the thesis. It is taken in the spring semester of the year they intend to graduate. This course is required and is graded by the Thesis Advisor based on the entire thesis and the oral defense. Students not meeting the guidelines will be put in extension status and required to meet graduation deadlines again the following year.

Prerequisites: GS 991, GS 992.