

# INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSES

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**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.*

## *Interdisciplinary Courses 2*

### **GS 801 • Integral Research and Writing 4 Credits**

The culmination of all doctoral level work is a research project commonly called a thesis or dissertation. Because the Doctor of Ministry degree is a "professional" doctoral degree, its focus is more practical than academic. However, it still requires a very high level of research, analysis, synthesis and writing. The purpose of the research project is to contribute new knowledge, models, and/or methodologies to the practice of ministry. The research project may also focus on discovering solutions to ministry challenges. Integral Research and Writing provides students with a comprehensive conceptual framework for conducting effective qualitative (and/or mixed method) research. This course also introduces students to a variety of research methodologies from which to pursue their research. Additionally, students will participate in an Integral Research Inventory to help them discover their most natural "research path" and begin the process of developing an integral research proposal. Students will also be exposed to matters related to doctoral level research writing and become familiar with the style guide that dictates the final form the research project report will take. The specific expectations of the course project will be approved by the course instructor. This is a required course and should be taken by all students no later than their second course.

*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 or 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**

All students in the Doctor of Ministry program will participate in a one-week thesis proposal workshop. Each participant will develop and bring to the workshop a preliminary thesis proposal developed according to guidelines stated in the pre-course assignments and based upon the work done in GS 901. The week will be spent in a process of modification, expansion and refinement of this proposal as well as in development of a strategy for proposal implementation and for the writing of the thesis project report.

*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.*