

Spring Term Course Descriptions

HTS 501 History of New Thought Christianity (3 cr hr or 4 ceu) ONLINE
Tracing the family tree of New Thought Christianity, this course approaches Church history through mini-biographies of selected mystics and metaphysical thinkers. Studies will enrich and deepen the students' spiritual lives and provide ample resources for preaching and teaching in the ministry. The course provides an in-depth look at the emergence of modern New Thought Christianity with special attention to the origins of Unity. Students will be required to do research in original source materials available at the Unity Library and Archives and present their findings to the class.

HTS 552 Advanced Metaphysics II: Metaphysics, Science and Spirituality (3 cr hr or 4 ceu)
This course will focus on the application of theological methodology to the study of the writings of Charles Fillmore, Myrtle Fillmore, H. Emilie Cady and other Unity authors. Tools and methods of scholarly inquiry in religious studies will be applied to the treatment of classical themes in Fillmore and theology, e.g., prosperity, healing, divine order, divine-human faculties, prayer, regeneration, the nature of consciousness and other topics. Students will acquire knowledge and practical techniques which they can apply in designing classes and programs. Prerequisite: HTS 551 Advanced Metaphysics I.

MAS 503 Pastoral Studies (2 cr hr or 3 ceu)
This course provides relevant information on a variety of life issues encountered in pastoral ministry. The focus is on the pastor's function and relationship to the congregants, as well as the effective use of Unity principles in various pastoral circumstances. Students are encouraged to explore and identify pastoral resources within their church and community. The elements of designing, implementing and administering lay pastoral programs will be discussed. Prerequisite: MAS 501 Pastoral Counseling I or equivalent.

MAS 522 Homiletics II: The Power of the Talk (2 cr hr or 3 ceu)
This course helps students deepen their understanding of the communication process and improve their practice of the methods and techniques of pulpit communication. The dynamic relationship of minister, message and congregation will be highlighted and explored through speaking exercises. Prerequisite: MAS 521 Homiletics I or equivalent.

MAS 542 Issues and Policies in Ministry (2 cr hr or 3 ceu)
This course examines social, financial and legal issues in the ministry. Studies will include the practice of self-care and boundary setting. Students will learn methods to build a diverse community and ways to work with conflict to build a healthy ministry. This class will also include the ministry's relation to local, state and national government—regarding taxes and payrolls, and the teaching of prosperity consciousness to inform fund-raising and church finances.

MAS 601 Pastoral Counseling III (2 cr hr or 3 ceu)

This course will offer advanced techniques and practice in pastoral counseling. Specific issues and methods explored will depend upon the needs of the students. Emphasis is on personal supervision and feedback from the instructor. Videotaping, role playing and peer feedback will also be used. Prerequisite: MAS 502 Pastoral Counseling II.

PRA 691 Internship in Prayer Ministry (2 cr hr or 10 ceu)

Supervised internship at the Silent Unity Telephone Prayer Ministry or any other approved prayer ministry. This internship will require 80-100 contact hours in the prayer ministry, weekly papers and weekly consultations with a Unity Institute faculty member. This internship may be repeated, in consultation with the student's advisor. Prerequisites: SPD 501 Prayer and Meditation, completion of at least 30 credit hours or 40 continuing education units and faculty approval.

PRA 692 Internship in Hospital Chaplaincy (2 cr hr or 10 ceu)

Supervised internship in an approved hospital environment where Clinical Pastoral Orientation (CPO) is available. This internship will require 80-100 contact hours at the hospital, weekly papers and weekly consultations with a Unity Institute faculty member. This internship may be repeated, in consultation with the student's advisor. Prerequisites: SPD 501 Prayer and Meditation, SPD 551 Spirit, Mind, Body Awareness, completion of at least 30 credit hours or 40 continuing education units and faculty approval.

PRA 693 Internship in Hospice Chaplaincy (2 cr hr or 10 ceu)

Supervised internship in an approved hospice environment. This internship will require 80-100 contact hours in the hospice environment, weekly papers and weekly consultations with a Unity Institute faculty member. This internship may be repeated, in consultation with the student's advisor. Prerequisites: SPD 501 Prayer and Meditation, SPD 551 Spirit, Mind, Body Awareness, completion of at least 30 credit hours or 40 continuing education units and faculty approval.

PRA 694 Internship in Church Ministry (2 cr hr or 10 ceu)

Supervised internship in an approved church, which is not the student's home church. This internship will require 80-100 contact hours in the church, weekly papers and weekly consultations with a Unity Institute faculty member. Students who choose the Church Ministry specialty are encouraged to take one internship in a small church and the second internship in a large church. This internship may be repeated, in consultation with the student's advisor. Prerequisites: MAS 541 Leadership in Ministry, MAS 542 Issues and Policies in Ministry, completion of at least 30 credit hours or 40 continuing education units and faculty approval.

SAS 603 Exploring Evolutionary Spirituality (3 cr hr or 4 ceu)

This is a survey course in evolutionary spirituality as it pertains to both individuals and the collective consciousness. This course will examine the principle of our evolution toward the Divine, using works from several prominent visionaries and thinkers.

SCS 502 Bible History: Christian Scripture (3 cr hr or 4 ceu)

This class presents an overview of the writings of the Intertestament and the Christian Scripture. The various writers are examined based on the probable time of their writings. The teachings of Jesus and the teachings of Paul and how they relate to the early Christian church are also examined and contrasted. As we trace the history of the Christian Scripture, we see how humankind's development of the Divine evolved. Prerequisite: SCS 501 Bible History: Hebrew Scripture or equivalent.

SCS 504 Bible Interpretation: Christian Scripture (3 cr hr or 4 ceu)

This course examines various interpretations of the Bible with emphasis on metaphysical teachings and how the Bible can be seen and used in dealing with everyday problems of individuals and humankind in the light of evolution of consciousness. This course enables students to apply the lessons from the Bible to their own and humankind's spiritual journeys. Prerequisite: SCS 502 Bible History: Christian Scripture or equivalent. SCS 504 may be taken concurrently with SCS 502.

SPD 551 Spirit, Mind, Body Awareness (1 cr hr or 1.5 ceu)

This is a survey course in the practical application of self-awareness and spiritual principles in one's everyday life. Emphasis is on helping the student function optimally through application of self-care and balanced living in all areas of life. Specific issues arising from the student's life experiences will be addressed.

SPD 592 Credo II (1 cr hr or 1.5 ceu)

The purpose of this course is to facilitate the student's verbal and written articulation of his or her ministerial credo. In this course the student is encouraged to review and reevaluate his/her credo and articulate how this credo could be implemented in the various aspects of the student's chosen ministry. The student may be required to respond to critical questioning by a credo review committee. Prerequisite: Core courses are complete and advisor's approval.