

**UNITED LUTHERAN SEMINARY**  
**August Term 2018 Course Descriptions and schedule (6.23.18)**

**BIB 100 IP The Language of the Early Church and the Church Today**  
**Philadelphia campus Aug. 6-24**

The New Testament was written in Koine Greek. As the language in which God's Living Word is communicated to us, it is imperative that we can read and understand that word as clearly as possible. The variety of English translations of the New Testament demonstrates that every translation is also an interpretation. For leaders in the Church, this course will provide the knowledge, skills, and training in software resources to work with the original language texts; awareness of the interpretive issues involved in translation; and practice in effectively communicating the Word for the church today. *Fulfills MDiv Language of the Early Church requirement.* [No prerequisites]

\*Software purchase is required for this course (\$200); Lunch meal is required (price tbd); deadline to register is July 31<sup>st</sup>

Mark Vitalis Hoffman

**Class will be from 8:30 am to 3:00pm with optional evening tutoring sessions. A complete schedule will be posted over the summer. Brossman 201**

**HTH 100 IP Systematic Theology 1: Creation, Sin, and New Creation**  
**Philadelphia campus Aug. 20-24**

This course introduces students to constructive and liberative theological thinking that emphasizes (1) the inherent relationality of God, creation and humanity, and (2) the meanings of salvation. Mindful of the world of which we are a part, in all its weakness, incompleteness, and sinfulness, we do theology by attempting our best thinking and praxis through the sources and tools that are available to us. A guiding question for the course is how theology informs public ministry. *Fulfills Theology 1: Creation/Sin/New Creation requirement* [No prerequisites]

\*There will be 7 hours of advance work to be done prior to the first day of class. Deadline to register is August 6<sup>th</sup>.

John Hoffmeyer

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9:00-noon; 1:00-5:00	9:00-noon; 1:00- 5:00	9:00-noon; 1:00- 5:00	9:00-noon; 1:00- 5:00	9:00-noon; 1:00- 5:00

Brossman 301

**HTH 221 IG The Ecumenical Church (Sebastian)**  
**Gettysburg campus Aug 20-24**

This course seeks not only to analyze the history and background of the search for ecumenical understanding among the Churches, but also address the challenges and opportunities regarding the possibilities for unity and concord among the churches today. Focusing on the work of the World Council of Churches, we will examine the quest for unity among the Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant and Pentecostal confessional families; understandings of worship and the sacraments; interfaith relationships and the unity of humankind; gospel and cultures; mission and conversion; and justice, peace and the integrity of creation.

\*Out of the 42 contact hours required, 30 will be through our class sessions and 12 through pre-course readings and assignments and online work. Deadline to register is August 6<sup>th</sup>.

*Fulfills MDiv/MAML denominational history/polity requirement for students not required to take denomination-specific course; may be taken as free elective*

Valentine #308

<b>20</b> 8:30-11:30; 1:30-4:30	<b>21</b> 8:30-11:30; 1:30-4:30	<b>22</b> 8:30-11:30; 1:30-4:30	<b>23</b> 8:30-11:30; 1:30-4:30	<b>24</b> 8:30-11:30; 1:30-4:30
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**PRAX 127 IG Appalachian Church in Society**

**Gettysburg campus Aug 20-24**

Get ready for challenges in ministry, through a close look at church, society and ecology in Appalachia. A region rich in cultural histories and stunning landscape, Appalachia has also been traumatized by environmental damage, economic and racial inequality, opioid epidemic and other problems. The intensive week includes traditional classes and immersion trips to Appalachian communities. Assigned readings and presentations introduce methods for community analysis and the roots of environmental and social problems. Conversations with mission leaders probe resilience of church and Spirit. *Fulfills MDiv Church in Society requirement or may serve as an elective* [No prerequisites]

\*Deadline to register is August 6<sup>th</sup>

Gilson Waldkoenig

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Library Lecture room