

UNITED LUTHERAN SEMINARY
August Term 2019 Course Descriptions and schedule (3.22.19)

BIB 100 IG Greek: The Language of the Early Church and the Church Today
Gettysburg campus Aug. 5-23

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 31st

Mark Vitalis Hoffman

Class will meet weekdays from 8:30 am to 3:00pm with optional evening tutoring sessions. A complete schedule will be posted over the summer. Valentine Hall 308

HTH 100 IP Systematic Theology 1: Creation, Sin, and New Creation
Philadelphia campus Aug. 19-23

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]

*7 hours of advance work required prior to the first day of class. Deadline to register is August 6th.

John Hoffmeyer

19 9:00-noon; 1:00-5:00	20 9:00-noon; 1:00- 5:00	21 9:00-noon; 1:00- 5:00	22 9:00-noon; 1:00- 5:00	23 9:00-noon; 1:00- 5:00
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Brossman 301

PRAX 127 IG Appalachian Church in Society
Gettysburg campus Aug 19-23

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 6th

Gilson Waldkoenig

19 8:30-11:30; 1:00-6:00	20 8:30-11:30; 1:00-5:00; 6:00- 8:00	21 8:30-11:30; 1:00-5:00; 6:00- 8:00	22 8:30-11:30; 1:00-5:00; 6:00- 8:00	23 8:30-11:30; 1:00-5:00
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Library Lecture room

PRAX 423 IP Public Theology and Digital Technology: The Blessing and Bane of Social Media
PRAX 723 IP (STM/DMIN) Public Theology & Digital Technology: The Blessing & Bane of Social Media

Philadelphia campus Aug. 19-23

Social media is ubiquitous in the lives of the vast majority of people to whom we are called to minister. Digital technology can be a power tool for ministry or a spectacular means of publicly failing in our effort to be the prism through which the Gospel shines. This course will examine the effect of social media in various social demographics, including the harmful implications for people in adolescence. It will also delve into best practices for ministry, using the technology as a proper means by which we can bring grace to a troubled public forum. There will be assigned reading prior to the beginning of the course and a collaborative final project to be completed before the Fall semester begins. [No prerequisites] Laptops/smartphones suggested but not required.

*12 hours of advance work required prior to the first day of class. Deadline to register is August 6th.

Martin Otto Zimmann

19 9:00-noon; 1:00-3:00	20 9:00-noon; 1:00- 3:00	21 9:00-noon; 1:00- 3:00	22 9:00-noon; 1:00- 3:00	23 9:00-noon; 1:00- 3:00
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