Spring 2016 Courses
Beginning the weekend of March 4th-6th

Anglican Approaches to the Study of Scripture The Rev. Dr. Duncan Johnston
There are so many ways to read and understand scripture. The aim of this course is to introduce students to various methods of interpreting the Bible, particularly from within the Anglican tradition. All are welcome to come and explore the Holy Bible more closely! An excellent course for those new to the Episcopal Church, anyone in vocational discernment, or those just looking for a refresher on interpreting Scripture.

Hebrew Scripture I: Scripture Methods and Pentateuch The Rev. Dr. David Zwifka
The first part of this course deals with those background issues necessary for a proper understanding of the sacred texts, including inspiration, inerrancy, canonical, historical, and how the reader is to interpret the biblical texts. The second part of the course applies these concepts to a study of the Pentateuch, concentrating on Genesis, Exodus, and Deuteronomy. Open to all.

Synoptic Gospels I The Rev. David Bateman NEW THIS SEMESTER!
This course introduces students to the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—as the basis of the Lectionary and the foundation of what most Christians know about Jesus. Students will explore how each of the three synoptics is related and take a detailed look at the Gospel of Mark and the first part of the Gospel of Matthew. Synoptic Gospels II focuses on the second half of Matthew and the entirety of Luke. Open to all, but Anglican Approaches to Scripture, Hebrew Scripture I, or equivalent scripture study course are strongly recommended as prerequisites.

The Message of Mission: A Contemporary Practice of Mission in the Diocese of Central PA The Rev. Dr. Duncan Johnston
Students will gain an understanding the Book of Acts as a Missional book to inspire those who are engaged in local or wider church mission practices. This course is perfect for those with feeding programs, those wanting to grow their congregation and all who desire to strengthen the mission of the church.

From Discipleship to Apostleship The Rev. Dr. Duncan Johnston NEW THIS SEMESTER!
Find your love for God, God’s Church, and God’s mission revived. Become acquainted with the Missional Church Movement and how it can help you develop a fruitful model for ministry. In this course, students will gain a comprehensive understanding of the post-Christian nature of their locations and discover how many methods of addressing the Church’s decline have failed to halt the marginalization of the Church and the Gospel. For clergy and lay leaders with significant hands-on leadership in their parishes.

When, why, and how do we pause to reorient ourselves towards God and the mighty acts of God? What is the theological & historical significance of our liturgical rituals? This course will provide students with an overview of the history of liturgy in the western church an emphasis on the liturgical theology of the Book of Common Prayer, Eucharist, and the Daily Office, and an introduction to the various roles of deacons in the liturgical life of the church.

Advanced Homiletics The Rev. Dr. Duncan Johnston
How do you proclaim so that others may believe? Deepen your exegetical practices, strengthen your preaching, challenge yourself to reflect on your practice of preaching. For clergy only.

Recovering and Claiming Celtic Spirituality The Rev. Canon Mark A. Scheneman NEW THIS SEMESTER!
This course will undertake a pilgrimage into traditional and contemporary Celtic Spirituality. We will examine the rich and deep traditions of the Celtic Christian movement with particular attention to the dynamics and rhythms of connectiveness, presence, and engagement in a spirituality we can claim as our own in this 21st century.

$300 per course or $100 per course audit. $150 per orientation weekend retreat. Scholarships are available.

For scholarships and more information, contact The Very Rev. Robyn Szoke-Coolidge, Dean at Rszoke@diocesecpa.org

NEW! Special Group Rate
For a parish group of 2 or more taking a course together, each additional student will be charged only $50. That’s a total of $350 for two students, $400 for three students, and so on! A perfect option for Bible Study groups, Vestries, Outreach Committees, etc.