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Stevenson School for Ministry Online Faith Formation Courses for Adults

- | 10-Week Online Courses | Vocational discernment modules for all | Ministry Internships |
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Fall 2016 Courses **Beginning the weekend of September 30th**

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 Testament 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, canonicity, biblical history, 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 *Dr. Deirdre Good*

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.

Church History I: Crossroads in Christian History *The Rev. Canon Mark Scheneman*

Students will encounter eight crossroad moments in Christian History which reflect epic developments in the evolution of the faith community. They will come to understand the context of each crossroad, tracing aspects of the political, cultural, economic, and ecclesiastical forces which shaped that important development and be able to identify the key issues, people, and outcomes of each crossroad moment. Students will reflect on the dynamic direction which each crossroad represents in the evolution of Christianity and the Anglican Community, and learn to apply these historical crossroad moments to the contemporary life, worship, witness, and the mission of the Church.

Prayer Book Studies I *The Ven. Jane Miron, The Rev. Wanda Kloza*

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.

Ethics I *The Rev. Kara Slade*

What is the role of spirituality in Anglican teaching about the moral life? In this course, students will begin to develop an understanding between cultural ethics and Christian ethics and to build a thought process that leads them to a better understanding of how our faith guides us to develop a different ethical structure or thought process. Students will be introduced to major ethical theories and major figures in the field, and how they have resolved moral issues.

Anglican Practical Theology *The Rev. Canon Dr. Jay Geisler*

As Anglicans, how do we apply our understanding of Scripture to our ministry? How do we worship? How do we reconcile? Practical theology is the application of theological principles and ideals in daily life and ministry. In this course students will become familiar with concepts such as 'via media,' 'scripture, reason and tradition,' and 'journey' by engaging in the writings of John Westerhoff and other contemporary authors. In the process of this course exploration, students will learn ways to apply these concepts to their own lives and their own spiritual journeys and ministry.

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

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