

PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION
 MASTER OF DIVINITY PROGRAM
ALTERNATIVES TO REQUIRED COURSES 2007-2008
 For students entering the MDiv program Fall 2004 and later

Students who enter the Master of Divinity program under the new curriculum beginning Fall 2004 are required to 54 units of required course credits. The PSR faculty offers the required MDiv courses on a regular basis. However, because of scheduling conflicts, commuting schedules, or denominational requirements, students may choose to take certain courses offered at other GTU schools as alternatives to PSR MDiv requirements, which satisfy the basic requirements. Since listings of the alternatives may vary from one year to the next, reflecting GTU course offerings, students are advised to keep a record of any alternative courses they take to meet the PSR MDiv requirements.

Biblical Studies (9.0 units)

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| 1. OTNT 1708 | The Bible in the Near East | Fall | PSR | 4.5 |
| Choose from three sections, which share the same lecture, but have different discussion sections days/times. | | | | |
| 2. NTOT 1709 | Interpreting Sacred Texts | Spr | PSR | 4.5 |

Alternatives:

Students may meet both the PSR OT and NT requirements by taking the 2007-2008 full-year 9-unit interdisciplinary sequence consisting of OTNT 1708 The Bible in the Near East AND NTOT 1709 Interpreting Sacred Texts. In lieu of that sequence, they may meet the OT and NT requirements separately by pursuing the alternatives below (a minimum of 9 units total). If students take one of the 3.0 unit alternatives for the OT and NT, they must in addition take another 3.0 hour Bible course (either OT or NT), which includes an explicitly exegetical component.

OT Alternatives:

	OT1200	Pentateuch, Former Prophets	Fall	SFTS	3.0
AND	OT2154	Prophets: Division to Exile	Spr	SFTS	3.0
	OT2025	Teaching the Old Testament: An Introduction	Fall	CDSP	3.0
	OT1101	Introduction to the Old Testament	Fall	FST	3.0

Note: If students take the SFTS alternative, they must take the entire two-semester sequence to satisfy PSR's basic requirement in Old Testament.

NT Alternatives:

	NT1005	N. T. Introduction: Paul	Fall	SFTS	3.0
AND	NT1004	N. T. Introduction: Gospels & Acts	Spr	SFTS	3.0
	NT1009	Introduction to the New Testament	Spr	CDSP	3.0

Note: If students wish to take the alternatives offered by SFTS they must take the entire two semester sequence to satisfy the PSR Basic Requirement in New Testament.

Students are encouraged to enroll in the non-credit Hebrew Scriptures and New Testament workshops, which are designed to introduce students to the library tools used in Bible study. It is not necessary to include these workshops as part of the official course registration; registration consists of a sign-up sheet at the PSR Reception desk.

History, Theology and Ethics (9.0 units)

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| 1. IDS 1021 | Theology & Ethics in Christ. History I | Fall | PSR | 4.5 |
| 2. IDS 1022 | Theology & Ethics in Christ. History II | Spr | PSR | 4.5 |

Alternatives:

The 9.0 units substituted must include introductions to Christian History, Theology, and Ethics. Approval for any specific set of alternative courses must be given by one of the faculty teaching the PSR sequence above. Below are some faculty-approved alternatives:

HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY (HS)

Note: Be sure to check prerequisites for denominational history and polity courses and denominational requirements to see that you have enough church history.

Alternatives:

**HS1080	History of Christianity I	Fall	SFTS	3.0
AND**HS1081	History of Christianity II	Spr	SFTS	3.0

**HSST1087	History/Theology: Early Church	Fall	CDSP	3.0
AND**HSST1088	History/Theology: Medvl/Refrmtn	Spr	CDSP	3.0

(Note that in the CDSP sequence you will miss the last 500 years of the history of Christianity)

**HS1102	History of Christianity I	Fall	PLTS	3.0
AND**HS1112	History of Christianity II	Fall	PLTS	3.0

****BOTH OF THESE COURSES must be taken to satisfy the PSR basic requirement.**

IF YOU HAVE RECENT ACADEMIC WORK IN CHURCH HISTORY and feel you do not need another basic course, you should:

1. Bring Prof. Walker a syllabus or reading list from the course.
2. Take a more advanced course of your choice.

CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY (ST)

Alternatives:

ST1085	Systematic Theology II	Fall	SFTS	3.0
ST2180	Introduction to Theology	Fall	JSTB	3.0
ST1084	Systematic Theology I	Spr	SFTS	3.0
HSST1088	History/Theology: Medvl/Refrmtn	Spr	CDSP	3.0

Students who wish to satisfy the ST basic by taking a set of courses other than those noted above should consult with Prof. Matsuoka.

CHRISTIAN ETHICS (CE)

Alternatives:

CE1318	Fundamental Moral Theology	Fall	FST	3.0
CE2056	Fundamental Moral Theology	Fall	JSTB	3.0
CE1053	Intro to Christian Ethics	Spr	PLTS	3.0

Field Education (6.0 units)

1. FE 1005	Concurrent Field Study I	Fall	PSR	3.0
2. FE 1006	Concurrent Field Study II	Spring	PSR	3.0

Alternatives:

Field Education placements are approved through the PSR Field Education office.

Formation for Religious Leadership (6.0 units)

1. SPFT 1080	Spiritual Disciplines for Leadership	Fall	PSR	1.5
Alternatives:				
SP2492	Experiments in Prayer and Meditation	Fall	JSTB	3.0
SPRS 2512	Spirituality and Liberation	Fall	JSTB	3.0

2. FT 2923	Organizational Leadership			Fall	PSR	3.0
Alternatives:						
FT 2531	Art and Practice of Church Administration	Spr	CDSP	3.0		
3. MDV4500	Senior Integrative Seminar			Spr	PSR	1.5
Alternatives:	The course in this area does not have alternatives at other GTU schools.					

Cultural Resources for Ministry (9.0 units)

1. RA 1827	Art & Religion: Modern America	Fall	PSR	3.0
Alternatives:				
RAHS 1604	Christian Iconography	Spr	DSPT	3.0
HSRA 3536	Exegesis of Devotional Art	Fall	JSTB	3.0

2. The 3.0 units in a faith tradition other than Christianity may be satisfied by taking any one of a number of courses in the GTU course schedule under the Cultural and Historical Study of Religion (HR) area, and students are especially encouraged to explore courses offered by the Center for Jewish Studies and the Institute of Buddhist Studies.

3. The 3.0 unit requirement in a cross cultural context is normally satisfied though involvement in a PSR sponsored January intersession immersion (whether local or international), however, similar immersion courses offered by other schools and taken while you are matriculated in the MDiv degree may be considered. Please consult your advisor.

Ministerial Practices for Leadership (15.0 units)

1. FT 1267	Frameworks for Critical Engagement	Spr	PSR	3.0
Alternatives:				
STRS 2801	Multicultural Church	Spr	FST	3.0
RSCE 2701	Sociology of Religion	Fall	JSTB	3.0
ST 2415	Theology of Ministry	Spr	JSTB	3.0
2. LS 1201	Christian Worship	Spr	PSR	3.0
Alternatives:				
LSHS1100	Introduction to Worship	Spr	CDSP	3.0
LSFT1501	Ministry of Word and Sacrament	Spr	PLTS	3.0
LSSP 1355	Liturgy and Spirituality	Fall	FST	3.0
LSHM 4006	Weaving the Tapestry of Worship	Fall	SKSM	3.0
LSFT 2526	Liturgies in Reformed Churches	Spr	SFTS	3.0

Students from the Roman Catholic tradition are invited to choose LSSP 1355
 Unitarian-Universalist students are invited to choose LSHM 4006
 Students from the reformed Reformed tradition are invited to choose LSFT 2526
 Students from the Episcopalian tradition are invited to choose LSHS 1100
 Students from the Lutheran tradition are invited to choose LSFT 1501
 All other students are advised to take the PSR basic.

3. HM 2244/ 2246	Preaching: Theol. & Practice/Practicum	Fall	PSR	1.5/1.5
Alternatives:				
HM 2525	Biblical Preaching	Fall & Spr	PLTS	3.0
HM-2012	Ministry of Preaching	Fall	ABSW	3.0

HM-4002	Introduction to Preaching		Spr		SKSM	3.0
4. PS 1023	Angels Fear: Pastoral Theology & Care	Spr	PSR	3.0		
Alternatives:						
PS1015	Pastoral Care and Counseling		Spr		SFTS	3.0
5. ED1530	Introduction to Christian Education		Spr	PSR	3.0	
Alternatives:						
ED 2020	Christian Ed in the Parish		Fall		PLTS	3.0
ED 1225	Postmodern Christian Education		Fall		CDSP	3.0
ED-2754	Catechesis in Multicultural Church		Spr		FST	3.0

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