

Church Studies (CHST)

CIW - Satisfies EMU Core Christian Identity and Witness requirement.

101 Small Group Ministry Practicum

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This practicum is an opportunity for students to explore and develop interests in church leadership and ministry. Enrollment is limited to Ministry Assistants (MAs), who are required to lead weekly small groups in residence halls or off-campus.

121 Small Group Ministry Practicum II

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212 Introduction to Youth Ministry

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Theories of adolescent faith development, youth culture, adolescent experience and a believer's church theology of children and youth are studied as a basis for ministry to youth.

***223 Spiritual Formation**

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An introduction to Christian spiritual formation, its roots in history and its present-day implications on both personal and communal levels. Looking and listening for God's movement enables us to comprehend in a deeper way what it means to be peacemakers in the midst of a broken world. Lectures, readings, discussion, papers, experience of group and one-on-one soul care are the basis for openness to the redemptive work of God through the Spirit of Christ. (CIW) (Fall 2011)

***234 Mission in a Changing World**

In a promising and perilous world that is constantly being reshaped by global economic realities, environmental degradation, endless conflicts, instant communication, and mass migration, the faithful church seeks to witness to the good news of the Kingdom of God. This course examines features of the high-risk, exploratory, and experimental nature of effective mission movements that have engaged the world in similar times of challenge and opportunity. Using insights from innovations demonstrated by Jesus, Paul, and many others through history including the early Anabaptists, students will examine, critique, design, and advocate appropriate approaches to mission in our present and future world. (CIW) (Fall 2012)

312 Missiology

This course is designed to introduce students to the interdisciplinary field of missiology by examining Christian mission, as well as the issues raised by its critics, from various perspectives. These perspectives include biblical foundations of mission, a historical overview of missions, critical reflections on empire and globalization, current issues in mission, practical applications, and personal considerations for intercultural missionaries. (CIW)

***323 The Congregation and Its Ministries**

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This course develops a creative biblical and theological perspective for the role and significance of the local assembly of believers in God's redemptive plan. The goal is to develop a model where the social form of the congregation is subordinated to its biblically-mandated and Spirit-enabled ministry tasks. (Spring 2012)

***334 Youth Ministry in the Congregation**

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A focus on an integrated approach to youth ministry with particular emphasis on life planning, peer ministry, discipleship training and preparation for baptism, and church membership. (Spring 2012)

- 341 Church History** **3**
This course provides an overview of the stories of Christianity, beginning with the New Testament period up to the sixteenth century of the Common Era. It describes the varied successes and failures in the witness of Christians as they spread west into Europe, east toward China, and south into Africa. While this story may seem far removed from the church experiences of many class members, the course will help them connect to and learn from the questions Christians have always struggled with. (HIST 382) (CIW)
- *412 Church Leadership** **3**
A practical course focusing on the development of basic public leadership skills for the life of the congregation. Students prepare several kinds of sermons and plan worship services for various occasions. Skills are developed through class presentations with peer and instructor feedback. Attention is also given to the development of personal disciplines of worship and devotional life. (Spring 2011)
- *422 Mennonite History and Thought** **3**
A survey of the Anabaptist movement and Mennonites throughout the world from the sixteenth to twenty-first centuries. Issues include pacifism, wealth, political participation, community and tensions between faith and the dominant culture. Particular attention is given to the Anabaptist vision and its relevance for 21st century American life. (HIST 422) (Spring 2011)
- 451 Church Work Practicum** **3**
A program of study and supervised field experience in a congregation or church agency. Special emphasis is placed on personal development for ministry and experiencing ministry in the congregation.
- 462 Mission Practicum**
The purpose of the practicum is first-hand involvement in Christian ministry and witness, in an intercultural setting. Religious and intercultural studies majors may satisfy the practicum in a variety of ways. Radical Journey, SALT, and YES and other similar short-term programs may meet this requirement if arrangements are made with an adviser before beginning the placement. Summer placements in global South settings, or participation in a Washington Community Scholars Center internship or other urban context are encouraged. RIS minors may integrate their practicum with a required practicum in their major, or within a semester-long cross-cultural, if arrangements are made beforehand with an adviser.
- 473 Youth Ministry Practicum** **3**
A supervised field experience in a congregation or church agency. The focus of the practicum is to experience relationships, program and leadership in a youth ministry setting.
- 499 Independent Study** **1-3**