

MEMPHIS COLLEGE OF URBAN AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Memphis College of Urban and Theological Studies is to provide affordable, accessible, and accredited theological education and career-oriented degrees for those living and serving in an urban context in order to transform Memphis and the Mid-South for the kingdom of Christ.

Degrees Offered

Associate in General Studies (with concentrations in Applied Psychology, Entrepreneurial Leadership, Non-Profit Leadership, and Urban Theological Studies)

Bachelor in Applied Psychology

Bachelor in Entrepreneurial Leadership

Bachelor in Non-Profit Leadership

Bachelor in Urban Theological Studies

Curriculum

413. Suicide Intervention (3)

This course is designed to explore the theories, research, assessment, interventions, and prevention methods as they relate to suicide.

441. Applied Psychology Internship (6)

This course is designed to provide an opportunity for students to integrate their psychology course work into a culminating practical experience in a human services, educational, or business setting.

451. Applied Psychology Capstone (3)

Course Offerings in Computers (CMP)

101. Computer and Digital Literacy (3)

This course is an introduction to personal computers (and like devices) for navigating information in electronic formats.

Course Offerings in Economics (ECON)

101. Economic Reasoning (3)

This course provides a basic introduction to methodologies, theories, and practices in the fields of micro and macro-economics.

Course Offerings in English (ENGL)

101. English Composition I (4)

This course introduces students to different modes of academic writing. The course engages structure, organization, tone and style to help students discover and focus these, which they will support through critical reading and organization of ideas.

102. English Composition II (4)

This course introduces students to critical reading to develop academic writing. Its focus is structure, organization, tone and style which helps students draw conclusions about and focus these on literary texts.

201. Inquiry Based Research and Writing (3)

This course further instructs on the idea of academic inquiry to develop a focused, complete, and well researched argument.

Course Offerings in Entrepreneurship (ENT)

201. Introduction to Entrepreneurship (3)

This course provides an introduction to the entrepreneurial process of moving from idea to operational business.

311. New Business Development (3)

The course will provide an introduction to new business development including product assessment, business model development, product delivery modes, and business s8-2536 254.oBT0 7

451. Entrepreneurial Leadership Captstone (3)

Praxis oriented course that draws together the student's experience in the Entrepreneurial Leadership program as a whole and leads them through the p5 BD9ouc0.5 (eas0.5 (s

Course Offerings in Urban and Theological Studies (MCUTS)

101. Foundations of Academic Inquiry (3)

This "college essentials" course teaches students the academic strategies and lifestyle disciplines and characteristics needed to be successful as a college student.

103. Advocacy and Social Movements (3)

This course will examine both the theory behind and the practical applications of community activism/advocacy and social movements.

104. Critical Reasoning (3)

This course serves as a basic introduction to general reasoning and argumentation skills and helps students evaluate sound reasoning and question unsound assumptions.

201. Introduction to Urban Studies (3)

This course introduces students to the study of urban diversities in cities within the United States. The course will help students understand how cities have developed by placing urban issues in a context that helps improve student comprehension of the cities they live in.

301. Spiritual Formation (3)

This course will introduce students to the practice of spiritual formation including the history of spirituality, the disciplines, and key classic texts related to Christian Spirituality.

321. Urban Mission Theology (3)

This course explores the theological and spiritual foundations for being "on mission" in the city and for the city. The incarnation of Jesus is presented as the fundamental theological and dispositional concept for biblical urban mission, and serves as the lens through which social location and socio-cultural realities in urban communities are approached and understood. Emerging from this are an understanding of "incamational witness" and an ability to interpret contemporary urban issues in light of Scripture and missional theology. The urban ministry matters discussed serve as a primer for more detailed analyses in other praxis-focused courses.

322. Biblical Theology of the Marginalized (3)

This course surveys Scripture's witness to concern for the marginalized from Genesis to Revelation. Students will gain an awareness of who the marginalized are in Scripture and then explore what the Bible says about these groups and the faith community's responsibilities in relationship to them.

401. Christian Ethics (3)

This course will be a basic introduction to Ethics and will focus on moral reasoning, professional applications, and the value of the common good.

Course Offerings in Non-Profit Leadership (NPL)

211. Introduction to Non-Profit Leadership (3)

This course will present an introductory overview of nonprofit organizational models, management principles, and the skills necessary to sustain the nonprofit institutions.

Course Offerings in Public Speaking (SPE)

101. Public Speaking (3)

Public speaking is a performance course dedicated to the theory and practice of oral communication. Development of skill in speech organization, poise, and confidence is emphasized.

201. Speaking in a Church Context (3)

This course presents key components in the development and delivery of Biblical messages.

Course Offerings in Statistics (STAT)

201. Statistical Reasoning (3)

This course will explore the various branches of statistics and the dimensions of thinking they contribute to critical reasoning. The course will also examine how statistics are used in different real world situations and survey historical developments in the

302. OT II: Prophets and Wisdom Literature (3)

This course examines the writings of the Prophets and Wisdom books of the Hebrew Bible. As regards the Prophets, the course will explore the distinctives of the Biblical prophets and assess their unique message, especially the theological and ethical. As regards the wisdom literature, focus will be given to the nature and form of the text, and the theological and ethical content therein. For both the course will seek ways to relate material to the context of contemporary life.

303. Systematic Theology I: Prolegomena, God, Humanity, and Sin (3)

This course will introduce students to systematic theology and will cover methodology (Prolegomena), the doctrine of God, the doctrine of Anthropology, and the doctrine of sin.

304. Systematic Theology II: Christ, the Holy Spirit, Salvation, Church, and Last Things (3)

This course serves as a basic introduction to systematic theology with a focus on the doctrines of Christology, Pneumatology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology.

311. NT I: Jesus and the Gospels (3)

This course will examine the critical exegetical issues related to the study of the Gospels, along with the important questions of the reconstruction from the Gospels of a life of Christ that leads to a Biblical Christology.

312. NT II: Acts and Paul's Letters (3)

An examination of the Pauline texts and the life of Paul as exhibited in the book of Acts and the New Testament texts normally ascribed to Paul. This course will both explore the theologies expressed by the various writings and an overall canonical theology as expressed in the Pauline corpus as a whole. Students will be challenged to ask how these texts might shape contemporary belief and ethical expression.

313. History of World Christianity (3)

This course will explore the history of Christianity from its first century origins through to the modern day with special reference to the development of global Christianity.

441. Ministry Internship (3)

The ministry internship provides a unique learning experience for ministerial students by exposing them to the "behind-the-scenes" work of Christian service and providing the opportunity to apply the skills they have learned in the classroom to the real world.

451. Theology Capstone (3)

This course is designed to integrate key areas of learning in the Bachelor of Arts in Urban Theological Studies program. Students will finalize the project that was formulated and has