CHRISTIAN MINISTRY COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Bible

CMN 3000 Biblical Literature and Interpretation (3)
An overview of the various forms of Biblical Literature, their place in the canon, and the interpretive frameworks used for understanding utilizing these forms in preaching and teaching.

CMN 3100 Biblical Exegesis and Exposition from the Pentateuch (3)
An examination of the Pentateuch, with special attention given to one book from that section of scripture, for both a clearer understanding of the text and its application for preaching/teaching in the local church. This course may be repeated if focus is on a different book of the Bible.

CMN 3150 Biblical Exegesis and Exposition from Old Testament History (3)
An examination of Old Testament History, with special attention given to one book from that section of scripture, for both a clearer understanding of the text and its application for preaching/teaching in the local church. This course may be repeated if focus is on a different book of the Bible.

CMN 3200 Biblical Exegesis and Exposition from the Prophets (3)
An examination of the prophets, with special attention given to one book from that section of scripture, for both a clearer understanding of the text and its application for preaching/teaching in the local church. This course may be repeated if focus is on a different book of the Bible.

CMN 3250 Biblical Exegesis and Exposition from Psalms and Wisdom Literature (3)
An examination of the Psalms and wisdom literature, with special attention given to one book from that section of scripture, for both a clearer understanding of the text and its application for preaching/teaching in the local church.

CMN 3300 Biblical Exegesis and Exposition from the Synoptic Gospels (3)
An examination of the synoptic Gospels, with special attention given to one book from that section of scripture, for both a clearer understanding of the text and its application for preaching/teaching in the local church. This course may be repeated if focus is on a different book of the Bible.

CMN 3350 Biblical Exegesis and Exposition from Paul’s Letters (3)
An examination of Paul’s letters, with special attention given to one book from that section of scripture for both a clearer understanding of the text and its application for preaching/teaching in the local church. This course may be repeated if focus is on a different book of the Bible.

CMN 3400 Biblical Exegesis and Exposition from the Johannine Writings (3)
An examination of the John’s writings, with special attention given to one book from that section of scripture for both a clearer understanding of the text and its application for preaching/teaching in the local church. This course may be repeated if focus is on a different book of the Bible.
CMN 3450 Biblical Exegesis and Exposition from New Testament History and Writings (3)
An examination of the Book of Acts and NT writings (particularly the general epistles), with special attention given to one book from that section of scripture, for both a clearer understanding of the text and its application for preaching/teaching in the local church. This course may be repeated if focus is on a different book of the Bible.

CMN 3500 Biblical Exegesis and Exposition Special Studies in the Bible (3)
A special study of an aspect of biblical literature, with particular attention given to one book from that section of scripture, for both a clearer understanding of the text and its application for preaching/teaching in the local church. This course may be repeated if focus is on a different book of the Bible.

CMN 3800 Survey of Christian History (3)
A survey of movements and issues in the history of Christianity and their implication for contemporary ministry.

Theology and Philosophy

CMN 3010 Introduction to Christian Theology (3)
A survey of the primary Christian doctrines and the manner in which they have developed in the church.

CMN 3050 Themes in Biblical Theology (3)

CMN 3850 Theology of the Church (3)
An exploration of the key theological themes that influence a definition of the Church and its ministry.

CMN 4000 Critical and Constructive Thinking (3)
A review of key principles in reasoning, argument and constructive thinking for the sake of ministry in a complex social setting.

CMN 4050 Wesleyan Holiness Theology (3)
An exploration of the biblical, historical, and doctrinal sources for articulating a Wesleyan holiness theology for the local congregation.

CMN 4100 Contemporary Theology (3)
A survey of contemporary issues and themes in theology and their implication for ministry.

CMN 4120 Christian Ethics (3)
An exploration of the basis of Christian ethical decision making through the study of the major thinkers, practices, and sources and methods of moral inquiry that inform Christian living, service, and discipleship. Special attention will be given to issues that call for a Christian ethical response.
CMN 4800 Special Topics in Theology and Philosophy (3)
A special study of key theological and/or philosophical issues that influence ministry. This course may be repeated if focus is on a different theological/philosophical theme.

Ministry Leadership and Personal Development

CMN 4200 Principles of Management and Supervision (3)
An examination of the basic issues of leadership and administration associated with Salvation Army ministry. Special attention will be given to basic principles of management and supervision of a local ministry.

CMN 4250 Personal and Spiritual Development (3)
A course examining personal and spiritual issues in the local ministry with suggestions for ongoing growth and development. This course examines both traditional challenges and contemporary issues facing ministers in their ongoing journey as pastors and as persons.

CMN 4300 Discipleship and Lay Leadership (3)
An examination issues that Salvation Army ministers face in guiding the formative processes of the local church; particularly in developing and empowering lay leadership for the sake of church and society.

CMN 4460 Leadership in the Christian Organization (3)
A course designed to enable students to integrate leadership theory and biblical principles into a workable philosophy of leadership. Because secular leadership theory is not always applicable in Christian organizations, careful attention is given to worldview, motivation, leadership style, team building, power, decision making, organizational culture, and conflict resolution.

CMN 4850 Special Topics in Leadership and Personal Development (3)
A special study of key ministerial leadership and/or development issues that influence ministry. This course may be repeated if focus is on a different topic.

Ministry Skills

CMN 2010 Introduction to Social Justice (3)
As the foundational course for the Social Justice Major, this course will introduce students to a basic biblical theology of justice and acquaint them with the leading secular theories of justice. It will examine historical social justice movements such as abolition and child labor reform and will explore contemporary social justice issues, including poverty, racism, environmentalism, and the criminal justice system, thus giving to students an overview of subjects which will be addressed in depth in other courses of the major.
CMN 3020 Introduction to Christian Ministry (3)
An introduction to ministry; in particular the vocational ministry of those called by God (both lay and clergy) to serve the church and community. Topics will include understandings of vocational ministry, the call, functions and roles in ministry, self-assessments, challenges and contexts for ministry today and in the future, leadership and authority, and spiritual practices.

CMN 4510 Shepherding in the Congregation (3)
Basic issues and strategies that inform the overall care of the local church as well as specific counseling issues faced by ministers.

CMN 4560 Compassionate Ministries (3)
A survey of the various approaches to social ministry including strategies for engaging the social setting in light of current issues, networking for ministry, and assessing ministry impact.

CMN 4600 Worship (3)
A review of the various aspects of worship, musical and non-musical, in dialog with historic and contemporary expressions.

CMN 4650 Christian Education (3)
A review of the design and dynamics of faithful educational ministry including basic issues of curriculum development, teaching/learning, and program development.

CMN 4700 Urban Ministry (3)
A review of ministerial approaches that take the city as their primary ministry context. Particular attention given to understanding urban settings, developing a theology for engaging the city, and developing faithful ministry practices for transformation.

CMN 4750 Perspectives in Preaching (3)
Overview of contemporary approaches to preaching including theoretical and practical application in sermon design and delivery.

CMN 4825 Evangelism for Emerging Cultures (3)
An examination of the salvation mission in light of the biblical mandate. Particular attention will be given to methods, styles, and resources of evangelism as well as to the issues of cultural diversity and world religions.

CMN 4900 Special Topics in Ministry Skills (3)
A special study of key ministry skills that influence ministry. This course may be repeated if focus is on a different topic.

CMN 4950 Christian Ministry Capstone Class (3)
This course integrates biblical and theological concepts, leadership principles, spiritual development and methods of ministry gained by the students in the program and culminates in a final integrative project in which the students will apply these insights to the ministry setting.