

## **ELCA SEMINARY CROSS REGISTRATION COURSE LIST JANUARY TERM 2011 (Draft—September 24, 2010)**

**The J-Term Reciprocity Program opens selected J-Term courses to degree candidates in all eight ELCA seminaries on the basis of cross-registration. Only the courses below are available for cross-registration.**

NOTE: For January Term courses below, registration *for course credit* is through LTSP, with applicable course tuition paid to LTSP at LTSP rates. Please understand the following:

- Trips generally require advance registrations and payment of deposits by early Fall. Contact the host seminary directly to register for the actual trips, make any required deposits, and obtain advance preparation information.
- Tuition payable to LTSP for trips sponsored by other seminaries is not eligible for the 50% tuition offset provided for course credit for LTSP-sponsored trips.
- For clarification as to whether a course below will fulfill LTSP degree requirements and for a determination of the credit that will be received at LTSP, contact Dean Rajashekar ([dean@ltsp.edu](mailto:dean@ltsp.edu)). Dr. Sebastian ([jsebastian@ltsp.edu](mailto:jsebastian@ltsp.edu)) may be able to discern if an immersion trip will satisfy global, ecumenical, or interfaith requirements. He can also advise you as to whether or not a follow-up paper is required for submission to him.
- In the case of on-campus courses, students are expected to contact the host seminary regarding housing arrangements, the cost of which is the student's responsibility.
- For further information on courses below, consult the seminary's website or contact that seminary's registrar.

### **The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Saskatoon**

**(<http://www.usask.ca/stu/luther>); Registrar Susan Avant ([susan.avant@usask.ca](mailto:susan.avant@usask.ca))**

Globalization Trip: Peru/Chile (a funding push may make a change to India)

HL 335 16th Century Confessions

#### ***Coming:***

J-Term 2012:

Globalization Trip: proposed - *Israel/Holy Land*

Course Offering: BL367 Gospel of Mark

J-Term 2013:

Globalization Trip: (not clear at this time)

Course offering: PL 314 Rites in Crisis

**Luther Seminary** ([www.luthersem.edu](http://www.luthersem.edu)) - Registrar Diane Doncits  
([ddoncits@luthersem.edu](mailto:ddoncits@luthersem.edu))

Globalization Trip: China

Globalization Trip: Mexico City

**Coming:**

J-Term 2012:

Globalization Trip: Guatemala

Globalization Trip: China

**The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia** ([www.ltsp.edu](http://www.ltsp.edu)) - Registrar  
René Diemer ([registrar@ltsp.edu](mailto:registrar@ltsp.edu)). Housing requests to Sara Calderón,  
[scalderon@ltsp.edu](mailto:scalderon@ltsp.edu).

**SGN150, 151, or 152 Global Travel Seminar to Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand; Jan 15–  
Feb. 1, 2011** (Dr. Paul Rajashekar; up to 1 LTSP unit or 3 semester hours)

NOTE: A student may register for up to two of the following: SGN150 Global Option Credit, SGN151 Ecumenical Option Credit, or SGN152 Interfaith Option Credit, each worth ½ unit (1½ semester hours) of academic credit and requiring advance preparation and follow-up papers. However, registration for credit is not necessary for trip participation. Prior registration for the trip must be made through Dr. Rajashekar ([rajashekar@ltsp.edu](mailto:rajashekar@ltsp.edu)).

Focus is on evangelization and development in the context of Southeast Asian Buddhist cultures. The group will travel to Ho Chi Min City and Phnom Penh to learn about Lutheran initiatives in planting new churches in the Mekong Basin and will visit rural relief and development projects of the Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service. The group will also visit the UNESCO World Heritage site, Angkor Wat, built by the Khmer Hindu Empire in 9<sup>th</sup> CE. The trip will culminate in Thailand with exposure to churches in Bangkok and participation at the **Asian Lutheran International Conference (ALIC)** in the City of Pattaya, on the theme: “Reading the Bible in Asian Contexts” (Jan 27-31). The conference includes special seminars for seminarians on interpreting the Bible in diverse cultural and religious contexts of Asia led by prominent Asian theologians.

**Trip Dates: January 5–15, 2011.** Prior registration for the trip must be made through Dr. Rajashekar ([rajashekar@ltsp.edu](mailto:rajashekar@ltsp.edu)). **A non-refundable deposit of \$150 is due by August 15, 2010** (make checks payable to LTSP/2011 Southeast Asia Travel Seminar) reserves a place for ELCA seminarians. Spaces are limited. Estimated total cost is \$2600, exclusive of visa and passport costs and domestic US travel.

**BNT351 Gospel Parables** (Dr. Frederick Borsch; 1.00 LTSP unit or 3 semester hours)

A study of the form and character of parable stories in the Synoptic Gospels. Comparative materials from the period will help to provide literary, historical, sociological, and theological

perspectives on these narratives. We seek to appreciate the diverse aspects and uses of these biblical narratives in order better to understand what they can tell us of Jesus' ministry, the ongoing interpretations of the churches, and their use in contemporary ministry. (Pre-requisite: Into to New Testament) Enrollment limited to 15 students. Biblical or free elective (Intensive, January 18-27).

**ICS254C Congregations, Leadership, and Community Transformation** (Mr. Steve Honeyman; 1.00 LTSP unit or 3 semester hours)

What is the connection between faith and social justice? How do we put our prayer and words into action to change the world? This course will explore the model of faith-based community organizing, its history and leadership characteristics and how it compares to other social justice approaches. Topics will include the church as community; faith and justice through the Bible; the community-organizing model; and identifying and developing leaders in the congregation. Requirements include pre-reading, interviews, and a final project. Students will meet experienced clergy and community leaders throughout the course. Metropolitan/urban concentration requirement or free elective (intensive, January 10-21, plus January 23)

**The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago** ([www.lstc.edu](http://www.lstc.edu)) - Registrar Pat Bartley ([pbartley@lstc.edu](mailto:pbartley@lstc.edu)) J-Term dates are January 3-21. There will be no classes on January 17 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday).

**L/M-425 Leadership and Mission in Rural Congregations** (Dr. Kadi Billman)

A travel seminar that explores rural living and agricultural issues, and challenges students to engage in biblical/theological reflection on rural ministry.

**Trinity Lutheran Seminary** ([www.trinitylutheranseminary.edu](http://www.trinitylutheranseminary.edu)) - Registrar Carol Dixon ([cdixon@trinitylutheranseminary.edu](mailto:cdixon@trinitylutheranseminary.edu))

**MN2671 Immersed in Mission: Walking Together in Colorado and Haiti** (Binau)

Students will spend one week at Abiding Hope Lutheran Church in Littleton, Colorado, experiencing how missional focus and discipline permeates every aspect of the congregation's life together: worship, small groups, team meetings, and gatherings. They will experience how congregational leaders within a community of great wealth, by the world's standards, are faithfully working to replicate the converted life in others. They will then spend one week in Haiti witnessing how the congregation partners and walks with brothers and sisters living in the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, with return to Littleton for debriefing. NOTE: the climate and terrain of Haiti present physical challenges. Three semester hours. Meets Jan 3-21

**Trip Dates: January 3–21, 2011. Initial, non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due October 1** to Dr. Brad Binau. Estimated total cost to student is \$2,220 (airfare between Denver and Haiti, room, board, all transportation while in Denver and Haiti). Transportation to and from Denver is extra. Scholarships available from Abiding Hope Lutheran Church.

### **HTS2169 The Church in El Salvador (Fortis/Huffman)**

Since the late 1970s Salvadorans have become our next-door neighbors in large numbers. Come study the church in El Salvador and learn why the church grew more faithful even as one-fifth of the population fled the country during that decade. Encounter Lutherans and Catholics dedicated to faith, justice, and human rights, even to the point of death. Learn about our connections to his country before, during, and after a civil war. Experience life first-hand in rural and urban settings. Three semester hours. Meets Jan 3-21 (TLS campus Jan 3–4 and 20–21; El Salvador Jan 5–19). Maximum enrollment: 12.

**Dates: January 3–21, 2011** (at Trinity Jan. 3–4 and 20–21). **Initial, non-refundable deposit by September 28** to Ruth Fortis. Estimated total cost is \$1,770, including roundtrip airfare between Trinity and El Salvador, tourist visa, housing at Lutheran Center, most meals, van transport, entrance fees, and honoraria.

### **MN2653 Detroit Urban Seminar/Focus City Ministry: Racism, Classism, and Sexism (Peterson)**

An on-campus and off-campus study of the issues of racism, classism, and sexism in urban ministry with a focus on the city of Detroit. Instruction by faculty and pastors engaged in city ministry in Detroit. Three semester hours. Meets Jan 5-18 (TLS campus Jan 5-6, Detroit Jan 7-18). Maximum enrollment: 15.

Dates: January 5-18 (at Trinity January 5-6). Estimated cost to student: \$685, including travel between Trinity and Detroit, housing, most meals, museum admission, bus tour.

### **The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg ([www.ltsg.edu](http://www.ltsg.edu)) - Registrar Marty Stevens ([mstevens@ltsg.edu](mailto:mstevens@ltsg.edu))**

#### **2.303 Gathered at the Table: Ancient and Contemporary Christian Responses to Hunger and Poverty (Dr. David Creech ) (1 LTSP unit or 3 semester hours)**

The earth is capable of producing enough food for all to eat yet more than 1 billion people are hungry. Hunger in a world of plenty is a travesty. What then is a Christian response? What is our role in the global struggle against hunger and poverty? What work is the church already doing? How do we as leaders in the church mobilize our congregations and communities to effectively address hunger and poverty? To get at these and related questions, this course will examine first the biblical witness and other early Christian writings to provide a thick description of the early church's teaching and practice around issues of hunger and poverty. The second part of the course will look at some contemporary approaches to addressing hunger and evaluate their effectiveness, both at addressing hunger generally as well as at fulfilling what we understand to be the church's role in combating hunger. In addition to reading key articles on effective aid, this part of the course will involve a mini-immersion trip to the inner city and a visit to Washington D.C. to learn about and engage in political advocacy.

#### **3.106a/b Portraits of Mission Strategies (Prof. William O. Avery) (0.5–1 LTSP unit or 1.5–3 semester hours\*)**

This course focuses on the mission of Christian congregations. It will develop a theology of mission that can assist in bringing renewal to congregations that are stagnant, in decline or even dying. This course will process the context for evangelizing, namely the U.S. as a postmodern,

post-Christian society. The course will examine the particular characteristics of the Millennials and Gen X. One session will be a workshop done in cooperation with the staff of the Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission Unit of the ELCA.

\* The course will be offered in two 0.5–unit (1.5 sem hr) segments. The first half will be “The Basics of Evangelizing,” and the second half will be “Evangelizing in a Postmodern, Post-Christian Society.” The course is open to all students; first-year students must take the first-half of the course in order to be able to take the second-half. Other students may register for either half or both halves.

**3.548 Understanding and Preventing Sexual Abuse in the Church** (Dr. Warren Eshbach and Prof. Norma Wood ) (0.5 LTSP unit or 1.5 semester hours)

The course emphasizes the church as a place for healing and justice by raising awareness of sexual abuse and how to recognize, prevent, stop, and heal it. Topics addressed include personal and professional boundaries, roles and relationships, legal issues, congregational and ecclesiastical policies, child sexual abuse prevention, causes of sexual abuse, and healing from abuse. *Fulfills requirement for MDiv and MAMS degree students for Sexual Abuse Prevention Workshop.*

**4.204 Diaconal Ministry Formation Event (Dr. Mark Oldenburg)** (1 LTSP unit or 3 semester hours)

Every candidate for consecration as a diaconal minister in the ELCA must take part in a Formation Event, which provides a diaconal perspective for shaping a course of study and field experience. Participants will study the Biblical and historical roots and contemporary expressions of diaconal ministry, examine current models for ministry, and develop spiritual insights and disciplines for active ministry through worship, prayer, and group processes. Participation in the DMFE requires a positive entrance decision and a participation fee in addition to tuition.

**Wartburg Seminary** ([www.wartburgseminary.edu](http://www.wartburgseminary.edu)) - Registrar Kevin Anderson  
([registrar@wartburgseminary.edu](mailto:registrar@wartburgseminary.edu))

**Milwaukee Urban Immersion—Persaud**

5 spots available to WTS students for cross-cultural financial support

Other spots available to ELCA seminaries