

PD 02 SPIRITUAL FORMATION

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This course is designed to provide students with an introduction to varied expressions of spirituality in the Christian tradition. Students will also be introduced to classical practices or disciplines of the Christian faith as foundational to discipleship in Christian community and the practice of ministry. Through lectures, discussions, shared reflections, retreat, and the faithful practice of spiritual disciplines, students will be assisted in an ongoing discernment and response to God's call in their lives and ministry.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will deepen their knowledge of various expressions of Christian spirituality and engage in spiritual practices relevant to their own life's history and calling.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Do assignments (readings and practices) required for each week prior to class/section- They are listed under the weekly date of Tuesday's lecture class.
2. Participate in small group discussions on intersection of life with readings and devotional practice.
3. Maintain a daily devotional life that is centered on biblical reading, meditation, and prayer.
4. Journal daily- on a biblical text (from the Common Daily Lectionary or from a Scripture passage suggested in *Devotional Classics*). Format to be discussed on first day of class.
5. Participate in a required day of Sabbath/Retreat: Saturday, Oct. 11, (9:00 am 4:00 pm). NO CLASS the following week of Oct. 13.
6. Final integrative paper (10 pg). Topic and format to be discussed in class. Due Nov. 24.

REQUIRED BOOKS:

St. Augustine, *Confessions*
 Richard Foster, *Devotional Classics*
 Eugene Peterson, *The Contemplative Pastor*
 Richard Rolheiser, *The Holy Longing*

RECOMMENDED BOOKS:

Paul Chilcote (Ed.), *The Wesleyan Tradition: A Paradigm for Renewal*, Abingdon, 2002
 Anne Wimberly & E. Parker (Eds) *In Search of Wisdom: Faith Formation in the Black Church*
 Jane Vennard, *Embracing the World*, Jossey-Bass, 1997.

ATTENDANCE: Absences must be requested of the professor in order to be excused.

No more than 3 will be permitted.

GRADING: Pass/Fail 50% of evaluation will be based on maintaining devotional journal, small group participation and 50% on the final paper.

PD 02 Syllabus

September 9	Topic:	Introduction to the Class Introduction to the Spiritual Life
September 16	Topic: Reading:	Preparing for the Spiritual Life <i>Confessions, Books I,II</i> <i>Devotional Classics, pp. 1-57</i> <i>The Holy Longing, Chs. 1-3</i>
September 23	Topic: Reading:	Trinitarian Spirituality <i>Confessions, Book III</i> <i>Devotional Classics, pp. 203-248</i> <i>The Holy Longing, Ch. 4</i>
September 30	Topic: Reading:	Word Centered Spirituality (Professor Barnes) <i>Confessions, Book IV</i> <i>Devotional Classics, pp. 299-344</i> <i>The Holy Longing, Ch. 5</i>
October 7	Topic: Reading:	Prayer <i>Confessions, Book V</i> <i>Devotional Classics, pp. 59-143</i> <i>The Holy Longing, Ch. 7</i>
October 11	Saturday	Retreat
October 21	Topic: Reading:	Virtue <i>Confessions, Book VI, VII</i> <i>Devotional Classics, pp. 145-201</i> <i>The Holy Longing, Ch. 9</i>
October 28	Topic: Reading:	Spirituality of Compassion and Justice <i>Confessions, Book VIII</i> <i>Devotional Classics, pp. 249-298</i> <i>The Holy Longing, Ch. 8</i>
November 4	Topic: Reading:	Congregational Spirituality <i>Confessions, Book IX</i> <i>The Holy Longing, Ch. 6</i> <i>The Contemplative Pastor, pp. 1-95</i>
November 11	Topic: Reading:	Pastoral Spirituality <i>Confessions, Book X</i> <i>The Holy Longing, Ch. 10</i> <i>The Contemplative Pastor, pp. 95-157</i>

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