PASTORAL MINISTRY (PMN) COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

PMN 200 - Nyack Heritage (1)
This course introduces the student to the place of Nyack College in evangelical Christianity. It studies Nyack’s founder, Dr. A.B. Simpson, its academic development, its denominational affiliation, and its contribution to the church and society.

PMN 207 – Introduction to Messianic Ministry (3)
This is the first course in the Messianic Jewish Studies Concentration. It will introduce students to the history, sociology and theology of the modern Messianic Jewish Movement of today and its relationship to first century Messianic Judaism. We will examine the importance of "Restoring the Jewishness of the Gospel" to the larger Body of Messiah as well as its impact upon reaching our modern Jewish world.

PMN 211 - Life and Ministry of A.B. Simpson (3)
A historical, theological, pastoral and educational examination of the life and work of the founder of Nyack College.

PMN 214 – Orientation to Biblical Languages and Tools—Hebrew (3)
This course is designed to give an overview of the Hebrew language, tools and culture in order to help the student in the preparation of sermons and Bible studies. Hermeneutical principles of the Old Testament will also be covered.

PMN 215 – Orientation to Biblical Languages and Tools—Greek (3)
This course is designed to give an overview of the Greek language, tools and culture in order to help the student in the preparation of sermons and Bible studies. Hermeneutical principles of the New Testament will also be covered.

PMN 228 – Introduction to Women in Ministry (3)
This is the first course in the women in ministry concentration. It is a survey of the role and ministry of women in the Scripture, Church history and the contemporary setting. Attention will be given to the role of women in missions, Christian education, North American ministry and other ministry settings. One of the core objectives in this course is to release and empower women for their God-given Calling. (Same as CED, MIS 228)

PMN 230 – Poetry as Ministry (3)
A reading of Christian religious verse of 20 centuries of the Christian Church, coupled with its place in varied counseling, teaching and preaching ministries. Techniques in writing Christian poetry will be investigated, coupled with the place of poetry workshops in ministry.

PMN 233 – Theology of Worship and the Arts (3)
This is the first course in the Worship and the Arts concentration. The focus of this course is to build a biblical theology of worship and the arts from the Scriptures and church history. Attention will be given to the critical evaluation of contemporary issues in worship from a biblical foundation.

PMN 252 – Leadership and Character Development (3)
This course is designed to develop knowledge of what characterizes a strong leader, help the student to assess his/her strengths and weaknesses as a leader, and engage him/her in practical and experiential leadership exercises. (Same as CED 252, MIS 252)

PMN 300 – Pastoral Counseling (3)
This course is designed to provide a theological foundation for pastoral counseling. It will also include an overview of counseling skills necessary in pastoral ministry. Subjects will include crisis counseling, interventions, 12-step groups, premarital, marriage, and family counseling, inner healing, ethics and other necessary topics.

PMN 301 – Pastoral Counseling in the Urban Setting (3)
This course is designed to provide the student with a theological foundation and practical skills for counseling both parishioners with social domestic problems and people in need in the wider community.

PMN 307 – Developing the Messianic Ministry (3)
The course will examine the various models of modern Messianic Judaism and their relationship with historical Jewish Missions. We will compare and contrast the models to develop a working model for effective Messianic Jewish synagogue planting and walk students through all the stages of development. The course will equip students with the tools and methodologies for developing healthy and successful Messianic Jewish communities.

PMN 311 – Introductory Homiletics (3)
This entry-level course will focus on the construction and delivery of basic expository sermons. Each student will formulate and preach several short expository sermons followed by classroom evaluation. Juniors or seniors only. Instructor’s permission required for non-majors.
PMN 312 - Applied Homiletics (3)
This second level course in homiletics will continue to focus on the construction of basic expository sermons with a greater emphasis on the actual delivery of the sermon. Students will be videotaped as they preach and will then be required to critique their own sermon. A basic topical sermon model will also be taught along with some elements of other approaches such as narrative, verse by verse, and teaching. Prerequisite: PMN 311. Juniors or seniors only. Instructor’s permission required for non-majors.

PMN 321 - Leadership Development & Mentoring (3)
This course will examine the importance of the task of leadership development, and will explore various ways to approach this task. Biblical models and insights from human development theory will be discussed. Emphasis will be placed on helping students understand the environments in which effective leadership development occurs.

PMN 328 – Contemporary Worship Models (3)
A survey and examination of contemporary worship models. These models will be evaluated and critiqued based on biblical theology, cultural contextualization and effectiveness. Emphasis will be placed on practical expression and experience of these models both inside and outside of the classroom setting.

PMN 340 - Alliance Doctrine and Polity (1)
The history, the organization, the distinctive doctrines and practices, and the current emphasis of the Christian and Missionary Alliance denomination. Preparation for the denomination’s interview process.

PMN 341 - Principles of Evangelism (3)
(For course description MIS 341)

PMN 343 - Divine Healing (3)
An investigation of biblical, theological, and psychological perspectives on spiritual, emotional, physical, and relational healing. Special consideration will be given to the historic C&MA thought with regard to Jesus and Healer.

PMN 346 - Personal Spiritual Formation (3)
Principles and practices of classic spiritual disciplines as the discipling tool of the church. Implications for Christian living and an agenda for continued growth are featured. (Same as CED 346)

PMN 350 - Power Encounter (3)
This course is designed to give an overview of spiritual warfare. It will cover topics such as Intercessory Prayer, strategic level spiritual warfare, personal warfare, deliverance and inner healing ministry. Because of the nature of the course, a theology of spiritual gifts and Kingdom ministry will also be developed. (Same as CED, MIS 350)

PMN 357 – Introduction to Church Planting (3)
This course is designed to give an overview of the theology, methodology and history of church planting. Emphasis will also be given to contemporary models of church planting with a goal of helping the student adapt a methodology that will equip and serve him or her best in their future ministry.

PMN 371 - Christian Service-Internship in Teaching (1)
Fulfilled by a teaching ministry of at least one semester (6 presentations) that involves weekly preparation and presentation.

PMN 372 - Christian Service-Internship in Preaching (1)
Fulfilled by a minimum of three preaching assignments beyond the homiletics requirements. Prerequisite: PMN 311.

PMN 373 - Christian Service-Internship in Community Service (1)
Fulfilled by a semester of volunteer service rendered to the broader community.

PMN 374 - Christian Service: Internship in Worship Leading (1)
The internship in Worship Leading will include the preparation, rehearsal and leading of no less than three worship services. The student is strongly encouraged to seek as many worship leading opportunities beyond this minimum as possible. This internship is best fulfilled with the cooperation of a worship team and a preaching pastor. Please have the person in charge of the services fill out a confirmation report. This report is to be filed with the Pastoral Ministry Department Head.

PMN 400 - Spiritual Autobiography (3)
(For course description see HIS 400)

PMN 401 - History of Christian Spirituality (3)
(For course description see HIS 401)
PMN 414-Advanced Homiletics (3)
The advanced course in homiletics will expand upon the models learned in the previous courses. Emphasis will be given to cultural contextualization technology and leadership in preaching. Students will formulate and deliver full-length sermons. The outlining of sermon series will also be covered. Prerequisite: PMN 312.

PMN 415-Music and Worship (2)
(For course description see MUS 415)

PMN 421-Developing the Woman’s Gifts and Calling (3)
This course is designed to be the capstone of the Women in Ministry Concentration. It will examine the development of gifts and callings of women throughout Biblical and Church History. It will explore various ways women are being developed and released into ministry in the contemporary church, both in an urban and suburban setting. Emphasis will be placed on helping students understand and develop their own gifts and calling.

PMN 432-Principles of Church Growth (3)
(For course description see MIS 432)

PMN 433-Critical Issues in Urban Ministries (3)
(For course description see MIS 433)

PMN 435-Introduction to Urban Ministries (3)
(For course description see MIS 435)

PMN 441-Leadership and Administration (3)
Principles of the organization and administration of church ministries, including coordination of program and personnel, budgets and financing, personal time management, and leadership development. (Same as CED 441)

PMN 442-Pastoral Methods (3)
Guidance in the resources, methods, and practices in the primary functions and duties of the pastoral office. Includes ordering services, funerals, wedding, administering ordinances, conducting meetings, visitation, and pastoral care.

PMN 444-Evangelizing Jewish People (3)
A detailed examination of the strategies and methodologies used in the past and currently being used to reach the Jewish people. Also included are discussions regarding the discipling of Jewish believers in the Messiah and the incorporation of these disciples into appropriate Messianic and traditional congregational structures.

PMN 445 – Leading the Worship Ministry in the Local Church (3)
This course is designed to be the capstone course of the Worship and the Arts Concentration. It will examine the development of the gifts and calling of the worship leader. This course will include instruction and practical lab time for developing worship ministries. It will also cover the development of philosophy of worship and practical ministry in the local church setting.

PMN 447 The Jewish People and Prophecy (3)
(For course description see BIB 447)

PMN 454-Understanding and Transforming Urban Systems (3)
(For course description see MIS 454)

PMN 456-The Church in the Urban Context (3)
(For course description see MIS 456)

PMN 470-Senior Seminar (3)
This course is designed to be the capstone of the Pastoral Ministry Major. Emphasis will be given to practical ministry preparation in the areas of vision-casting and development, philosophy of ministry, resume preparation, and cultural contextualization.

PMN 480-Independent Study in Pastoral Ministry (1-3)
Guided study in an approved topic in Pastoral Ministry. It may be done either as a theoretical study or as an aspect of a full-time internship program with a local church. Permission of the Department Head and Dean is required.

PMN 490-Urban Summer Ministry (2-3)
An eight week summer internship in inner-city ministry in Brooklyn, NY. Classroom analysis of urban sociology, urban church structure, ethnic ministry, and transient behavior with practical application to ministry.
PMN 495/496-Urban Ministries Internship (3)
This course provides a semester of approved fieldwork in urban ministry in metropolitan New York. The supervised ministry experience will be combined with reading assignments, along with being mentored by staff personnel to provide evaluation and mentoring. (Same as MIS 495/496)