

## **Graduate and Extended Studies Committee**

### **Short Form Proposal Template**

- I. **Who** - Academic Unit Name: **School of Theology and Christian Ministry**
- II. **Impact** – Will this proposal impact other departments, schools or Ryan Library (Yes/No)? If yes, please describe and provide date of contact to respective personnel. No.
- III. **What** – Proposal Summary: First, the School of Theology & Christian Ministry is proposing the addition of four courses to the Master of Ministry program (English and Spanish) to replace the four elective courses offered through directed studies and Nazarene Theological Seminary. The four courses are: Congregational Discipleship and Formation (3), Christian Ethics (3), Pastoral Care and Counseling (3), and Interpreting Christian Scripture (3). Second, we are proposing a modification to the course description and/or the prefix for four existing courses. Finally, we are also proposing that the program be changed from a Master of Ministry degree to a Master of Arts in Christian Ministry degree. The MM title is only used in Nazarene institutions and doesn't represent the broader market of theological education. The quality of the teaching, curriculum, and course offerings are more representative of a MA degree than a MM program.
- IV. **When** – Academic Year and Semester Changes to Take Place: Fall 2018. We need the changes to go into effect in the Fall 2018 in order to be eligible for federal financial aid.
- V. **Why** – Proposal Rationale: The four course addition is to replace the existing four course electives, that students have to take from other institutions such as Nazarene Theological Seminary (NTS) or through directed study. The reason for this change is because NTS is moving away from its multi-campus format of offering courses at PLNU. Second, the MM program only offers one course per semester (Quad 1) and need to offer a second course (Quad 2) each semester in order to be eligible for federal financial aid. The University moved to an internal loan program last year because the program was out of compliance. This change will make the program eligible again for federal financial aid. Third, in conversations with pastoral leadership on the Southwest region of the Church of the Nazarene they would like the MM program to meet the Course of Study educational requirements for ordination. The addition of the four courses helps to meet the COS requirements as well. Fourth, with the beginning of the MM in Spanish program in the Fall of 2018, it is necessary for us to make these changes before we launch the new program because new students might need federal financial aid. It would also be helpful to start the MM in Spanish program under this new structure.

VI. **How** – Curricular Changes:

The new courses: course titles and descriptions are:

BIB 6XX Interpreting Christian Scripture (3): A introduction to diverse ways of reading Christian Scripture, from ancient to modern, with an emphasis on its theological significance for ministry.

CMI 6XX Congregational Discipleship and Formation (3): An exploration of congregational practices that form persons and communities into faithful disciples. Attention is given to how theology informs the educational and formative practices of local congregations.

CMI 6XX Pastoral Care and Counseling (3): What is the pastor's role in offering and equipping the faith community to provide holistic forms of Christian care? Basic skills will be honed for short-term crisis pastoral counseling, when to refer to medical and psychological counseling, and how to organize lay ministries for care. Special focus will be given to clergy ethics and ongoing self-care and spiritual health for ministry leaders.

PHL 6XX Christian Ethics (3): This course studies major Christian ethical theories and views of the moral life. It also examines contemporary moral issues such as justice, war and peace, work, and family.

Change the course description and/or course prefix to the following:

From CMI 635 to BIB 635 Christian Scripture (prefix only)

From CMI 672 to THE 672 Wesley Theology and Contemporary Ministry (prefix and course description)

From CMI 675 to THE 675 Theology and Christian Ministry (prefix and course description)

From CMI 685 to BIB 685 Bible and Christian Ministry (prefix only)

- a. Step 1: In the Catalog Review folder (H:\Catalog Review) provided by the VPAA Office use *track changes* to prepare the proposed catalog text.
- b. Step 2: Arrange a meeting with the GESC chair and Records liaison to review the catalog text proposal and receive assistance in submission of the proposed catalog copy. Include this with your proposal.

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Total course/unit additions: 12

Total course/unit deletions: 12 elective units

Staffing increase/decrease: 0

Library resourcing impact: 0

Net Financial impact: Two additional courses offered each year in faculty regular loads. It would increase 6 units of overload paid for adjuncts per year.

[Admin Services Credential](#)  
[Bachelor of Business Administration](#)  
[Certificate of Interpretation](#)  
[Child and Adolescent Development](#)  
[Clinical Counseling](#)  
[Computer Information Technology](#)  
[Criminal Justice](#)  
[General Biology](#)  
[Kinesiology](#)

[Management and Relational Development](#)  
[Master of Business Administration](#)  
[Master of Ministry](#)  
[Organizational Leadership](#)  
[Other Courses](#)  
[School of Education - ADC](#)  
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~~Master of Ministry~~ Master of Arts: Christian Ministry

**CMI 612 - Christian Formation**  
(3)  
A study of Christian formation including personal and congregational practices that contribute to mature faith formation and healthy ministerial personhood and practice.

**CMI 622 - Preaching and Teaching the Scripture**  
(3)  
An engagement with the texts of scripture to consider their use in Christian proclamation and the appropriate methods and practices to facilitate that use.

~~BIB CMI~~ **BIB 635 - Christian Scripture**  
(3)  
An exploration of the literature and theology of the Christian canon with special attention to its ancient contexts and significance for preaching and teaching.

**BIB 6XX Interpreting Christian Scripture**  
**(3)**  
An introduction to diverse ways of reading Christian Scripture, from ancient to modern, with an emphasis on its theological significance for ministry.

**BIB 685 - Bible and Christian Ministry**  
**(3)**  
This course presents selected topics relating to Biblical interpretation and ministry. May be repeated for a total of six units.

**CMI 646 - Church in Mission**  
(3)  
A survey of the nature and mission of the Church and the relationship of ecclesiology to other major Christian doctrines.

**CHU 652 - Christian Tradition**  
(3)  
A survey of the history of Christian thought.

**CMI 662 - Leadership and Ministry**  
(3)  
A study of biblical, theological and practical understandings of leadership in the Church.

~~CMI 672 – Wesleyan Theology and Contemporary Ministry~~

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A study of Wesleyan history, theology and practice with implications and applications for ministry in the local congregation.

### **CMI 675—Theology and Christian Ministry**

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This course presents selected topics relating to theological understanding and ministry. May be repeated for a total of six units.

### **CMI 676 - Christian Mission in Local Contexts**

(3)

A study of the social, cultural, and demographic contexts of ministry as related to the mission of the Church.

### **CMI 682 - Stewardship and Management in Ministry**

(3)

This course presents the principles of finance as they relate to pastoral involvement in church and life, church budgeting, fund raising, building financing, family budgeting, and long-range financial planning.

### **CMI 685—Bible and Christian Ministry**

(3)

This course presents selected topics relating to Biblical interpretation and ministry. May be repeated for a total of six units.

### **CMI 690 - Special Studies in Christian Ministry**

(1-3)

This course presents selected studies in an area of Christian ministry as determined by the School of Theology and Christian Ministry. Permission is required from the Dean of the School of Theology and Christian Ministry and the course faculty. The student must be in good academic standing. Students may repeat the course for up to a total of nine units.

### **CMI 6XX Congregational Discipleship and Formation**

(3)

An exploration of congregational practices that form persons and communities into faithful disciples. Attention is given to how theology informs the educational and formative practices of local congregations.

### **CMI 6XX Pastoral Care and Counseling**

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