

Graduate School of Theology and Christian Ministry
THE6072 Wesleyan Theology and Contemporary Ministry
3 Units
Hybrid

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Meeting Days: Weeks 1-7 N/A; Week 8 on campus

Meeting Times: Week 8

Meeting Location: Online (Asynchronous)

Final Exam: (Day/Time): N/A

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PLNU Mission

To Teach ~ To Shape ~ To Send

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service is an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we strive to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces students to the life, ministry, and preaching of John Wesley as a model for contemporary Christian formation, service, and theological reflection.

INSTITUTIONAL LEARNING OUTCOMES (ILO)

1. **Learning, Informed by our Faith in Christ**
Students will acquire knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world while developing skills and habits of the mind that foster lifelong learning.
2. **Growing up in a Christ-centered faith Community**
Students will develop a deeper and more informed understanding of others as they negotiate complex professional, environmental, and social contexts.
3. **Serving, In a Context of Christian Faith**
Students will serve locally and globally in vocational and social settings.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students who complete PLNU's Master of Arts in Christian Ministry program will be able to:

1. Incorporate Christian formation in the local congregation and the life of the minister.
2. Interpret scripture especially as related to preaching and teaching in the local church;
3. Explain the nature, mission, and social context of the Church, especially as related to ecclesial practices and leadership in the local congregation; and
4. Analyze theology, ethics, and Church history, especially related to the Wesleyan tradition in contemporary ministry.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES (CLO)

The following learning outcomes will be achieved by students in this course:

1. Demonstrate growing awareness of the historical, political, and religious contexts of Anglican priest and evangelist John Wesley (1703-1791)
2. Adequately grasp Wesley's preaching and writing's distinctive emphases and theological themes.
3. Demonstrate the ability to reflect critically and creatively on the possibilities of adapting Wesley's ministry to contemporary church and society
4. Develop communication skills, both oral and written, in theological vocabulary and discourse.

REQUIRED TEXTS

- Tompkins, Stephen (2003). *John Wesley: A Biography*
- Maddox, R. L. (1994). *Responsible Grace: John Wesley's Practical Theology*. Kingswood Books.

- Wesley, J., & Albert Cook Outler. (1991). *John Wesley's Sermons*.
- Additional readings available through Canvas

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COURSE CREDIT HOUR INFORMATION

In the interest of providing sufficient time to accomplish the stated Course Learning Outcomes, this class meets the PLNU credit hour policy for a 3-unit course completed over 8 weeks. (Based on 37.5 hours of student engagement per credit hour.)

DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENT LEARNING HOURS

Assignments and Hours

ASSIGNMENTS	HOURS
Reading/Viewing Resources	40
Discussion Reading and Responses	30
Assignments	44
Total Hours	114

COURSE SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS

Course Schedule and Assignments

Facilitated Discussions and Presentation	40%
Reading Journals	10%
Research Project (Weekly Research Assignments, Final Paper, and Final Presentation)	50%

ASSESSMENT AND GRADING

Grading Scale to be used for all exams and final course grades:

93-100% = A

90 - 92% = A-

87 – 89% = B+

84 – 86% = B

81 – 83% = B- Graduate Programs

78 – 80% = C+

75 – 77% = C

73 – 74% = C-

71 – 72% = D+

68 – 70% = D

Below 68% = F

INCOMPLETES AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS

All assignments are to be submitted by the due dates. There will be a 10% reduction of possible points for **each day** an assignment is late and assignments will **not be** accepted for credit, four days after the due date. Day 1 starts on the specified due date/time. Assignments will be considered late if posted after the due date and time using Pacific Standard Time. A reminder that all assignments must be completed and submitted to pass this course. No assignments will be accepted after 11:59 on Sunday night of the last week of class unless posted. Incompletes will only be assigned in extremely unusual circumstances.

STATE AUTHORIZATION

State authorization is a formal determination by a state that Point Loma Nazarene University is approved to conduct activities regulated by that state. In certain states outside California, Point Loma Nazarene University is not authorized to enroll online (distance education) students. If a student moves to another state after admission to the program and/or enrollment in an online course, continuation within the program and/or course will depend on whether Point Loma Nazarene University is authorized to offer distance education courses in that state. It is the student's responsibility to notify the institution of any change in his or her physical location. Refer to the map on [State Authorization](#) to view which states allow online (distance education) outside of California.

PLNU ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION POLICY

Regular and punctual attendance at all class sessions is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. Therefore, regular attendance and participation in each course are minimal requirements.

Synchronous Class Attendance

For synchronous courses that have specific scheduled meeting times (including in-person, hybrid, and synchronous online courses), absences are counted from the first official meeting of the class regardless of the date of the student's enrollment. For courses with specific attendance requirements, those requirements are outlined in the course syllabus. Students may be warned if a student demonstrates a lack of attendance. After a warning, if absences continue and reach a total of more than twenty percent of the course the student may be de-enrolled from the course without further advance notice to the student.

If the date of de-enrollment is past the last date to withdraw from a course, the student will be assigned a letter grade of "F" or "NC." There are no refunds for courses where a de-enrollment was processed past the last date to withdraw.

A student who registers late must, therefore, be exceptionally careful about regular attendance during the remainder of the course. Registered students who neither attend the first class session nor inform the instructor of their desire to remain in the class may, at the request of the instructor, be removed from the class roster.

Exceptions to the foregoing attendance regulations due to extenuating circumstances beyond the student's control may be granted only by appeal to the Vice Provost for Academic Studies.

Note: For synchronous courses with an online asynchronous week, refer to the Online Asynchronous Class Attendance policy listed below.

Online Asynchronous Class Attendance

Students taking online courses with no specific scheduled meeting times are expected to actively engage throughout each week of the course. Attendance is defined as participating in an academic activity within the online classroom which includes, but is not limited to:

- Engaging in an online discussion
- Submitting an assignment
- Taking an exam
- Participating in online labs
- Initiating contact with the faculty member within the learning management system to discuss course content.

Note: Logging into the course does not qualify as participation and will not be counted as meeting the attendance requirement.

COURSE MODALITY DEFINITIONS

1. **In-Person:** Course meetings are face-to-face with no more than 25% online delivery.
2. **Online:** Coursework is completed 100% online and asynchronously.
3. **Online Synchronous:** Coursework is completed 100% online with required weekly online class meetings.
4. **Hybrid:** Courses that meet face-to-face with required online components.

In this course, the credit hour content will be delivered asynchronously, and attendance will be determined by submitting the assignments by the posted due dates.

PLNU SPIRITUAL CARE

PLNU strives to be a place where you grow as a whole person. To this end, we provide resources for our Graduate and Adult Undergraduate students to encounter God and grow in their Christian faith. We have onsite chaplains at our different campuses who may be available during class break times across the week. If you have questions or a desire to meet or share any prayer requests with our chaplains, you can find them at the [Chaplain's Page via myPLNU](#).

In addition, the Mission Valley and Balboa campuses have a prayer chapel for use as a space set apart for quiet reflection and prayer.

In addition, on the MV campus, there is a prayer chapel on the third floor, which is open for use as a space set apart for quiet reflection and prayer.

PLNU COPYRIGHT POLICY

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PLNU ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when in reality they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course. Faculty should follow and students may appeal using the procedure in the [university Catalog](#). See the Academic Honesty Policy in the Graduate and Professional Studies Catalog for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

PLNU ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY

PLNU is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all its programs, services, and activities. Students with disabilities may request course-related accommodations by contacting the Educational Access Center (EAC), located in the Bond Academic Center (EAC@pointloma.edu or 619-849-2486). Once a student's eligibility for accommodation has been determined, the EAC will issue an academic accommodation plan ("AP") to all faculty who teach courses in which the student is enrolled each semester.

PLNU highly recommends that students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester/term about the implementation of their AP in that particular course and/or if they do not wish to utilize some or all of the elements of their AP in that course.

Students who need accommodations for a disability should contact the EAC as early as possible (i.e., ideally before the beginning of the semester) to ensure appropriate accommodations can be provided. It is the student's responsibility to make the first contact with the EAC.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND DISCRIMINATION

Point Loma Nazarene University faculty are committed to helping create a safe learning environment for all students. If you (or someone you know) have experienced any form of sexual discrimination or misconduct, including sexual assault, dating or domestic violence, or stalking, know that help and support are available through the Title IX Office at pointloma.edu/Title-IX. Please be aware that under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, it is required to disclose information about such misconduct to the Title IX Office.

If you wish to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting responsibility, you can contact Counseling Services at counselingservices@pointloma.edu or find a list of campus pastors at pointloma.edu/title-ix

LANGUAGE AND BELONGING

Point Loma Nazarene University faculty are committed to helping create a safe and hospitable learning environment for all students. As Christian scholars, we are keenly aware of the power of language and believe in treating others with dignity. As such, it is important that our language be equitable, inclusive, and prejudice-free. Inclusive/Bias-free language is the standard outlined by all major academic style guides, including MLA, APA, and Chicago, and it is the expected norm in university-level work. Good writing and speaking do not use unsubstantiated or irrelevant generalizations about personal qualities such as age, disability, economic class, ethnicity, marital status, parentage, political or religious beliefs, race, gender, sex, or sexual orientation. Inclusive language also avoids using stereotypes or terminology that demeans persons or groups based on age, disability, class, ethnicity, gender, race, language, or national origin. Respectful use of language is particularly important when referring to those outside of the religious and lifestyle commitments of those in the PLNU community. By working toward precision and clarity of language, we mark ourselves as serious and respectful scholars, and we model the Christ-like quality of hospitality.

You may report an incident(s) using the [Bias Incident Reporting Form](#)

PLNU ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION POLICY

Regular and punctual attendance at all synchronous class sessions is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. If the student is absent for more than 10 percent of class sessions (virtual or face-to-face), the faculty member will issue a written warning of de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university drop date or, after that date, receive the appropriate grade for their work and participation. In some courses, a portion of the credit hour content will be delivered asynchronously and attendance will be determined by submitting the assignments by the posted due dates. See [Academic Policies](#) in the [Graduate and Professional Studies Catalog](#). If absences exceed these limits but are due to university-excused health issues, an exception will be granted.

PLNU'S USE OF TECHNOLOGY

To be successful in the online environment, you'll need to meet the minimum technology and system requirements; please refer to the [Technology and System Requirements](#).

Additionally, students are required to have headphone speakers, microphones, or webcams compatible with their computers to use. Please note that any course with online proctored exams requires a computer with a camera (tablets are not compatible) to complete exams online.

Problems with technology do not relieve you of the responsibility of participating, turning in your assignments, or completing your classwork.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) POLICY

Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools (e.g., ChatGPT, iA Writer, Marmot, Botowski) is not permitted, and the use of these tools will be treated as plagiarism.

GPS Academic Resources

PLNU offers the following free academic resources virtually for Graduate Professional Studies (GPS) Students. Visit myPLNU through the links below for more information.

- [The GPS Writing Center](#) offers:
 - **Zoom Writers Workshops** offered each quad on a variety of helpful topics
 - **One-to-one appointments** with the Writing Coach
 - **Microlearning YouTube Video Library** for helpful tips anytime

- [Research Help Guide](#) to help you start your research
 - The physical office is located on the third floor of the [Mission Valley Regional Center](#) off the student lounge
- [Academic Writing Resources Course](#): Found on your Canvas Dashboard, this course is non-credit with 24/7 access, no time limits, and self-paced content. [Watch a quick video run-through](#) and take time now to explore!
- [Tutoring](#): Students have access to 24/7 live or scheduled subject tutoring through Tutor.com, including a Paper Drop-Off Service with feedback within 12 hours.

ASSIGNMENTS AT-A-GLANCE

The course summary below lists our assignments and their due dates. Click on any assignment to review it.