

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

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CHMN533 (0.5)

Colloquium

Topics include The Pastor and Ministry Functions (required of students not having theological training and/or pastoral internship experience); Health Ministry; Marriage and Family Life Issues; Stewardship; Youth Ministry; Finance; The Small Church, Multi-Church District; Urban Ministry; Equipping Laity; Teaching Ministry; Conflict Management; Church Planting; Human Relations.

CHMN568 (1-12)

Learning in Professional Experience

Used to record credits granted for previous professional experience based on a learning portfolio and reflection paper in degree programs that provide for this option. Guidelines are available from the respective program directors.

CHMN585 (3-4)

Cross-Cultural Communication

A study of the impact of culture on communication and the ways cultures influence values and perceptions. Attention given to developing sensitivity when communicating with people of other cultures. Identical to MSSN585.

CHMN660 (1-9)

Field Practicum

Practical training in a variety of field activities. An individual contract is developed between the student and a Seminary faculty member that includes field supervision of that work, and the writing of a final product or report. Guidelines are available. Repeatable to 9 credits.

CHMN905 (4)

Seminar in Theory and Praxis

The interfacing of theory and praxis and their informing each other from a variety of theological, philosophical, sociological, functional, and related aspects.

PREACHING

Note: No 2 preaching classes may be taken during the same quarter.

- CHMN730** (3-4) as a minister. New areas of mutual effort.
Advanced Sermon Design
 Explores the theological meaning of preaching and examines the theories, forms, methods, and issues of preaching—especially as found in the contemporary field of homiletics. A “practical” lab component helps the experienced pastor further develop his/her abilities as an effective preacher.
- CHMN630** (3-4)
Leadership Development
 A study of leadership emergence, selection, and training in missionary churches with particular attention paid to strategic issues of various training models and the relationship between formal, informal, and non-formal leadership development. Identical to MSSN630.
- CHURCH LEADERSHIP**
- CHMN526** (3-4)
Conflict Management in the Church
 Biblical resources and contemporary research informing the creative management of differences in the church. Introducing change in the church. Skills training.
- CHMN527** (3-4)
Church Leadership and Administration
 Principles and strategies for developing an effective Scripture-based leadership role. The pastor as church leader and administrator.
- CHMN528** (3-4)
Architecture for Worship
 Design and structure in church building. Planning, contracting, and supervision in cooperation with the architect and the church-building committee.
- CHMN529** (3-4)
Church and Personal Finance
 Financial structure of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Also personal finance of the minister.
- CHMN535** (3-4)
Issues in Black Church Leadership
 Consideration of issues such as urbanization, nationalistic and separatist movements, changing family patterns, youth culture, Black/White relations, role and function of regional conferences, factors in church growth, Black theology.
- CHMN554** (3-4)
Introduction to Religious Education
 Designed for students who wish to discover philosophical, psychological, historical, and Scriptural foundations of religious education in home, school, and church/community.
- CHMN575** (3-4)
Principles of Stewardship
 Explores the foundations for stewardship as a Christian lifestyle and the principles which are needed in a stewardship ministry for the local church.
- CHMN610** (3-4)
Teaching Ministry
 A study of adult learning theories and teaching methods equipping the pastor to be an effective teacher.
- CHMN624** (3-4)
The Art of Christian Interpersonal Relations
 Leading the congregation into the scriptural principles and practice of Christian relationships. Prerequisite: CHMN555.
- CHMN628** (3-4)
Seminar in Physician-Minister Relationships
 Philosophy of health message. Historical development. The minister as a healer and the physician

Care Residency. See CHMN659.

CHMN567 (3-4)
Health Ministry

A study of the Adventist health message in its contemporary expression and application in pastoral work and outreach.

CHMN616 (3-4)
Spirituality in Ministry

Explores topics such as spiritual values in the Adventist faith, the ministry of prayer, and spiritual direction, and others. Repeatable with different topics.

CHMN618 (1)
The Practice of Spirituality

Nurturing a personal relationship with God through involvement with various spiritual disciplines such as prayer, meditation, devotional reading, and journaling under the guidance of an instructor. Repeatable to 3 credits.

CHMN620 (3-4)
Supervision in Ministry

Training in the supervision of Seminary students and ministerial interns in the practice of ministry. Emphasis on formation as well as education. Action-reflection methods utilized in instruction as models for supervision in person-to-person or small group settings.

CHMN640 (3-4)
Seminar in Pastoral Counseling

Application of principles and techniques to specific problem areas in pastoral care. Prerequisite: CHMN665 or its equivalent, or permission of instructor.

CHMN644 (3-4)
Seminar in Chaplaincy Ministries

Studies in the nature of institutional chaplain ministries such as military, health-care, prison, and campus chaplaincies. Repeatable.

CHMN645 (3-4)
Seminar in Marriage and Family Problems

Open to advanced students in pastoral care. Individual research for seminar presentations and analysis of more complex and difficult problems faced by the pastor in the family context. A consideration of special techniques and counseling strategies in handling such problems in the pastoral role.

CHMN646 (3-4)
Seminar in Specialized Ministries

Principles of ministering to people in particular circumstances, such as aging, physical disability, single parenting, delinquency, adoption, substance abuse, and dependency. Repeatable.

CHMN647 (3-4)
Christian Education in the African-American Church

Explores the way African-Americans historically have conducted the task of grounding themselves and growing in the Word of God. The critical role church schools have played in the African-American community is examined.

CHMN659 (1-6)
Practicum in Pastoral Care and Counseling

A skills course in techniques of pastoral visitation, counseling, and appraisal. Opportunity given for students to have direct counseling experience, with

preparation and supervised examination of case reports and studies. Supervised experience at an approved Pastoral Care Residency site. Prerequisite: CHMN555.

CHMN665 (3-4)
Advanced Pastoral Counseling

An intensive study of potential contributions of counseling to some of the more disturbing problems brought by members of a congregation to their pastors. Designed to enlarge the pastor's acquaintance with the therapeutic approaches of various referral agencies. Prerequisite: CHMN555 or its equivalent.

CHMN715 (3-4)
Family Ministries and Enrichment Programs

Investigates several model programs with detailed techniques for marriage and family enrichment as well as parent education, such as the Marriage Enrichment Movement and other seminars, retreats, and workshops that can be developed to enhance family wellness.

CHMN726 (3-4)
Research on the Family

Major research methods used in family studies, such as the use of inventories, the preparation of questionnaires, various research designs, data collection and analysis, and interpretation of findings.

CHMN736 (3-4)
Biblical and Theological Models of Community-Based Ministry

Introduces key biblical and theological narratives and models of community-based ministry. The unique contributions of Ellen G. White are investigated.

CHMN740 (3-4)
Pastoral Nurture and Religious Education

Ways a pastor can help a congregation build itself up in Christian faith and knowledge; the doctrine of the church as it pertains to mutual ministries within a local congregation; means for implementing religious education, adapted to the various age levels in the church.

CHMN746 (3-4)
Family Therapy in Pastoral Ministry

An analysis of major therapeutic techniques and interventions for marriages and families in the context of pastoral ministry.

CHMN755 (3-4)
Church and Society

Focuses on the interrelatedness of theology, church, and mission; modern people as the potential recipients of the gospel; analysis of contemporary social structures and life-styles in the light of scriptural norms; development of a biblical anthropology; the human factors at work in the advance of the gospel.

EVANGELISM

CHMN515 (3-4)
Small Group Ministry and Evangelism

A survey of the 4 basic kinds of groups showing the logical steps for organizing and administering a successful small-groups ministry. Covers leadership training, group multiplication, lesson writing, and discipleship.

CHMN558 (3-4)
Scripture Use in Personal Work
Explores the central role of the Scriptures in personal and seminar evangelism for instruction, nurture, and decision making.

CHMN561 (3-4)
Preparation for Public Evangelism

Introduces principles and practices of public evangelism, including the task of planning the details of a public meeting. This is an optional course for those conducting their own meeting.

CHMN562 (6-8)
Field Evangelism

Conducting a public evangelistic event with guidance, or participating in a field school of evangelism under the direction of an approved evangelist. Required: 6 credits in the NADEI program.

CHMN563 (1-4)
General Field Work

Evangelistic and/or pastoral work done in the area churches and surrounding communities. Repeatable. Required: 3 credits in the NADEI program.

CHMN565 (3-4)
Contemporary Denominations and Religious Groups

History, practices, and distinctive beliefs of denominations and religious groups with whom the Seventh-day Adventist evangelist comes in contact.

CHMN566 (1-4)
Church Evangelistic Ministry

Lays the theoretical and methodological foundation to create a discipling community in the local church. Emphasis on lifestyle evangelism and facilitating change and conversion.

CHMN586 (1-4)
Specialized Approaches to Evangelism

A study of one or more particular evangelistic strategies, such as small-group evangelism, felt-need ministries, and youth and university-campus evangelism. Repeatable.

CHMN587 (3-4)
Apologetics in Evangelism

Designed to enhance one's skill in defending the claims of the Christian faith as it relates to various world religions and other systems of beliefs and philosophies including giving reasons for one's faith in order to persuade others to accept Christ.

CHMN606 (3-4)
Techniques in Church Planting

Development of an awareness of the importance of church planting. Basic models and procedures for successful church-planting programs.

CHMN612 (3-4)
Urban Mission

evangelism. Application of the principles in the church in North America.

CHMN622 (3-4)

Seminar in Personal Evangelism

Research and presentations on various aspects of soul-winning in one-to-one or small-group encounters, including the development of new methods. This may involve formats, materials, audio-visuals, spiritual and psychological principles, decision seeking, problem solving, etc. Admission of non-doctoral students by permission of instructor.

CHMN623 (3-4)

Innovative Evangelism

Seeks to stimulate new ideas for evangelizing population groups that may be difficult to reach with more traditional methods, as well as broadening the means by which people might be attracted to the gospel. This may involve a review of unique approaches that have been tried by others as well as the development of original plans by students. Admission of non-doctoral students by permission of instructor.

CHMN625 (3-4)

Demographics and Urban Studies

Methods of determining the characteristics of a particular community or target population, with a unique focus on large urban centers, for the purpose of selecting the most effective evangelistic approaches. Includes the use of needs assessments and marketing surveys.

CHMN635 (3-4)

Broadcast Evangelism

Studies church-evangelism strategy involving a locally produced radio program. Planning, preparation, production, and follow-up of short daily programs and spots are emphasized, applying biblical principles of persuasion; includes actual production experience in the studios of WAUS-FM, the university station.

CHMN639 (3-4)

Seminar in Evangelism

Emphases from topics such as theology and history of evangelism and church growth, theory and research in church growth and member retention, evangelism and social alternative strategies for evangelism. Repeatable. Admission of non-doctoral students by permission of instructor.

CHMN649 (3-4)

Cell Church Introduction and Planting

Introduces key principles and gives understanding to cell vision, values, dynamics, and structure of the fastest growing churches in the world, including their latest discoveries. Prerequisite: Adequate field experience in small groups as determined by the instructor.

CHMN667 (3-4)

Health Evangelism

The use of health and temperance programming in outreach to meet people's felt needs; to arouse interest in the broader physical, mental, and spiritual aspects of better living; and to assist those pursuing Adventist ideology to make appropriate lifestyle adjustments.

CHMN669 (3-4)

Advanced Cell Church

Penetrating your community through a cell

church, discipling new believers for ministry, oikos evangelism, cell leadership using an effective equipping track, and weekend training events are emphasized. Identifies strategic priorities in expanding the cell church for further growth.

CHMN670 (3-4)

History of Evangelism

A study of the persons, concepts, methods, and results from the first century to the present involved in preaching the gospel and winning converts to Christianity. Includes a focus on Adventist evangelistic approaches.

CHMN735 (3-4)

Strategies for Church Growth

A study of factors that promote or hinder church growth, followed by a strong emphasis on developing specific strategies for the local church. Identical to MSSN735.

COMMUNICATION

CHMN570 (3-4)

Perspectives in Communication

A survey of communication principles and processes used in the accomplishment of the church's mission, including public relations, print media, news writing, advertising, community relations, exhibits, writing and recording for radio and television, audiovisual, and other communication tools.

SACRED MUSIC AND WORSHIP

CHMN519 (3-4)

Worship and Church Music

An overview of key issues involved in the pastor's responsibilities and opportunities pertaining to the corporate worship of the church. The role of hymns and music in Christian worship.

CHMN578 (0.5-1)

Voice and Hymn Singing

Fundamental understanding of the voice as it relates to singing—includes breathing, tone quality, placement, and aspects of keeping the voice healthy. Seminary chorus participation required. Maximum 3 credits.

CHMN588 (0.5)

Seminary Chorus

Choral studies and participation as a demonstration of evangelistic and church music values. Membership open to the public by the consent of the instructor. Maximum 3 credits.

CHMN590 (3-4)

Ministry of Music

Selected topics in music ministry include church-music practicum: the administration and planning of a church-music program, the creation of liturgies, working with choirs, conducting, leading congregational singing; hymnology: the study of the historical, theological, and musical background and development of the Christian hymn.

CHMN629 (3-4)

Sacred Music in the African-American Tradition

An examination of the historical role of music in African-American worship, and of the distinctive contributions African-American sacred music has made to Christian worship.

CHMN654 (3-4)

History and Theology in Adventist Worship

A study of Adventist corporate worship in terms of the theological and historical issues that inform it. Principles for designing and leading Adventist worship are emphasized.

CHMN710 (3-4)

Seminar in Worship

A study of theological principles that undergird worship practices, a review and evaluation of worship forms from the traditional to the contemporary, and the integration of theology, preaching, worship, and music in a way that leads to worship renewal.

YOUTH STUDIES AND MINISTRY

CHMN534 (3-4)

Foundations of Youth Ministry

Youth Leadership is designed to acquaint students with the opportunities inherent in a ministry to and with young people in the setting of church, school, and home. The biblical principles of youth ministry leadership, within the context of the church community, is given primary emphasis.

CHMN608 (3-4)

Youth in Contemporary Culture

A study of current developments in youth culture and its influence. Students formulate a strategic response relevant to Seventh-day Adventist ministry to youth.

CHMN619 (3-4)

Religious Experience in Adolescence

A survey of the literature on the tasks of adolescence with particular emphasis on how this developmental stage impacts acceptance of or alienation from religion. An investigation into how adolescents develop and experience faith and the various influences—such as parents, peers, church, school, and media.

CHMN636 (3-4)

Seminar in Youth Ministry

Formulation of a comprehensive ministry for a specific age group, culture, or situation (i.e., childhood, adolescence, young adult, African American, Hispanic, youth evangelism). Emphasis given to the identification and pastoral application of principles of developmental psychology. Repeatable. Prerequisite: CHMN534 or permission of professor.

CHMN657 (3-4)

Counseling Youth and Young Adults

Application of counseling theories and techniques to counselees in their teens and twenties. Students engage in actual counseling experiences and submit reports for self and instructor critiques. Prerequisite: CHMN550 recommended for MDiv students.

CHMN720 (3-4)

Current Issues in Youth Ministry

A study from the pastoral perspective of selected issues having to do with the spiritual development of youth from birth to 30 years.

HISPANIC MINISTRIES

CHMN514 (3-4)

Public Evangelism (Hispanic)

Evangelistic leadership. A study of basic principles underlying public evangelistic endeavor, and basic evangelistic procedures focused on the Hispanic-American population.

CHMN525 (3-4)
Hispanic-American Culture and Its Expressions

Studies into the nature of the multifaceted North American Hispanic culture and its expressions.

CHMN728 (3-4)
Latino Preaching

A study of the dynamics of Hispanic preaching with an emphasis on the distinctive homiletical rhetorical, and cultural qualities required for the effective proclamation of the Gospel.

CHMN729 (3-4)
Hispanic Evangelism

A study of principles and methods for evangelizing Hispanics in the U.S.

CHMN738 (3-4)
Bilingual Ministry

A study of the contextual needs of Hispanics born in the U.S., with emphasis on principles for retaining church members and reaching those not in the church.

INDIVIDUAL STUDIES

CHMN690 (1-4)
Independent Study
See general guidelines under *Academic Information*.

CHMN797 (1-4)
Independent Study

CHMN890 (1-8)
Directed Reading
Repeatable.

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CHIS505 (3-4)
Survey of Church History

An overview of church history from A.D. 100 to recent times. Open only to students who did not take a college course in church history. Does not apply on the CHIS core for MDiv program.

CHIS567 (3-4)
Hispanic-American Church History

The Christian Church in Hispanic North America, in the wider context of Spanish and Latin American church history since the 16th century.

CHIS570 (3-4)
History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

A topical approach with emphasis on source documents. Intended for students who did not take a college course in denominational history. Does not apply to CHIS core.

CHIS600 (3-4)
The Early Church to A.D. 604

The message and mission of the church; experiences, attitudes, and practices of early Christians, selected for their usefulness to a modern pastor.

CHIS609 (3-4)
The Church in the Middle Ages

Rise of the papacy; the evangelization of Europe; the great schism, investiture controversy, crusades, and conciliarism; religious authority, predestination, justification, church and state, church and sacrament, faith and reason.

CHIS620 (3-4)
*Seminar in Christian Biography**

A study of the lives and contributions of selected preachers and other church leaders from ancient times to the present.

CHIS630 (3-4)
History of Jewish Experience

The history of the Jewish people, religion, literature, and culture since biblical times, with emphasis on relationships to Christianity.

CHIS635 (3-4)
History of the African American Churches

An investigation of the African-American experience within the Christian church, with particular focus given to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Study is given to such critical issues as Regional Conferences.

CHIS640 (3-4)
Reformers and the Reformation

Careers and contributions of selected major reformers and the course of their movements; selections announced in advance. Repeatable with different reformers or movements.

CHIS650 (3-4)

English Reformation and Rise of Puritanism

Developments in the 16th and 17th centuries; the Elizabethan Settlement; the Puritan movement and its relation to authority, the kingdom of God, preaching, and the Sabbath; leading Reformers and Puritans and their legacy for today.

CHIS655 (3-4)

Wesley and Methodism

Topics in the historical development of Methodism and Wesleyan theology. Repeatable.

CHIS660 (3-4)

History of Religion in America