## GSEM695 (3)
**Research Project**

## GSEM697 (3-9)
**Thesis for MA Degree**

## GSEM698 (3-12)
**Thesis for Master of Divinity Degree**

## GSEM699 (3-12)
**Thesis for Master of Theology Degree**

## GSEM850 (2)
**Research Seminar**
An introduction to research methods and tools.

## GSEM854 (3)
**PhD-ThD Dissertation Proposal Seminar**
Advanced research techniques and tools, with preparation of a tentative proposal, or pre-proposal, for a dissertation in the field of religion.

## GSEM860 (3)
**Teaching Religion in College**
Furnishes PhD and ThD students with insights into the practice of using basic techniques, tools, and procedures for meaningful instruction in the field of religion.

## GSEM880 (0)
**Preparation for PhD-ThD Comprehensive Examinations**

## GSEM888 (0)
**PhD-ThD Dissertation Continuation**

## GSEM920 (3)
**Religious Studies Seminar**
An interdepartmental seminar structured to provide PhD/ThD students with the opportunity of examining relevant significant topics in religion. Repeatable with different topics or participating departments. Credit may be applied to a student's concentration.

## GSEM995 (1-12)
**PhD-ThD Dissertation**
Must be taken to 16 credits.

## CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

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### Courses

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#### CHMN508 (2-3)
**Tools for the Pastor's Spouse**
This course is designed to equip the pastor's spouse for life in the pastorate. Some of the areas explored are: components needed for success, devotional life, enhancing marriage, hospitality, preacher's kids, discovering mission, team ministry, challenges in the parsonage, women's/ men's ministry, and available resources.

#### CHMN533 (0.34)
**Colloquium**
Required topics are: Health Ministry; Church and Personal Finance (Stewardship), Teaching Ministry, Church Planting, Institutional/Educational Ministry, Urban Ministry. Elective colloquia on other topics may be offered periodically.

#### CHMN568 (1-8)
**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 (2-3)
**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 (1-6)
**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 6 credits.

CHMN905  
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

CHMN505  
Biblical Preaching
A study of the basic theological, theoretical, and procedural principles required for the construction and delivery of effective biblical/expository sermons. Opportunity for students to do supervised preaching in class and receive constructive feedback. Required for students with no previous formal training in preaching.

CHMN520  
Contextualized Preaching
The history and dynamics of preaching to a particular cultural group, such as African Americans, Hispanics, Youth, and Koreans, with an emphasis on the distinctive homiletical, rhetorical, and cultural qualities required for the effective proclamation of the Gospel to each group.

CHMN600  
Preaching from the New Testament
An advanced preaching course focusing on how to work with the various types of New Testament literature, including gospel narrative, parable, and epistle.

CHMN605  
Theology and Preaching
Examines the interrelationship of preaching and theology, with emphasis on the theology of preaching.

CHMN607  
Preaching from the Old Testament
An advanced preaching course focusing on the analysis of the various types of Old Testament literature and special themes found in selected passages. Identical to OTST607.

CHMN614  
Preaching from Daniel or Revelation
A specialized preaching course taught in a lab setting and designed to complement courses offered in Daniel and Revelation.

CHMN621  
Evangelistic Preaching
The preparation and delivery of gospel-based doctrinal and revival sermons for outreach and renewal. Includes a survey of various evangelistic preaching methods of the past and present. May be substituted for CHMN614 with permission of instructor.

CHMN627  
Black Preaching
An advanced preaching course which seeks to refine and further develop the preaching skills of those called to preach among African Americans. Includes a survey and analysis of great Black preachers.

CHMN637  
Seminar in Preaching
An advanced preaching course emphasizing such topics as homiletical theory, history of preaching, persuasion, current preaching trends and models, and experimental preaching techniques. Repeatable.

CHMN680  
Preaching from Selected Books of the Bible
An advanced preaching course emphasizing the preaching challenges and opportunities of working with targeted books of scripture. Repeatable.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

CHMN526  
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  
Church Leadership and Administration
Principles and strategies for developing an effective Scripture-based leadership role. The pastor as church leader and administrator. The course also provides biblical resources and contemporary research regarding conflict management in the church.

CHMN529  
Church and Personal Finance
Financial structure of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Also personal finance of the minister.

CHMN535  
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  
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  
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  
Teaching Ministry
A study of adult learning theories and teaching methods equipping the pastor to be an effective teacher.

CHMN624  
Interpersonal Relationship Skills
This course leads students to examine the patterns of their own interpersonal relationships including the marital and family setting and beyond, and challenges them to emulate Christ's example as they interact with persons from all segments of society.
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.

Seminar in Leadership
Emphases from topics such as social psychology of leadership, theological foundations of leadership and pastoral care, management and leadership, leadership styles, conflict management, and church polity and finance. Repeatable.

Christian Professional Ethics
An inquiry into the field of professional relations, dilemmas, and decision making within the context of Christian ethics. Emphasis on the identity, activity, and influence (witness) of a Christian professional, primarily in the caring professions. Identical to THST643.

Church and Urban Community
Analysis of essential characteristics of urban life—diversity, secularity, anonymity, mobility. Study of specific urban issues such as racial conflict, inner-city poverty, middle-class alienation, and changing family patterns.

The Church and Social Problems
Subject areas: aging, divorce, delinquency, adoption, mental health and illness, drug addiction, crime, mental retardation, contemporary sex mores.

Pastoral Ministries and Church Policy
Selected topics in the ministries of the pastor, (i.e., hospital visitation, funeral, wedding, dedication of children, baptismal service, etc.), and the duties of the pastor in committee meetings. The practices and policies of the church as represented in The Ministers Manual and The Church Manual.

Marriage and Family
Examination and development of pastoral tools for pre-marriage and marriage counseling. Includes study of theological, psychological, and sociological principles and applications for the life cycle of the family.

The Ministry of Healing
An interdisciplinary study of the nature and function of ministry and medicine as they relate to the integration of the work of the healing agencies of the church and community with the traditional forms of pastoral ministry.

Religion and the Black Experience
An analysis of the psychological and sociological foundations of the Black religious experience, emerging patterns of change, and a consideration of models and strategies for responding to that change.

Pastoral Psychology
A specialized study of the psychological realm of human nature as manifested by science and written Divine revelation. Strongly recommended for all students planning a counseling sequence. A prerequisite for CHMN555 for all who have not had General or Introductory Psychology.

Pastoral Counseling
Introduction to the processes and function of counseling as practiced by the helping professions, particularly of the pastor actively engaged in ministry to a congregation. A weekly lab experience for skills practice is required. Prerequisite: An undergraduate course in general psychology or CHMN550.

Practicum in Clinical Pastoral Education
Clinical experience in the pastoral care of persons in crisis at an approved CPE center. Prerequisite: CHMN555. Note: Crisis healthcare ministry experience for credit is also available in a Pastoral Care Residency. See CHMN659.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Practicum in Military Chaplaincy
Air Force, Army, or Navy Chaplain School courses, such as the Chaplain Candidate Course or Basic Chaplain Course and subsequent Seminary approved military chaplaincy training events.

Seminar in Chaplaincy Ministries
Studies in the nature of institutional chaplain ministries such as military, health-care, prison, and campus chaplaincies. Repeatable.
CHMN645  
Seminar in Marriage and Family Problems  
(2-3)  
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  
Seminar in Specialized Ministries  
(2-3)  
Principles of ministering to people in particular circumstances, such as aging, physical disability, single parenting, delinquency, adoption, substance abuse, and dependency. Repeatable.

CHMN647  
Christian Education in the African-American Church  
(2-3)  
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.

CHMN655  
Dynamic Group Strategies  
(2-3)  
An examination of group-leadership interventions and techniques for specialized ministry in grief support, divorce support, smoking cessation, stress management, and other support groups within church, community, and campus settings.

CHMN659  
Practicum in Pastoral Care and Counseling  
(1-4)  
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  
Advanced Pastoral Counseling  
(2-3)  
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.

EVANGELISM

CHMN515  
Wholistic Small Groups  
(2-3)  
Focuses on five essential ministries of small groups: community, evangelism, leadership, development, accountability, and discipleship. Strategy is given for a core group to process through prototype stage, and transition/plant a church with a dynamic small group system.

CHMN536  
Personal Evangelism  
(2-3)  
Creating the most effective bible studies that facilitate the process of conversion. Practical suggestions for new member assimilation will be considered.

CHMN539  
Church Growth and the Equipping Pastor  
(2-3)  
An examination of church growth principles with a special emphasis on the role of the pastor as an equiper. A prerequisite for all NADEI courses. 3 credits required for the MDiv program.

CHMN561  
Preparation for Public Evangelism  
(2-3)  
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  
Field Evangelism  
(4-6)  
Conducting a public evangelistic event with guidance, or participating in a field school of evangelism under the direction of an approved evangelist. Required: 4 credits in the NADEI program.

CHMN563  
General Field Work  
(2-3)  
Evangelistic and/or pastoral work done in the area churches and surrounding communities. Repeatable. Offered in conjunction with NADEI. 2 credits required for the MDiv program.

CHMN565  
Contemporary Denominations and Religious Groups  
(2-3)  
History, practices, and distinctive beliefs of denominations and religious groups with whom the Seventh-day Adventist evangelist comes in contact.

CHMN566  
Mobilizing Laity for the Ministry of Evangelism  
(2-3)  
Examination of how an equipping pastor practically mobilizes the church for evangelistic ministry. This course builds on the foundation laid in the prerequisite course, CHMN539.

CHMN586  
Specialized Approaches to Evangelism  
(1-3)  
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  
Apologetics in Evangelism  
(2-3)  
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  
Techniques in Church Planting  
(2-3)  
Development of an awareness of the importance of church planting. Basic models and procedures for successful church-planting programs.

CHMN612  
Urban Mission  
(2-3)  
Explores the nature of cities, noting their history, development, and relationship to the mission of God and the church. Students are exposed to various ministries dealing with the hungry, homeless, battered, addicted, and the alienated. Identical to MSSN612.

CHMN622  
Seminar in Personal Evangelism  
(2-3)  
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  
**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.

CHMN625  
**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  
**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  
**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.

CHMN649  
**Cell Church**  
Explores key principles of cell vision, values, dynamics, and structure of the fastest growing churches in the world. Includes discipling of new believers for ministry and leadership. Prerequisite: adequate small group field experience as determined by instructor.

CHMN667  
**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  
**Advanced Cell Church & Planting**  
Emphasizes penetrating your community through cell church evangelism, incorporating intergenerational, youth, and college cells. Attention given to developing leaders of leaders. Cell church planting through story boarding and time lines is included. Prerequisite: CHMN649 or permission of instructor.

SACRED MUSIC AND WORSHIP

CHMN519  
**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.

CHMN537  
**Hymnology and Sacred Music**  
The understanding and appreciation of the heritage and development of Christian hymn singing and church music repertoire, in their respective liturgical and theological contexts.

CHMN578  
**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  
**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  
**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  
**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  
**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.

YOUTH STUDIES AND MINISTRY

CHMN534  
**Youth Ministry Leadership**  
Designed to acquaint students with the opportunities for ministry to and with young people in the church, school and home. The biblical principles of youth ministry leadership, within the context of the church community, are given primary emphasis.

CHMN564  
**Advanced Youth Ministry Leadership**  
Application of biblical principles of youth ministry leadership to the concrete issues and settings of contemporary youth ministry. Treats topics such as: small groups for youth; sexuality and dating; music; programming. Prerequisite: CHMN534.
CHMN608  
Youth in Contemporary Culture  
A study of current developments in youth culture and the influence of youth culture on young people both in the church and the community. Students formulate a strategic response relevant to Seventh-day Adventist ministry to youth.

CHMN619  
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.

CHMN626  
Ministry to At-Risk Youth  
This course addresses the theory, practice and application of helping skills to at-risk youth. Emphasis is placed on biblical solutions to real life secular problems. Students will experience and develop effective social skills to work with at-risk youth, focusing on prevention, redirection and restoration skills.

CHMN636  
Seminar in Youth Ministry  
Formulation of a comprehensive ministry for a specific age group, culture, situation or approach (e.g. childhood, adolescence, young adult, African American, Hispanic, youth evangelism, visionary leadership). Repeatable. Prerequisite: CHMN534 or permission of professor.

CHMN657  
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.

HISPANIC MINISTRIES

CHMN514  
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  
Hispanic-American Culture and Its Expressions  
Studies into the nature of the multifaceted North American Hispanic culture and its expressions.

CHMN738  
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  
Independent Study  
See general guidelines under Academic Information.

CHMN890  
Directed Reading  
Repeatable.