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IHOPU Audit Course List

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January 21–May 14

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LECTURE COURSES

Quarter 3: January 21–March 22

Church History — Brandon Hammonds

Tuesday/Thursday, 10am–12pm

Learning the story of the Body of Christ down through the ages is critical to any believer who wants to disciple others. It is important to be inspired by the faithful exploits of the saints of old, but also to be instructed by their failures as potential pitfalls for us today. This course will provide a panoramic view of church history; specific focuses will include the early Jewish church, night-and-day prayer through the ages, the Reformation, the Great Awakenings, heresy throughout history, and, finally, God's outpouring in the twentieth century.

Cultivating the Gifts of the Holy Spirit — Stephen Beauchamp

Tuesday/Thursday, 10am-12pm

This class details the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer and investigates the operation of spiritual gifts with particular focus on the nine gifts of 1 Corinthians 12:8–10. The student will gain understanding of the nature and purpose of these gifts by studying them in the context of the life of Jesus, the early church and the rest of church history. We will examine why these gifts are not only relevant but also essential to the life of the church today, and why it is the inheritance of every believer to operate in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This course is primarily focused on training the student to function in the gifts of the Holy Spirit with a comprehensive biblical understanding of each gift. You will not only be taught the theory, but you will also be released to begin developing the use of the gifts in your own life.

Desert Spirituality — Chuck Metteer

Tuesday/Thursday, 1pm-3pm

A large part of our lives is taken up with mundane, humdrum, everyday tasks and duties. All too often we fail to connect them with our spiritual lives. In light of the amount of time we devote to these unrelenting activities, we should ask ourselves two basic questions: are there any connections between our hectic, day-to-day responsibilities and our Christian lives and, if so, how can we better understand them? One way to approach these questions is to search church history for groups of people who renounced everything but the essentials of life in order to dedicate themselves to the pursuit of God.

The Egyptian desert fathers and mothers of the third–fifth centuries are a viable example. Their lives are a graphic picture of what is truly necessary in life. Indeed, the Egyptian desert tradition is central to Christianity. The sayings and stories from here are more than just a part of the Christian past. They are a part of our Christian heritage: they communicate eternal values and spiritual truths. Theirs was a silence of the deep heart and of intense prayer, a silence that cuts through centuries and cultures and races. Our challenge is to stop, quiet ourselves, and hear that heartbeat.

The aim of this course is to provide a deeper understanding of the faith and practices of these late third- to mid-fifth-century monastics (the desert fathers and mothers) who flocked to the deserts of Egypt, Palestine, and Syria. Consideration will be given to historical, biblical, theological, and spiritual factors

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that shaped their quests for undistracted devotion to God. This course will also explore how their sayings, ascetic disciplines, and rigorous spirituality can help us appreciate the diverse forms of Christian spirituality, as well as evaluate and inform our own spirituality.

Forerunner Ministry & Lifestyle — Isaac Bennett

Tuesday/Thursday, 1pm–3pm

Just as God used John the Baptist as a forerunner to prepare the way for Jesus' first coming, so the Lord is raising up forerunners who will boldly proclaim His return. "Forerunner" is a term that can be used to refer to spiritual leaders who God raises up to prepare His people for the generational transitions that will impact the body of Christ across the earth. In this course we will look at the following topics: The nature and unique dynamics of a transitional generation, the nature and purpose of the forerunner ministry, biblical models of the forerunner ministry and the lifestyle of the forerunner.

God's Plan of Redemption — David Sliker

Tuesday/Thursday, 10am–12pm

We are living in an hour of history in which great darkness is filling the nations. The daily news reports of wars, famines, and great suffering. In light of this many are asking: Who can solve these problems? Does God really exist? If so, does He even care about the darkness and injustice? In this course we will look at the reality of the present darkness in the earth and lay a foundation for understanding God's plan to end all injustice. This course will focus on giving the student an overview of God's glorious plan to end injustice, restore all things and establish His kingdom on the earth in fullness. We will study the final execution of His plan in the end times and the crucial role of the praying church in partnering with God to bring His Kingdom to the Earth as it is in Heaven.

New Testament Survey — Samuel Whitefield and Elijah Choi

Tuesday/Thursday, 1pm-3pm

This overview of the New Testament provides both context for and insight into the events and foundations of the early church and the lives of the apostles and prophets of the New Testament community. The ramifications of what they labored for can still be felt today as the culmination of what was begun almost 2,000 years ago approaches. Students examine this important one-hundred-year New Testament period, and consider how it impacts believers at the end of the age.

Psalms — Matt Candler (February 4–February 6)

Mon., Feb. 4th: 9am-12pm, 1-4pm; Tue., Feb. 5th: 9am-12pm, 1-4pm; Wed. Feb. 6th: 9am-12pm

Unique among the books of the Bible, the Psalter has been studied, sung, and cherished for over three millennia. These ancient melodic responses to the person and work of God in history express anticipation of promises yet to come, and focus thought and feeling on the glory of Christ and His kingdom. Students are introduced to the Psalter as a whole and conduct focused studies of individual psalms, equipping them to sing and pray the psalms.

Restoration Prophets — Andy Won

Tuesday/Thursday, 10am–12pm

The final three books of the Old Testament (Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi) cover the period following Israel's restoration to the land from captivity in Babylon. They focus on the time of rebuilding the

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temple in Jerusalem and the maintenance of a vibrant worship life in the community of God's people, in the midst of both external opposition and internal apathy.

The Lord appointed these prophets to encourage and inspire God's people to build the house of prayer and stay steady in the place of prayer during seasons of apparent delay in the fulfillment of long-awaited prophetic promises. The messages of the so-called "restoration prophets" are vital to sustain and provoke those who are seeking to see night-and-day prayer established in the Church before the return of Jesus.

Quarter 4: March 25–May 17

Apologetics — David Sliker

Tuesday/Thursday, 10am-12pm

This course will examine the philosophical, religious, and scientific beliefs and ideas that have shaped both Western culture and the body of Christ, and are now reshaping our multicultural and pluralistic society. Differences in perspective and worldview towards the value and purpose of life, gender identity and roles, racial and cultural differences, God, good and evil, atheistic criticism, Islamic worldview, all serve to form the content of our studies with the goal of learning how to better communicate the Gospel to the nations and cultures of the earth at the end of the age.

Daniel — Samuel Whitefield

Tuesday/Thursday, 1pm–3pm

Daniel is one of the most prophetically comprehensive and relevant books in the Bible for preparing hearts for the end of the age. No other Old Testament book is equal to Daniel in the scope of its prophetic insight into the end times. In studying the book of Daniel, students explore the life and visions of this prophet and intercessor, discover the principles of sustaining the heart in crisis, and gain understanding of the basic framework of eschatology.

Foundations of Intercession — Jakob Pilz

Tuesday/Thursday, 10am-12pm

From Genesis to Revelation, God has made it clear that when He manifests Himself on earth, He desires the active involvement of humans. He created men and women to partner with Him through an intimate relationship that comes through prayer. But this intimacy between God and humans was severed when Adam and Eve fell. Throughout the Bible, we see God searching for someone to stand in the gap between Himself and humanity, someone who could reconcile heaven and earth. In the fullness of time, God sent His own intercessor—His Son—to accomplish this task. Christ's death and resurrection made a way for broken humanity to be reconciled to God, and gave them the glory and honor of being seated with Him in heavenly places.

How to Study the Bible — Dale Anderson

Tuesday/Thursday, 1pm–3pm

Jesus declared that we are to search the Scriptures that we might find Him (Jn. 5:39–40). Paul tells us that the secret of transformation is by intently gazing, reading, meditating, and studying the Bible (2 Cor. 3:18). David demonstrated that Bible study was the secret to his relationship with God and
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it influenced his songwriting (Ps. 27:4). This course is a practical examination of how to internalize the greatest book ever written for personal spiritual transformation in Christ. (Ezek. 3:1–3; Col. 1:27; Rev. 10:9–10)

Practical & Pastoral Theology — Chuck Metteer

Tuesday/Thursday, 1pm–3pm

Practical Theology...hmm. Does this title imply that theology is at times impractical? Perhaps. A case can be made with the esoteric theology that is often generated by and only suited for the academic guild. This said, where does the doing of theology begin; where should it begin? Is the starting point the Bible, tradition, church doctrine? Sounds reasonable, but is this actually the case in most Christians' lives? Or does theological thinking start with the situations and conundrums we face in everyday life? Is this even an option we are willing to acknowledge? Or should proper Christian theology begin within a community of faith rather than with an individual? Possibly Christian theology finds its initial nexus within society at large, within secular groupings that desperately need the good news of Jesus Christ. Could it be that we are continually shifting from one theological orientation to another without discerning what we are doing? Does all this even matter? The discipline of practical theology makes a strong case that it does. Consequently, in this course we will carefully examine these different perspectives using numerous case studies.

With a fuller understanding of where the doing of theology arises from, we will move on to how practical theology can be done. Four major components of the process will be considered: descriptive, historical, systematic, and strategic practical theology. Each theological dimension will be individually examined and shown how it relates with the entire, four-fold enterprise.

Revival — Wes Adams

Tuesday/Thursday, 10am-12pm

We will consider timeless features of great revivals, the human role in them, and how best we can cooperate with God preceding and during a revival. We'll show how this all relates to the final great harvest. The course will conclude by considering what "The Coming Great Revival" will look like in the 21st century.

Sermon on the Mount — David Sliker

Tuesday/Thursday, 1pm–3pm

The Sermon on the Mount is the "Constitution of the Kingdom of God" and the framework of the normative Christian life. The goal of this course is to empower the student to understand the heart of Jesus in His greatest sermon, and put His words into practice on a daily basis. How can we allow the Holy Spirit to change the attitudes of our heart, the way that we think and fuel those attitudes, and build a foundation of wise living that can weather the greatest of storms and trouble?

Theology of Night & Day Prayer — Ruben Cervantes Jr.

Tuesday/Thursday, 10am-12pm

This course explores the theology that undergirds night and day prayer. Biblical, theological, historical, and practical focus is brought to bear on the elements of prayer, Scripture, music, and proclamation. Attention is given to answer the critical question: Is night and day prayer biblical? We will look at the history of the sustained corporate prayer and will explore how "night and day prayer" is related to the justice of God and a theology of intercession (partnership / agreement).