

Course of Study in English Text Lists
January 24, 2007

The following texts are recommended for use in the Course of Study. Check with a Course of Study school for a complete list of required texts, syllabus, and application before ordering texts from Cokesbury.

First Year

COS 111 – Pastor as Interpreter of the Bible

Recommended:

- 1) Walter J. Harrelson, ed. - *The New Interpreter's Study Bible* (Abingdon Press, 2003; ISBN 9780687278329)
- 2) Paul J. Achtemeier - *HarperCollins Bible Dictionary* (Harper San Francisco, 1996; ISBN 0060600373)
- 3) Walter Brueggeman - *The Bible Makes Sense* (Westminster John Knox Press, 1993; ISBN 0867165588)

Supplementary:

- 1) Robert Darden - *Reluctant Prophets and Clueless Disciples* (Abingdon Press, 2006; ISBN 9780687493951)

COS 112 - Theology in the Wesleyan Spirit

Recommended:

- 1) Ted A. Campbell – *Methodist Doctrine: The Essentials* (Abingdon Press, 1999; ISBN 9780687034758)
- 2) Kenneth L. Carder – *Living Our Beliefs: the United Methodist Way* (Discipleship Resources, 1996; ISBN 0881771694)
- 2) Justo L. González and Zaida Maldonado Perez – *An Introduction to Christian Theology* (Abingdon Press, 2002; ISBN 9780687095735)
- 3) Van A. Harvey – *A Handbook of Theological Terms: Their Meaning and Background Exposed in Over 300 Articles* (Touchstone, 1997; ISBN 0684846446)
- 4) *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2004* (UMPH, 2004; ISBN 9780687023738)

Supplementary:

- 1) Russell E. Richey – *Marks of Methodism: Theology in Ecclesial Practice* (Abingdon Press, 2005; ISBN 9780687329397)

COS 113 - Pastoral Care for Spiritual Formation

Recommended:

- 1) Henri J. M. Nouwen - *Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life* (Doubleday, 1975; ISBN 0385236824)
- 2) John S. Savage - *Listening and Caring Skills in Ministry: A Guide for Pastors, Counselors, and Small Groups* (Abingdon Press, 1996; ISBN 9780687017164)

- 3) Margaret Zipse Kornfeld - *Cultivating Wholeness: A Guide to Care & Counseling in Faith Communities* (Continuum International Publishing Group, 2000; ISBN 0826412327)

Supplementary:

- 1) Jean Stairs - *Listening for the Soul: Pastoral Care & Spiritual Direction*(Augsburg Fortress Press, 2000; ISBN 0800632397)
- 2) James L. Killen, Jr. - *Pastoral Care in the Small Membership Church* (Abingdon Press, 2005; ISBN 9780687343263)
- 3) Emma J. Justes - *Hearing Beyond the Words: How to Become a Listening Pastor* (Abingdon Press, 2006; ISBN 9780687494996)

COS 114 - Pastoral Leadership and Administration

Recommended:

- 1) Lovett H. Weems, Jr. - *Church Leadership: Vision, Team, Culture and Integrity* (Abingdon Press, 1993; ISBN 9780687133413)
- 2) *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2004* (UMPH, 2004; ISBN 9780687023738)
- 3) Carl S. Dudley - *Effective Small Churches in the Twenty-First Century* (Abingdon Press, 2003; ISBN 9780687090907)
- 4) Norma Cook Everist – *Church Conflict: From Contention to Collaboration* (Abingdon Press, 2004; ISBN 9780687038015)

Supplementary:

- 1) Norman Shawchuck - *Leading the Congregation: Caring for Yourself While Serving Others* (Abingdon Press, 1998; ISBN 9780687495672)
- 2) F. Belton Joyner - *Pastoral Prayers in Public Places* (Just In Time!) (Abingdon Press, 2006; ISBN 9780687495679)
- 3) Sara Webb Phillips - *Pastoral Prayers for the Hospital Visit* (Just in Time!) (Abingdon Press, 2006; ISBN 9780687496587)

Second Year

COS 211 – Hebrew Bible 1

Recommended:

- 1) James L. Mays - *Harper's Bible Commentary* (HarperCollins, 2000; ISBN 0060655488)
- 2) Bernard W. Anderson with Steven Bishop and Judith H. Newman – *Understanding the Old Testament 5th Edition* (Prentice Hall, 2006; ISBN 013092380X)
- 3) Terence E. Fretheim, Gene M. Tucker, Charles B. Cousar – *The Pentateuch* (Abingdon Press, 1996; ISBN 9780687008421)

COS 212 - Theological Heritage: Early and Medieval

Recommended:

- 1) Justo L. Gonzáles – *The Story of Christianity, Vol. I* (Harper San Francisco, 1984; ISBN 0060633158)
- 2) William C. Placher – *Readings in the History of Christian Theology, Vol. I* (Westminster John Knox Press, 1988; ISBN 0664240577)

Supplementary:

- 1) Eugene Teselle – *Augustine* (Abingdon Press, 2006; ISBN 9780687053612)
- 2) Clayton N. Jefford - *The Apostolic Fathers: An Essential Guide* (Abingdon Press, 2006; ISBN 9780687342044)
- 3) David Chidester – *Christianity: A Global History* (Harper San Francisco, 2001; ISBN 0062517708)

COS 213 - Formation for Discipleship

Recommended:

- 1) Karen B. Tye – *Basics of Christian Education* (Chalice Press, 2000; ISBN0827202296)

Supplementary:

- 1) Donald L. Griggs - *Christian Education in the Small Church* (Judson Press, 1988; ISBN 081701103X)
- 2) Norma Cook Everist - *The Church as Learning Community: A Comprehensive Guide to Christian Education* (Abingdon Press, 2002; ISBN 9780687045006)
- 3) Anne Wimberly and Evelyn Parker – *In Search of Wisdom: FaithFormation in the Black Church* (Abingdon Press, 2002; ISBN 9780687067008)

COS 214 - Practice of Preaching

Recommended:

- 1) Fred B. Craddock – *Preaching* (Abingdon Press, 1990; ISBN 9780687336487)
- 2) Barbara Brown Taylor – *Preaching Life* (Cowley Publications, 1993: ISBN 156101074X)
- 3) Henry H. Mitchell - *Celebration and Experience in Preaching* (Abingdon Press, 1990; ISBN 9780687047444)

Supplementary:

- 1) Andy Langford - *The United Methodist Book of Worship*(Abingdon Press, 1992; ISBN 9780687035724)
- 2) Thomas G. Long – *The Witness of Preaching, Second Edition*(Westminster John Knox Press, 2005; ISBN 0664229433)
- 3) Brant D. Baker, editor - *The Abingdon Children's Sermon Library* (Abingdon Press, 2006; ISBN 9780687497300)
- 4) Kirk Byron Jones, editor – *The Abingdon African American Preaching Library* (Abingdon Press, 2006; ISBN 9780687333059)
- 5) Justo González, editor – *Púlpito: An Introduction to Hispanic Preaching* (Abingdon Press, 2005; ISBN 9780687088508)

Third Year

COS 311 - New Testament

Recommended:

- 1) Gordon D. Fee – *New Testament Exegesis: A Handbook for Students and Pastors* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2002; ISBN 0664223168)
- 2) Burton H. Throckmorton, Jr. – *Gospel Parallels: A Synopsis of the First Three Gospels, with Alternative Readings from the Manuscripts and Noncanonical Parallels* (Thomas Nelson & Sons, 1949; ASIN B000BIZSRG)
- 3) Carl R. Holladay - *A Critical Introduction to the New Testament: Interpreting the Message and Meaning of Jesus Christ* (Abingdon Press, 2005; ISBN 9780687085699)

Supplementary:

- 1) Luke Timothy Johnson – *The Writings of the New Testament: An Interpretation* (Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 2002; ISBN 080063439X)
- 2) Warren Carter - *The Roman Empire and the New Testament: An Essential Guide* (Abingdon Press, 2006; ISBN 9780687343942)

COS 312 - Our Theological Heritage: The Reformation

Recommended:

- 1) Justo L. González – *The Story of Christianity, Vol. II* (Harper San Francisco, 1985; ISBN 0060633166)
- 2) Alister E. McGrath – *Reformation Thought: An Introduction* (3rd edition) (Blackwell Publishers, Inc., 2001; ISBN 0631215219)

Supplementary:

- 1) George Stroup – *Calvin* (available 11/07)
- 2) Scott Hendrix – *Luther* (available 10/07)
- 3) David Chidester – *Christianity: A Global History* (Harper San Francisco, 2001; ISBN 0062517708)

COS 313 - Our Mission from God: Evangelism

Recommended:

- 1) Mortimer Arias - *Announcing the Reign of God: Evangelization and the Subversive Memory of Jesus* (CSS Publishing Co., 2001; ISBN 0788099035)
- 2) Scott J. Jones - *The Evangelistic Love of God and Neighbor: A Theology of Witness and Discipleship* (Abingdon Press, 2003; ISBN 9780687046140)
- 3) Eric Law – *The Wolf Shall Dwell With the Lamb: A Spirituality of Leadership in a Multicultural Community* (Chalice Press, 1993; ISBN 082724231X)
- 4) Stephen Gunter and Elaine Robinson, editors - *Considering the Great Commission: Evangelism and Mission in the Wesleyan Spirit* (Abingdon Press, 2005; ISBN 9780687493630)

Supplementary:

- 1) William J. Abraham - *Logic of Evangelism* (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1989; ISBN 0802804330)

COS 314 - Pastoral Care and Counseling

Recommended:

- 1) Howard John Clinebell - *Basic Types of Pastoral Care & Counseling: Resources for the Ministry of Healing and Growth* (Abingdon Press, 1984; ISBN 9780687024926)
- 2) Nancy J. Ramsay - *Pastoral Care and Counseling: Redefining the Paradigms* (Abingdon Press, 2005; ISBN 9780687022243)
- 3) Ronald W. Richardson - *Creating a Healthier Church: Family Systems Theory, Leadership, and Congregational Life* (Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 1996; ISBN 0800629558)
- 4) Urias Beverly - *The Places You Go: Caring for Your Congregation Monday through Saturday* (Abingdon Press, 2003; ISBN 9780687025541)

Supplementary:

- 1) John Patton – *Pastoral Care: An Essential Guide* (Abingdon Press, 2005; ISBN 9780687053223)

Fourth Year

COS 411 – Hebrew Bible 2

Recommended:

- 1) Bernhard W. Anderson with Steven Bishop and Judith H. Newman - *Understanding the Old Testament 5th Edition* (Prentice Hall, 2006; ISBN 013092380X)
- 2) Lawrence Boadt – *Reading the Old Testament: An Introduction* (Paulist Press, 1984; ISBN 0809126311)
- 3) Bruce C. Birch, Walter Bruggemann, Terence E. Fretheim, and David L. Petersen, editors - *A Theological Introduction to the Old Testament* (Abingdon Press, 2005; ISBN 9780687066766)

Supplementary:

- 1) Renita J. Weems - *Battered Love: Marriage, Sex, and Violence in the Hebrew Prophets* (Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 1995; ISBN 0800629485)

COS 412 - Wesleyan Movement

Recommended:

- 1) Richard P. Heitzenrater - *Wesley and the People Called Methodists*(Abingdon Press, 1994; ISBN 9780687443113)
- 2) Frederick Abbott Norwood - *The Story of American Methodism: A History of United Methodists and Their Relations* (Abingdon Press, 1974; (ISBN 9780687396412)
- 3) Randy L. Maddox - *Responsible Grace: John Wesley's Practical Theology* (Kingswood Books, 1994; ISBN 0687003342)

Supplementary:

- 1) Kenneth J. Collins - *A Real Christian: The Life of John Wesley*(Abingdon Press, 1999; ISBN 9780687082469)
- 2) Russell E. Richey – *Marks of Methodism: Theology in Ecclesial Practice*(Abingdon Press, 2005; ISBN 9780687329397)
- 3) Jean Miller Schmidt - *Grace Sufficient: A History of Women in American Methodism, 1760-1939* (Abingdon Press, 1996; ISBN 9780687156757)
- 4) Thomas Frank - *Polity, Practice and Mission of the UMC, 2006 edition* (Abingdon Press, 2006; ISBN 9780687335312)
- 5) Texts on black theology, etc.

COS 413 - Worship and Sacraments

Recommended:

- 1) Hoyt L. Hickman – *Worshiping with United Methodists: A Guide for Pastors and Church Leaders* (Abingdon Press, 1996; ISBN 9780687335268)
- 2) James F. White – *Introduction to Christian Worship* (3rd edition)(Abingdon Press, 2001; ISBN 9780687091096)
- 3) Gayle C. Felton – *By Water and the Spirit: Making Connections for Identity and Ministry* (Discipleship Resources, 1998; ISBN 0881772011)
- 4) Gayle Carlton Felton - *This Holy Mystery: A United Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion* (Discipleship Resources, 2006; ISBN 088177457X)

Supplementary:

- 1) E. Bryon Anderson - *Worship Matters, Vol. 1: A United Methodist Guide to Worship* (Discipleship Resources, 1999; ISBN 0881772798)
- 2) E. Bryon Anderson – *Worship Matters, Vol. 2: A United Methodist Guide to Worship Work* (Discipleship Resources, 1999; ISBN 0881772801)
- 3) Robin Knowles Wallace - *Communion Services* (Just in Time!) (Abingdon Press, 2006; ISBN 9780687498369)
- 4) Robin Knowles Wallace - *Palm Sunday and Holy Week Services* (Just in Tim!) (Abingdon Press, 2006; ISBN 9780687497782)
- 5) Barbara Day Miller - *The New Pastor's Guide to Leading Worship* (Abingdon Press, 2006; ISBN 9780687497201)

COS 414 - Personal and Social Ethics

Recommended:

- 1) Rebekah Miles - *The Pastor as Moral Guide* (Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 1999; ISBN X080063136)
- 2) Robin W. Lovin - *Christian Ethics: An Essential Guide* (Abingdon Press, 2000; ISBN 9780687054626)
- 3) J. Philip Wogaman - *Christian Ethics: A Historical Introduction* (Westminster John Knox Press, 1993; ISBN 9780664251635)
- 4) *The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church 2004* (UMPH, 2004; ISBN 9780687024148)
- 5) *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2004: Social Principles* (UMPH, 2004; ISBN 9780687023738)

Supplementary:

- 1) Bruce C. Birch and Larry L. Rasmussen - *Bible & Ethics in the ChristianLife* (Augsburg Fortress Press, 1989; ISBN 0806623977)
- 2) Marie M. Fortune - *Is Nothing Sacred: The Story of a Pastor, the Women He Sexually Abused, and the Congregation He Nearly Destroyed* (United Church Press, 1999; ISBN 0829812709)

Fifth Year

COS 511 – New Testament 2

Recommended:

- 1) Gordon D. Fee – *New Testament Exegesis: A Handbook for Students & Pastors, 3rd edition* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2002; ISBN 0664223168)
- 2) Burton Throckmorton, Jr. – *Gospel Parallels: A Synopsis of the First Three Gospels, With Alternative Readings...* (Thomas Nelson & Sons, 1949; ASIN B000BIZSRG)
- 3) Frederick J. Murphy - *An Introduction to Jesus and the Gospels* (Abingdon Press, 2005; ISBN 9780687496921)

Supplementary:

- 1) Luke Timothy Johnson – *The Writings of the New Testament: An Interpretation* (Augsburg Fortress Press, 2002; ISBN 080063439X)
- 2) Warren Carter - *The Roman Empire and the New Testament: An Essential Guide* (Abingdon Press, 2006; ISBN 9780687343942)

COS 512 - Contemporary Theology

Recommended:

- 1) Ted Peters – *God: The World's Future: Systematic Theology for a New Era, 2nd edition* (Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 2000; ISBN 0800632656)
- 2) John D. Caputo – *Philosophy and Theology* (Abingdon Press, 2006; ISBN 9780687331260)
- 3) Joerg Rieger - *God and the Excluded: Visions and Blindspots in Contemporary Theology* (Augsburg Fortress Press, 2000; ISBN 0800632540)

Supplementary:

- 1) Terrence N. Tice – *Schleiermacher* (Abingdon Press, 2006; ISBN 9780687343348)
- 2) Robin Lovin – *Reinhold Niebuhr* (Abingdon Press, 2007 ISBN 9780687646128)
- 3) Don Musser – *Tillach* (available 9/07)
- 4) Justo L. González – *A Concise History of Christian Doctrine* (Abingdon Press, 2006; ISBN 9780687344147)
- 5) Rebecca Chopp - *Horizons in Feminist Theology: Identity, Tradition, and Norms* (Augsburg Fortress Press, 1997; ISBN 0800629965)
- 6) Clara Sue Kidwell, Homer Noley and George E. Tinker - *A Native American Theology* (Orbis Books, 2001; ISBN 157075361X)
- 7) Justo L. González - *Manana: Christian Theology from a Hispanic Perspective* (Abingdon Press, 1990; ISBN 9780687230679)

COS 513 - Our Mission From God: Transforming Agent

Recommended:

- 1) Theodore W. Jennings, Jr. - *Good News to the Poor: John Wesley's Evangelical Economics* (Abingdon Press, 1990; ISBN 9780687155286)
- 2) John B. Cobb, Jr. - *Progressive Christians Speak: A Different Voice on Faith and Politics* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2003; ISBN 0664225896)
- 3) Peter John Storey – *With God in the Crucible: Preaching Costly Discipleship* (Abingdon Press, 2002; ISBN 9780687052530)
- 1) Carlos F. Cardoza-Orlandi – *Mission: An Essential Guide* (Abingdon Press, 1999; ISBN 9780687054725)

Supplementary:

- 1) Philip Jenkins – *The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity* (Oxford University Press, 2003; ISBN 0195168917)
- 2) Jenkins article from Atlantic Monthly
- 3) Tex Sample – *Hard Living People & Mainstream Churches* (Abingdon Press, 1993; ISBN 9780687179312)
- 4) Carlyle Fielding Steward III, editor - *Growing the African American Church* (Abingdon Press, 2006; ISBN 9780687498390)
- 5) David Chidester – *Christianity: A Global History* (Harper San Francisco, 2001; ISBN 0062517708)

COS 514 - Theology and the Practice of Ministry

Recommended:

- 1) Scott J. Jones – *United Methodist Doctrine: The Extreme Center* (Abingdon Press, 2002; ISBN 9780687034857)
- 2) Lovett H. Weems - *Leadership in the Wesleyan Spirit* (Abingdon Press, 1999; ISBN 9780687046928)
- 3) Frederick Buechner - *The Sacred Journey: A Memoir of Early Days* (Harper San Francisco, 1991; ISBN 0060611839)
- 4) Donald English – *An Evangelical Theology of Preaching* (Abingdon Press, 1996; ISBN 9780687121786)

Supplementary:

- 1) Dorothy C. Bass, Miroslav Volf, editors - *Practicing Theology: Beliefs and Practices in Christian Life* (Wm. B. Eerdmans Pub. Co., 2001; ISBN 0802849318)