

Course Description

MN567—Introduction to Chaplaincy: Ministry at the Margins

Fall, 2022

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3 credits

Prerequisite: None

Elective Course for MACL, MDIV, and MAMD degree programs

Letter grade only

Description

This course examines the legal and theological foundations of chaplaincies in the United States, and how chaplaincy in general represents the church's ministry at the margins. Specific examination of chaplaincy in the military, federal agencies, prisons (state and federal), hospitals, colleges, and corporations will include readings from state constitutions, the U.S. Constitution, and various other institutional guidelines. Participants will focus on how chaplains minister at the margins of both the church and the institution.

Objectives

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1. Identify how chaplaincy compares with parish ministry.
2. Understand the ways in which policies and founding documents define the institutional context of chaplaincy.
3. Analyze the ways in which institutional context shapes and defines the mission and ministry of chaplaincy.
4. Develop awareness of how parish ministry and chaplaincy can be mutually supportive.

Curricular Objectives

1. Be formed by, live in, and minister out of Scripture and the historical and theological tradition of the church.
2. Evangelize the world with faithfulness and contextual sensitivity.
3. Develop a missional strategy with attention to a particular cultural context.
4. Articulate and reflect critically and constructively on the biblical and theological foundations of God's mission to the world.
5. Develop, implement, and assess strategies for missional living in a specific cultural context.

Requirements/Evaluation

Weekly assignments, short papers, and responses to Readings/Lectures:

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| Chaplaincy as Institutional Ministry | 20% |
| Federal Chaplaincies | 20% |
| State Chaplaincies | 20% |
| Institutional Chaplaincies | 20% |
| Final Paper | <u>20%</u> |
| | 100% |

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Confirmed Bibliography

Required

- Wendy Cadge and Shelly Rambo, eds., *Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care in the Twenty-First Century: An Introduction* (Chapel Hill: UNC Press, 2022) ISBN 978-1-4696-6760-7
- Lucy A. Forster-Smith, ed., *College and University Chaplaincy in the 21st Century: A Multifaith Look at the Practice of Ministry on Campuses across America*, (Woodstock, VT: SkyLight Paths, 2013) ISBN-13: 978-1683360117
- Kim Philip Hansen, *Military Chaplains and Religious Diversity* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012) ISBN-13: 978-1137025159
- Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, *A Ministry of Presence: Chaplaincy, Spiritual Care, and the Law* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2014) ISBN-13: 978-0-226-64183-6

Recommended

- Tanya Erzen, *God in Captivity: The Rise of Faith-Based Prison Ministries in the Age of Mass Incarceration* (Boston: Beacon Press, 2017) ISBN 13: 978-0807089989
- Richard G. Hutcheson, Jr., *The Churches and the Chaplaincy* (Atlanta: John Knox Press, 1975) ISBN 0-8042-2575-8 [out of print]
- Christopher Swift, Mark Cobb, and Andrew Todd, eds., *A Handbook of Chaplaincy Studies: Understanding Spiritual Care in Public Places* (New York: Routledge, 2015) ISBN-13: 978-1472434067