

## Saskatoon Theological Union Course Offerings 2025-2026

**Blended:** Synchronous course that allows students to participate onsite or via a learning platform.

Course	Block	Delivery Details	Lead Faculty
<b>Fall 2025 September 2 – December 15</b>			
Block 1 Sept 2 – Oct 10    Block 2 Oct 14 – 31    Block 3 Nov 3 – Dec 15			
Welcome Week / Orientation		TBD	TBD
SAC201 Community Engagement and Praxis (part 2)	1	Monday 1-4 pm Online	L. Caldwell
IU601 Entry Colloquium	1	Sept 19-20 In person	D. Harris
IU605 Foundations	1	Sept 22-26 In person	K. Schiefelbein-Guerrero
FND105 Public Practical Ministry I	1 & 2	Block 1 Thursday 1 - 4 pm Blended Block 2 Oct 14-17 Blended, In person preferred	B. Whitla
AIS351 / DMN751 Globalization and Christian Ethics	1 & 2  W2	Block 1 Friday 1-4 pm Online Block 2 Oct 18-19 In person BC W Block 2 Feb 17 - March 3 In person trip to Columbia	W. Harrison
FND101 What is the Good News	1 & 3	Monday 1-4 pm Online	W. Harrison
FND102 Who is the Church	1 & 3	Wednesday 1-4 pm Blended	I. Luke
FND103 Biblical Literature	1 & 3	Friday 9 am - 12 noon Blended	A. Wright and A. Pomazon
AIS240 Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Care	1 & 3	Wednesday 9 am - 12 noon Online	D. Harris

AIS260 Leading Missional Communities	1 & 3	Tuesday 6-9 pm for synchronous classes – exact dates TBD Asynchronous with scheduled synchronous dates	K. Schiefelbein-Guerrero
LTS301 Lutheran Formation 3 – Transformation	2	Oct 20-24 On site in BC	K. Driedger Hesslein and K. Schiefelbein-Guerrero
DMN732 / AIP332 Emerging Perspectives in Liturgy and Practical Theology	3	Tuesday and Thursday 1-4 pm Synchronous and Asynchronous dates TBD	B. Whitla
<b>Winter 2026 January 5 – April 17</b> Block 1 Jan 5 – Feb 13 Block 2 Feb 17 – March 6 Block 3 March 9 – April 17			
AIP230 Public Practical Ministry II	1 & 2	Block 1 Tuesday 9 am - 12 noon Blended Block 2 Feb 18-20 Blended, In person preferred	SAC TBD
FND104 Spiritual Practices	1 & 3	Friday 9 am - 12 noon Online	D. Harris
FND106 God and Suffering	1 & 3	Monday 1-4 pm Online	K. Driedger Hesslein
FND107 Contexts, Culture, Differences	1 & 3	Wednesday 1-4 pm Online	SAC TBD
CLQ101 Methods Colloquium	1 & 3	Thursday 9 am - 12 noon Online	TBD
AIP231 Hope and Vacillation in Israel's Wisdom Books	1 & 3	Friday 1-4 pm Blended	B. Lee
AIP220 Christ, Reconciliation, and Liberation	1 & 3	Thursday 1-4 pm Online	K. Driedger Hesslein
AIP280 Paul and Early Christianity	1 & 3	Wednesday 9 am - 12 noon Blended	A. Wright
AIP333 Singing in the Lutheran Tradition	1 & 3	Monday 5-8 pm Online	K. Kohler
CAP330 Vocation of Leadership in Practice	1 & 3	Tuesday 1-4 pm Online	K. Schiefelbein-Guerrero
CL302 Cross Cultural Immersion	2	Feb 17 – March 3	W. Harrison

In conjunction with AIS351/DMN751		In person trip to Columbia	
SAC101 UCC in Context	2	Feb 23-27 Blended	SAC TBD
LTS101 Lutheran Formation 1 - Foundations	2	Feb 23-27 In person Calgary, AB	K. Driedger Hesslein
AIP368 Gospel of Matthew	2	Feb 17-21 Blended	A. Wright
CAP390 MTS Capstone	2 & 3	Block 2 Feb 18, 22, 23 half days Online Block 3 Asynchronous	TBD
IU777 Capstone			TBD
<b>Spring/Summer 2026 May 1 – August 31</b>			
AIP381 Queer Theologies		April 25-26, May 2-3, May 9-10 Online	K. Driedger Hesslein
IU781 Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods		May 4-8	L. Caldwell
CLQ201		June 1-12 In person	LTSTBD

# Saskatoon Theological Union Timetable

## Fall 2025

### Block 1

September 2 - October 10

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 am – 12 noon			AIS240 Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Care		FND103 Intro to Biblical Literature
1:00 – 4:00 pm	FND101 What is Good News  SAC201Community Engagement and Praxis (part 2)		FND102 Who is the Church	FND105 Public Practical Ministry I	AIS351 / DMN751 Globalization and Christian Ethics
Asynchronous	AIS260 Leading Missional Communities Scheduled Synchronous Dates: Tuesdays 6-9 pm exact dates TBD				
Onsite Saskatoon	IU601 Entry Colloquium I – Sept 19-20 IU605 Foundations – Sept 22-26				

### Block 2 - Intensive Weeks

October 14 - 31

October 14-17	FND105 Public Practical Ministry I
Oct 18-19	AIS351 / DMN751 onsite - BC
October 20-24	LTS301 onsite - BC

### Block 3

November 3 - December 15

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 am – 12 noon			AIS240 Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Care		FND103 Intro to Biblical Literature
1:00 – 4:00 pm	FND101 What is Good News	DMN732 / AIP332 Emerging Perspectives in Liturgy and Practical Theology	FND102 Who is the Church	DMN732 / AIP332 Emerging Perspectives in Liturgy and Practical Theology	
Asynchronous	AIC260 Leading Missional Communities Scheduled Synchronous Dates: Tuesdays 6-9 pm exact dates TBD				

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## Winter 2026

### Block 1 January 5 - February 13

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>9:00 am – 12 noon</b>		AIP230 Public Practical Ministry II	AIP280 Paul and Early Christianity	CLQ101 Methods Colloquium	FND104 Spiritual Practices
<b>1:00 – 4:00 pm</b>	FND106 God and Suffering	CAP330 Vocation of Leadership in Practice	FND107 Contexts, Culture, Differences	AIP220 Christ, Reconciliation, Liberation	AIP231 Hope and Vacillation in Israel's Wisdom Books
<b>5:00 – 8:00 pm</b>	AIP333 Singing in the Lutheran Tradition				

### Block 2 - Intensive Weeks February 17 - March 6

<b>Feb 17-21</b>	AIP368 Gospel of Matthew
<b>Feb 17-March 3</b>	CL302 Trip to Columbia In conjunction with AIS351/DMN751
<b>Feb 18-20</b>	AIP230 Public Practical Ministry II
<b>Feb 18, 22, 23</b> ½ days	CAP390 MTS Capstone
<b>Feb 23-27</b>	SAC101 UCC in Context  LTS101 Lutheran Formation (Calgary)

### Block 3 March 9 - April 17

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>9:00 am – 12 noon</b>			AIP280 Paul and Early Christianity	CLQ101 Methods Colloquium	FND104 Spiritual Practices
<b>1:00 – 4:00 pm</b>	FND106 God and Suffering	CAP330 Vocation of Leadership in Practice	FND107 Contexts, Culture, Differences	AIP220 Christ, Reconciliation, Liberation	AIP231 Hope and Vacillation in Israel's Wisdom Books
<b>5:00 – 8:00 pm</b>	AIP333 Singing in the Lutheran Tradition				
<b>Asynchronous</b>	CAP390 MTS Capstone				

# **Saskatoon Theological Union Timetable Spring / Summer 2026**

## **Intensive Weeks** May - August

<b>April 25-26, May 2-3, May 9-10</b>	AIP381 Queer Theologies
<b>May 4-8</b>	IU781 Qualitative Research Methods
<b>June 1-12</b>	CLQ201 In person
<b>July</b>	
<b>August</b>	

# COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

## STU COURSES AND COLLOQUIA 2025-2026

### **FND101 What is the Good News? A Historical Approach**

What is the Good News? If asked, could you answer in terms that a non-Christian could understand? Part of the challenge in the question is that Christian understandings of salvation have shifted over the years, as culture has changed and our approaches to theology have developed. This course focuses on the theme of the Good News and traces developments through history to the present. The purpose is to enable participants to develop an “elevator speech” presentation of Christian gospel, along with a deep historical and theological understanding of what that speech might have sounded like from previous generations of Christians.

### **FND102 Who is the Church?**

The goal of this course is to equip students with a common vocabulary of experiences, concepts, and reflective tools, in order to make sense of the life of faith communities and their leaders in the contemporary world. Components of this course are drawn from church history (Canadian and global), doctrine, pastoral leadership, ecumenics, and sociology of religion. The course will involve an experiential component, inviting students to share and reflect on their current and prior experiences of church as well as stepping outside that experience to observe and learn from a faith community with which they are unfamiliar.

### **FND103 Introduction to Biblical Literature**

A team-taught and interdisciplinary intensive course of 36 hours for introducing students to a variety of topics—thematic and methodological—in biblical interpretation. The course aims for the elucidation of the literary, religious, historical, and sociological contexts (up to and including the mixed cultural milieux of the Hellenistic and Roman periods) germane to the genesis and the interpretation of biblical literature. There will also be a component of the course that focuses on the interpretive application of certain topics and themes for ministry, liturgy, and theological formulation in the form of a panel discussion drawing on faculty from various disciplines.

### **FND104 Spiritual Practices for Cultivating Resilience and Compassion**

This course will introduce students to a variety of spiritual practices, including Indigenous ones, that cultivate resilience and compassion. The focus in this class is to develop and deepen a student’s prayer life, to orient them to core, regular and occasional spiritual practices and learn about six key perspectives: stages of spiritual growth, purification, community, meditation, cultivating personal integrity and deepening compassion.

### **FND105 Public Practical Ministry I: Worship**

Taking a contextual and cultural approach, this course examines the history, theology, and practice of Christian public worship. A variety of biblical, theological, and pastoral approaches to planning worship will be explored. Because the course is rooted in an appreciation for the diversity of culture and context it draws on the students’ particular experience as a source of knowledge.

Prerequisite preference: FND103

**FND106 God and Suffering**

God and Suffering explores historical and contemporary approaches to questions such as: Who is God? What is the relationship between God and Creation? If Creation is good, why is there suffering in the world? This course brings together biblical interpretation and theology to think through the relationship between God and suffering, using insights from collective trauma theory, intersectionality theory, and theologies from below to help students develop nuanced understandings that can be practically applied to pastoral care and worship leadership.

Prerequisites: FND101 and FND 102 or permission of instructor.

**FND107 Considering Contexts, Cultures, and Differences**

As a foundational course in the MDiv and MTS programs, students will work to identify and express their own theological and ethical questions and to situate these in relation both to their own contexts and to a broader scope of human histories, traditions, and geographies. Particular attention will be paid to differences in relation to sexuality, gender and gender identity, race and ethnicity, disability, class, mobility, and age. Through engaging with peers and with input from faculty members, students will explore different ways of knowing and of naming ethical and theological values and will study how different theological disciplines offer methods for engaging with contextual and cultural differences.

Prerequisites: 6 credits at Level One or permission of instructor.

**CLQ101 Methods for Interdisciplinary, Ecumenical Theological Studies**

This colloquium draws together elements from the range of Level I studies in order to reflect upon them methodologically. In other words, we will shift from primarily “doing” the tasks of various theological disciplines to focusing on the “why” of doing what we do. The purpose is to enable participants to develop a strong framework in method for further study. This colloquium also seeks to expand both participants’ sense of religious commitment and their ecumenical and interfaith conversation skills. After addressing their own commitments and reflecting on the significance of current contexts, participants will be introduced to the challenges of ecumenical and interfaith relations. Topics will include: history of church division and ecumenism; ecumenical experiences and documents, especially as related to the denominational traditions in the STU; history of interfaith relations, both destructive and constructive; interfaith experience and documents; and skills for ecumenical and interfaith conversation.

**CLQ201 Learning in and from Indigenous Contexts (Level II)**

This colloquium offers participants the opportunity to learn from Indigenous teachers, leaders, and communities, about Indigenous world views and ways of knowing, culture, history and spirituality. The historical element reflects on the impact of colonial systems, including religious institutions, on Indigenous experience. Participants will draw on, and develop, their perception of their own place within this narrative, and the implications for their present and future ministries. It is anticipated that at least part of the colloquium will take place in a location which supports direct connection with a host Indigenous community and with the land.

**AIC250 Practices for Ethical Reflection**

In this course, students learn about histories of ethical discernment and teachings in diverse Christian theological traditions, practice analyzing moral arguments, and develop a reflective and critical approach to naming and responding to contemporary ethical issues. The course will foreground anti-racist and anti-oppressive frameworks and traditions, feminist ethics of care and justice, and dialogical methods of analysis and action.

Prerequisites: 12 credits at Level One, including CLQ101, or permission of instructor.

**AIP220 Christ, Reconciliation, and Liberation**

Christ, Reconciliation, and Liberation is the second of three required theology courses. This course explores traditional and contemporary understandings of who Christ is and what Christ does, addressing specifically what it means to say Christ is fully human and fully divine, contemporary soterologies, and Christ's place in the Trinity. We will pay attention to the ways in which Christ facilitates reconciliation and brings about liberation, and give thought to his historical location as a Second-Temple Jew living under Roman Empire as well as to twentieth and twenty-first movements of Truth and Reconciliation.

Prerequisite: FND106 for program students without exception. Auditors and Continuing Education students welcome.

**AIP221 The Spirit, The Church, and Hope**

The Spirit, the Church, and Hope is the third of three required theology courses. This course explores traditional and contemporary understandings of the role of the Holy Spirit in the world (pneumatologies), the relationship of the Church to the world, including other religions, (theologically and in practice), and what forms hope takes in a world that is experiencing multi-systems collapse. This course will also explore how Western Christian thought has led us to the tension of "the last things" (eschatology) and how Indigenous thinking can offer us alternate ways of thinking. By the end, students will have begun to articulate a role for the church in nurturing communities of hope and resilience.

Prerequisite: FND106 for program students without exception. Auditors and Continuing Education students welcome.

**AIP230 Public Practical Ministry II: Preaching**

Taking a contextual and cultural approach, this course continues from FND 105, Public Practical Ministry I: An Introduction to Worship. This course introduces students to the basics of preaching. It is also designed to examine a variety of biblical, exegetical, contextual, cultural, theological, and pastoral approaches to Christian preaching. Using the main textbook as a foundation, students will also read from a wide variety of other perspectives, engaging in dialogues between the various approaches. Students will also gain insights from invited faculty from the STU as well as senior preachers about the joys and challenges of preaching. Because the course is rooted in an appreciation for the diversity of culture and context it draws on the students' particular experience as a source of knowledge. This course will consist of presentations, readings, assignments, discussions, and practicums.

Prerequisites: FND 105, FND103

**AIP231 Hope and Vacillation in Israel's Wisdom Books**

A literary-theological analysis and appreciation of Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, Ben Sira and The Wisdom of Solomon against the backdrop of the sapiential traditions of West Asian antiquity. The inner-biblical dialogue (and tensions) between these books and within the canonical collection(s) as a reflection of post-exilic Israel's (and the church's) earnest interrogation of the contours of faith is in focus.

Prerequisite: FND103, or permission of the instructor.

**AIP280 Paul and Early Christianity**

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the life and times of the Apostle Paul, an important and complicated character within early church history and key contributor to the New Testament. Through a careful reading of Paul's Epistles as well as a consideration of the historical contexts in which they were written, the student will gain a better understanding of Paul's intentions.

Prerequisite: FND103

**AIP312 Torah of Exile**

An historical and theological exploration of the Torah/Pentateuch as a product of exilic reflection read, in part, through the lens of trauma theory as it pertains to the experience of political and cultural hegemony in the Persian and Hellenistic periods. The course will carry the fruit of this critical posture into a reading of Torah as Christian scripture in the North American postcolonial political landscape.

Prerequisite: FND103 or permission of the instructor.

**AIP331 Advanced Lutheran Worship and Preaching**

Building on the foundational worship and preaching courses, this course delves into the specifics of preparing, implementing, and evaluating Lutheran worship across its diverse forms. It also focuses on crafting and delivering sermons grounded in Lutheran hermeneutical commitments. Both worship and preaching are explored as in-person, polymodal, and online events. Students will experiment with different approaches and benefit from constructive feedback. The course frames the material through an in-depth exploration of the history and theology behind Lutheran liturgical and homiletical practices, aiming for revitalization in the 21st century.

Prerequisites: FND105, AIP230

**AIP332 (DMN732) Emerging Perspectives in Liturgy and Practical Theology**

This course examines liturgy as a site for practical theology. The intimate connection between practical theology, liturgy, culture and context, and praxis are explored in detail. The course draws on the liberationist and praxical notion that doing theology comes out of what we “do,” how we express our faith in daily life, and focuses on worship as a particular site for emerging theological debates. Though the themes of the course will be examined with a liturgical lens, students are welcome to focus their assignments on other church practices or ministries to explore the interconnections between practical theology and the themes of the course. Students will therefore be encouraged to reflect specifically on various aspects of their ministries, in light of the themes of the course. Key themes include: the relation between (practical) theology and culture; the relation between church practices and culture/practical theology; ideology, culture and (practical) theology; and liberation theories and post/decolonial studies. Emerging themes of inter-faith worship and digital worship in light of the global Pandemic will also be explored.

Prerequisites: FND105, a 3 credit theology course, a 3 credit biblical course.

**AIP333 Singing in the Lutheran Tradition**

This course engages the rich history of hymnody in the Lutheran tradition as a doxological, formational, and instructional practice. Learners will critically analyze the musical, textual, and theological elements of individual hymns as well as hymnal collections. With attention to the theological, confessional, and liturgical settings of congregational song, learners will gain an appreciation for the vital role of hymn-singing in both public worship and private devotion. Additionally, learners will be equipped to plan and lead congregational song in a variety of contexts.

Prerequisites: FND105, FND106 for degree or certificate students. Auditors and Continuing Education students welcome.

**AIP368 Gospel of Matthew**

This course is a study of the life and times of Jesus as described in the Gospel of Matthew. Since this course is being offered within the discipline of Biblical Studies, the materials presented in this class are primarily concerned with those things that led to the composition of Matthew’s Gospel. This

means that the student will be exposed to cultural, religious, historical, psychological, philosophical, sociological phenomena that happened before and during early years of the church that led to the composition of the gospel.

Prerequisites: FND103, 3 credits at Level Two in Early Christian Scriptures or permission of the instructor.

### **AIP378 Gospel of Luke**

The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to one of the earliest written documents concerning the life and ministry of Jesus. Through a careful reading of the Gospel, the student will gain a knowledge of its content as well as the context in which it was written. The student will examine a number of cultural and historical factors that contributed to the content of Luke's Gospel such as: The Roman Imperial Cult, the rise of Greek culture in Palestine, the invasion of the Roman Empire, various religious sects in 1st-century Palestine, cultural subjugation, and systems of power in the ancient world. The student will also be exposed to a number of theories of genre, methods of interpretation, and learn to answer various questions concerning differences in Gospel accounts.

Prerequisites: FND103, 3 credits at Level Two in Early Christian Scriptures or permission of the instructor.

### **AIS240 Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Care in the Congregational Setting**

This course is designed:

- to raise awareness of and sensitivity to the pastoral issues that arise in the congregational setting,
- to equip the student with tools and insights in order to do effective and basic pastoral caregiving in the congregational context.
- with shorter reading and video viewing requirements
- with hands-on use of supervision tools: case study, verbatim and critical incident report.

Prerequisite: FND104

### **AIS260 Leading Missional Communities**

This course invites students to see themselves as Christian leaders, grounded by Scripture and theological traditions, attentive to context, and informed by leadership theory. Students will learn about creating and facilitating communities in multiple forms, develop strategies for communication, cultivate personal leadership skills and capacities. Students will be formed as change-agents, able to respond to the adaptive challenges that communities face today.

Prerequisites: students are expected to have completed all the FND courses required for their degree program.

### **AIS351 (DMN751) Globalization and Christian Ethics**

This course addresses method in the field of Christian Ethics, and focuses on the nature of contemporary globalization and considering related theological, social, political, economic, and ecological issues. The course attends to the Christian person as ethically reflective and active, discusses Christian touchpoints – including use of the Bible, reflection on Christian heritage, and engagement with other faith/non-faith traditions – in ethical decision-making, and examines the dynamics of globalization. Special attention is given to reflecting theologically on the issues and challenges surrounding current forms of globalization, considering implications for people of faith, addressing effects on Indigenous peoples, and developing Christian responses to these complex issues. This course is open to MDiv and MTS students, and is the precursor for LTS students joining **SL302 Cross-Cultural Immersion** Trip to Colombia, which will take place in February 17 – March 3, 2026.

**AIU231 Intercultural Educational Ministry**

This course will engage students in the educational ministry theories and practices in relation to intercultural leadership both within and beyond the United Church of Canada (UCC). Perspectives from intercultural, critical race, decolonial, and postcolonial theories will be studied. Students will develop strategies for anti-oppressive forms of education and practice, in terms of scriptural interpretation, contextual analysis, and leadership for community empowerment. This course will use a variety of pedagogies including biblical exegesis, critical reading reflection, group exercise, community engagement, and a final/integrative educational project. The means of evaluation will include class participation through zoom discussion, creative demonstration, artistic engagement, book report, class presentation, written reflection, and an integrative project. This course will be delivered online through weekly asynchronous discussion through the learning platform of the student's school of registration, and through synchronous sessions via video conferences.

Prerequisites: 9 credits at Level One, including FND107 or permission of instructor.

**CAP330 Leadership in Practice**

This capstone explores the sense of self-knowing and appreciation in leadership that is not only formative for themselves, but for the faith communities with which they journey. Students will be enlivened by their own sense of vocation in a mutual community that offers space for reflection and preparation beyond the academic context. Students will critically reflect on distinct structures and polities of the denominational traditions in which the students' practicums or placements have been located. Students will be guided to locate themselves in broader structures of accountability (e.g., in relation to synods, councils, dioceses, personnel policies) and to explore and understand differences in denominations.

Prerequisites: AIS260, successful completion of supervised field placement (e.g. internship).

**CAP390 MTS Capstone**

This capstone centers on theology and religious studies as an intellectual and practical undertaking. At the conclusion of their MTS program, students will participate in the capstone as an opportunity to practice and demonstrate ways to articulate connections with their intellectual, professional, and personal aspirations.

Prerequisites: completion of the majority of course requirements in the program.

**IU601 Entry Colloquium**

Colloquium I offers an introduction to the DMin program. Its goals are to build relationships and the cohesion of the new cohort of DMin students, introduce the DMin program and the idea of a "Doctor of Ministry" degree, and allow students to begin to share information about their ministry sites, research ideas, and learning plans.

**IU605 Foundations**

This course, along with the initial colloquium, serves as an introduction to the Doctor of Ministry program in the Saskatoon Theological Union. It has an important role in orienting students to the ethos of the program, as well as in beginning to form the learning cohort. Students will be introduced not only to the program, but to one another, to each other's ministry settings, to faculty, and to the basic tools of research and inquiry they will be using in their work.

### **IU701 Qualitative Research Tools and Application**

This course will examine community demographics, economics and culture in stressed communities, particularly rural. It will explore theological models for ministry that build health and resilience in the surrounding community. And it will introduce students to tools for church-initiated community development, based on those models.

### **IU781 Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods**

This course will focus on critical issues, questions, and decisions involved in designing and carrying out qualitative research projects, particularly in pastoral ministry contexts. The focus will be on engaging students with information about qualitative research in a broad sense, as well as with questions and resources particular to their own identified research interests and contexts.

Specific methods for community-based research will be introduced and a researcher's roles and responsibilities in selecting appropriate methods will be discussed. Attention will be given to critical questions about data generation, collaboration with and reporting to community members and research participants, and interpretation of research materials and experiences.

### **IU602 Colloquium Two**

The purpose of this colloquium is to provide students an opportunity to reflect together on questions emerging from their D. Min projects which warrant further thought but which are not the key focus of their research. Such questions may relate to the proposed process of research or your own perspective in pursuing it.

#### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- 1) To gain experience in discussing your project and approach to it.
- 2) To possibly bring to light questions and concerns that you as a researcher may not have considered.
- 3) To build solidarity and community amongst your cohort.

### **IU603 Colloquium Three**

This colloquium provides an opportunity for students to share their project ideas with each other and to receive feedback toward the completion of proposals for approval. It is also an opportunity to practice giving constructive feedback through peer review of each other's draft proposals.

### **IU789 Project in Ministry**

After approval of DMin Project Proposal, this course includes the actual implementation of the project according to the approved proposal, and successful defense.

### **IU777 Capstone Course**

This is the final required DMin course; it is a face-to-face one-week intensive course that brings together the DMin cohort to share the first draft of their project reports.

### **DMN732 (AIP332) Emerging Perspectives in Liturgy and Practical Theology**

This course examines liturgy as a site for practical theology. The intimate connection between practical theology, liturgy, culture and context, and praxis are explored in detail. The course draws on the liberationist and praxical notion that doing theology comes out of what we "do," how we express our faith in daily life, and focuses on worship as a particular site for emerging theological debates. Though the themes of the course will be examined with a

liturgical lens, students are welcome to focus their assignments on other church practices or ministries to explore the interconnections between practical theology and the themes of the course. Students will therefore be encouraged to reflect specifically on various aspects of their ministries, in light of the themes of the course. Key themes include: the relation between (practical) theology and culture; the relation between church practices and culture/practical theology; ideology, culture and (practical) theology; and liberation theories and post/decolonial studies. Emerging themes of inter-faith worship and digital worship in light of the global Pandemic will also be explored.

### **DMN751 (AIS351) Globalization and Christian Ethics**

This course addresses method in the field of Christian Ethics, and focuses on the nature of contemporary globalization and considering related theological, social, political, economic, and ecological issues. The course attends to the Christian person as ethically reflective and active, discusses Christian touchpoints – including use of the Bible, reflection on Christian heritage, and engagement with other faith/non-faith traditions – in ethical decision-making, and examines the dynamics of globalization. Special attention is given to reflecting theologically on the issues and challenges surrounding current forms of globalization, considering implications for people of faith, addressing effects on Indigenous peoples, and developing Christian responses to these complex issues. DMin student may choose to register for **SL302 Cross-Cultural Immersion** Trip to Colombia, which will take place in February 17 - March 3, 2026, but it is not required.

## **COLLEGE-SPECIFIC STU COURSES:**

### **College of Emmanuel & St. Chad (ESC)**

#### **ESC101 Global Anglicanism in Practice**

This course will familiarize students with contemporary Anglicanism as a global phenomenon. We will explore areas where Anglican identity is shared and where it is contested or divergent, including practices of worship, mission and evangelization, inculturation, administration, justice and advocacy, formation and teaching, along with models of ministry and community life. We will position inter-Anglican tensions in the context of this global community, and assess the impact and value to Canadian Anglicans of being part of a wider Communion. Through hands-on research and project work, students will experience for themselves what it means to belong to a global church.

#### **ESC201 Roots of Anglicanism**

This upper-level course will equip students to understand more deeply the pillars of Anglican identity and their historical origins, in order to bring appreciative and critical tools to contemporary life in the Anglican Church of Canada. These pillars include: the historical basis of the English reformation and its unfinished business; the common prayer tradition; the dynamic interplay of different interpretations of Anglicanism; schools of spirituality and of theological method; parish-based pastoral ministry; a contingent self-identity in the ecumenical landscape; the baggage of association with colonial and imperial forces, and the counterweight of inculturation and indigenization.

Prerequisite: ESC 101

#### **ESC301 Vocational Formation in Anglicanism**

This advanced course will prepare students for practical and professional aspects specific to Anglican ministry, while they also interact with the ecclesiological, spiritual, and liturgical bases for leadership in this denominational tradition. The relationship between the ministry of the baptized and the three orders of ministry will be a significant focus, as will the role of clergy in gathering and shaping the worshipping community.

Prerequisite: ESC201, students will normally be in an internship or other ministry placement while taking this course.

### **Lutheran Theological Seminary (LTS)**

**These three courses are on-site intensives, with no online option.**

#### **LTS101 Lutheran Formation 1 - Foundations**

As the first in the three-course Lutheran formation sequence, this course provides students with the foundation for Lutheran understandings, with particular focus on Luther's Small and Large Catechisms, his theology of the cross, faith and righteousness, grace, and his understanding of Gospel/Good News. Students will begin deepening their discernment of their particular callings to serve the Lutheran church and wider communities. Students are required to stay at the retreat centre in Calgary for the entire week.

### **LTS201 Lutheran Formation 2 - Integration**

As the second in the three-course Lutheran formation sequence, this course focuses on the historical and contemporary presence of the Lutheran church in Canada and globally, fostering missional awareness and cultural context from a Canadian Lutheran perspective. It will also explore Luther's understanding of the two kingdoms and the Freedom of a Christian as they pertain to the relationship between church and society, with an eye to appropriate engagement with justice issues. Students are required to stay at the retreat centre in Winnipeg for the entire week.

### **LTS301 Lutheran Formation 3 – Transformation**

As the third in the three-course Lutheran formation sequence, this course focuses on a Lutheran theology of vocation and its embodiment in the church. It includes learnings on leadership in the various contexts of the ELCIC, the rostered ministries of the ELCIC (Diaconal, Pastoral, Episcopal), Lutheran ecclesiology, ecumenical relations, and global Lutheranism. Students are required to stay at the retreat centre north of Kelowna for the entire week.

Prerequisites: LTS101, LTS201, SL120, field education.

## **St. Andrew's College (SAC)**

### **SAC101 UCC in Context (Knowing the Church)**

This is a foundational course in United Church of Canada (UCC) history, theology, polity, and ethos. It is the first of three required courses for UCC MDiv students. Other STU students are eligible to take the course as an elective. This course examines the impetus behind the formation of the UCC, traces the history of the denomination over the last 100 years, and explores UCC identity through its statements of faith. The course also examines the impact of UCC polity on the wider Canadian context, particularly with respect to Indigenous communities, the Canadian Social Gospel Movement, the Ecumenical Movements of the 70s, 80s, and 90s, and the Canadian Ecumenical Jubilee Initiative. The class will consist of lectures, guest presentations and in-situ learning in an Indigenous context. Assignments will include reflection papers, presentations, book reports, and integrative learning.

### **SAC201 Community Engagement and Theological Praxis [Replaces UCC in Praxis (Being in the World)]**

This is a practicum course that involves 3-4 hours/week in an assigned community learning placement (minimum of 30 hours over the term), as well as a weekly synchronous (online) class of 2 hours, and meetings with an assigned community learning supervisor every two weeks.

The course is rooted in praxis and offers students an opportunity to practice methods of critical theological reflection and social analysis through experiences in community and reflections with peers and faculty in weekly seminars. Students will engage methods and sources from different disciplines (e.g., history, pastoral studies, biblical studies, ethics, contextual theology, spiritual care) for use in critical theological reflection.

SAC201 practicum: Students must register for this course at least 6 weeks in advance and will work with the instructor at that time to identify and confirm a site for a learning placement appropriate to the student's learning and program goals and to their location. Prospective students are encouraged to contact the Registrar and indicate their intention to register as soon as possible, so that arrangements for a practicum can be facilitated. Each community learning setting must have someone available to serve as a placement supervisor; in addition, students will be assigned a learning supervisor affiliated with St. Andrew's College who will meet with them about their learning goals for the practicum.

Prerequisites: 12 credits at Level One, including SAC101, or permission of instructor

**SAC301 UCC Today (Doing the Church Into the Future)**

This is the third and final course in United Church of Canada (UCC) history, theology, polity, and ethos. It is a required course for UCC MDiv students. Other STU students are eligible to take the course as an elective. This third course focuses on transformation. Students will examine ongoing collaborative thrusts from the UCC including: the work of Kairos; global church movements (including the WCC and the WSCF); interpreting the Bible; and ecumenical movements and shared ministries. Themes explored will include: becoming an anti-racist church; decolonizing the church; the climate crisis; the UCC in a plural world; and the UCC in a digital world. As with the other two courses, students will be asked to reflect on how the UCC's commitments are reflected in church practices; how do we embody our principles in our preaching, worship, and social action? Also, the class will be asked to engage future thinking and imagine what the UCC will be in the future and what it has to contribute to Canada and to the world. The class will consist of lectures, guest presentations and in-situ learning. Assignments will include reflection papers, presentations, book reports, and integrative learning.

**CONTINUING COURSES FROM COLLEGE PROGRAMS****Lutheran Theological Seminary (LTS)****SL210 Lutheran Confessions**

This course explores the Lutheran Confessions and what it means to be a “confessional” church. This course includes discussing the place and authority of confessions for a church, and a survey of the documents of the Book of Concord, looking at them in their historical context. The majority of the course focuses on the theological themes presented in the Augsburg Confession (Confessio Augustana) and augmented by the other confessional documents. By the end of this course, students will be able to competently discuss the relevance of Confessions for the church today, and will have had an opportunity to practice integrating the confessions in their ministry setting.