

CIMS COURSE DESCRIPTIONS





Faith Foundations for Life and Ministry in the 21st Century

Paul Walker, John Sims, Donald Bowdle, Terry Cross

This course is a historical overview of the postmodern world and the undermining of faith through the loss of absolutes and the relativity of morality. 1 CIMS credit.



A Journey Through the Old Testament

Jerome Boone, Mike Chapman, Hannah Harrington, Rickie Moore, David Cooper This course is a survey of the great themes of the Old Testament, including the origin of man, the origin and decline of the Jewish nation, the kings, the prophets, the development of the kingdom of God, and the poetry and wisdom literature of the Old Testament. 3 CIMS credits.



A Journey Through the New Testament

William Simmons, Donald Bowdle, Chris Thomas, Emerson Powery, David Cooper This overview of the New Testament gives consideration to the great themes of the Scripture, including the life and ministry of Christ, grace, the origin of the church, and the missionary life of the church. 3 CIMS credits.



Living the Faith

Hollis Gause, Steven Land

This course introduces the great doctrines of Scripture, i.e., the doctrine of the living God, of man, of salvation, of the church, as well as a study of Church of God doctrine. 2 CIMS credits.



Knowing the Holy Spirit

Terry Cross, David Cooper, Raymond Culpepper

This course is a study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit, with emphasis on the Pentecostal experience and spiritual gifts, as well as the activity of the Spirit in the Old Testament. 2 CIMS credits.



Walking in the Truth

Terry Cross, Donald Aultman, Homer Rhea, Horace Ward, Lamar Vest This course is a study of core Christian values based on the teachings of Christ which should impact social and individual behavior, with consideration of the issues of practical theology and ethics theory. 2 CIMS credits.



Rightly Dividing the Word

Homer Rhea, Lee Roy Martin, William Simmons, Robby Waddell This course is a study of the methodology of Scriptural interpretation with

special emphasis on the role of context in the study and interpretation of Biblical content. 2 CIMS credits.



Introducing the Great Themes of Scripture

Hollis Gause, Steven Land

This course is an introduction to the principal streams of Biblical theology with an emphasis on the relationship of these major themes as they relate to ministry in the contemporary church. 2 CIMS credits.



Knowing Your Church

Lamar Vest, Bill George, Joe Byrd, David Roebuck

A study of the ministry of the Church of God with emphasis on the growth of the church from a small southeastern group to a global church of over 4 million members. This course will also examine the organizational structure of the Church of God. 1 CIMS credit.



Leading With Integrity

Donald Aultman, Dennis McGuire, Jerald Daffe, Bruce Tucker, Larry Hess, Mary Ruth Stone, John Maxwell, Stan Toler, Gerald Brooks

This course is a study of contemporary concepts of spiritual leadership with emphases on communication, decision making, conflict management, delegation, financial accountability, stewardship and operational procedures. 2 CIMS credits.



Understanding Yourself and Others

Paul Conn, Robert W. Fisher, Jerome Hammond, Doyle Goff This course is an introduction to the study of human personality and behavior from a Christian perspective. 1 CIMS credit.



Equipping People for Ministry

Grant McClung, Dennis McGuire, Tim Hill, Loran Livingston

This course is a comparison of historical and contemporary models of discipleship, with emphasis on the pastoral role of mentoring and helping to develop lay people for ministry. 1 CIMS credit.



Learning the Practices of Ministry

Paul Walker, David Cooper, Tony Scott, Mark Walker

This course is a study of Biblical models of worship, observances, and ceremonies, including marriage, Communion, footwashing, dedications, funerals, and visitation. 2 CIMS credits.



Ministering Through Music / Delton Alford

This course is a survey of current musical types, forms, and styles utilized in Pentecostal worship, with emphasis on understanding the Scriptural role of music in worship. 1 CIMS credit.



Culpepper

Planting and Growing Churches / Raymond Culpepper, Bill Sheeks, Bryan Cutshall, Loran Livingston, Jeremy Robinson, Ginger Robinson, Ray Sanders, Fermin Garcia Sr., Fermin Garcia Jr., Fidencio Burgueno, Orville Hagan This course is a study of practical strategies for church planting such as networking, small groups, home visitation, cross-cultural, and media usage. 2 CIMS credits.



McMahan

Helping People in Crisis

Jeff Terrell, Paul Walker, Mark Walker, Gary Moon, John Vining, Oliver McMahan, Robert Crick

This course is a study of helping skills for pastors which reviews basic counseling principles, working with people in crisis situations, in times of grief, and in times of death and dying. 2 CIMS credits.



Betancourt

Ministering to Culturally Diverse Populations

Donnie Smith, Esdras Betancourt, Dwight Allen, T.L. Lowery, Fred Snowden, Wayne Solomon, Wallace Sibley

This course is a study of ministry to diverse populations with emphasis on urban ministry settings, as well as the responsibility of the church to embrace diversity and reach out to all people. 1 CIMS credit.



Communicating Effectively

Carolyn Dirksen, Tom George, Mike Baker, Ken Bell, Paul Walker

This course is a review of the fundamentals of English grammar, with emphasis on writing, composition, and a review of the basic principles of speaking, as well as the different kinds of speeches. 2 CIMS credits.



Preaching the Word Today

F. J. May, Raymond Culpepper, Mark Williams

This course contains an emphasis on the basic principles of preaching and teaching the Word of God, emphasizing homiletical preaching styles, message preparation, communication methods and treatment of contemporary issues. 2 CIMS credits.



Caring for People in Need: 21st-Century Benevolence

Paul Walker, Dale Coulter, Terry Cross, Oliver McMahan, John Nichols This course is a study of the Biblical and theological basis of benevolence, and it also examines the practical aspects of developing a ministry of care. 1 CIMS credit.



Ministerial Internship Program (MIP) / Larry Hess

This internship experience is under the guidance of a supervising senior pastor. The goal of the internship is to prepare the minister for more effective service in his/her area of calling. Internship assignments will be made and supervision will be monitored by the Office of Ministerial Development with the approval of the School of Ministry. 6 CIMS credits.



Introduction of Covenant Care Leadership

Dennis McGuire, James Bowers, Jeff Terrell, Steven Land, Mary Ruth Stone, Paul Conn This course is an introduction to a caring, mentoring, productive ministry, with a review of the principles of conflict resolution. 1 CIMS credit.

