

underpinnings and the biblical interpretations they produce. Three term hours. *Prerequisites:* OT 6301, 6302.

**OT 8351. Major Motifs of Biblical Theology.** Thematic study of one or more major aspects of biblical theology. Studies themes in the Old Testament first, but may also examine the relation of the Old Testament witness to that of the New Testament. Varies the selection of topics from time to time. Three term hours. *Prerequisites:* OT 6301, 6302.

**OT 8357. The Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical Books of the Old Testament.** An examination of the setting, origin, purpose and theological outlook of the Books of the Old Testament Apocrypha, with attention given to the background they provide for an understanding of first-century Judaism and the New Testament. Three term hours. *Prerequisite:* OT 6301 or OT 6302.

**OT 8368. Film and the Hebrew Bible.** An examination of the interface between biblical literature and film, especially movies, documentaries, and educational materials. The course explores the development of this relationship since the emergence of film in the 20th century C.E.

**NT 8336. The Book of Revelation Through History and Cultures.** An exploration of the probable meaning and function of the Book of Revelation in its original context and the interpretive strategies that developed in other contexts and cultures for making sense of this text. Three term hours. *Prerequisites:* NT 6301, 6302 and HX 6305.

**NT 8343. The Spiritual Vision of Jesus.** An examination of the spiritual vision of Jesus as it can be reconstructed from New Testament texts. Attention to methodological challenges, the shape of second Temple Judaism and other issues of relevance, including the attitude of Jesus toward the Temple Law and prayer. Three term hours. *Prerequisites:* NT 6301, 6302.

**NT 8365. Evil, Suffering and Death in the New Testament.** An examination of New Testament perspectives on evil, suffering and afterlife. Explores how these realities were experienced, symbolized and judged by representatives of early Christianity with a view to relating these discoveries to the lived faith of those in contemporary churches. Three term hours. *Prerequisites:* NT 6301, 6302.

**NT 8379. Issues in Pauline Theology.** An examination of various issues in Pauline theology, such as the law, faith/fullness, resurrection and Judaism. Traces methodological options and the historical development of Pauline studies, as well as major theological issues in Paul's undisputed letters. Three term hours. *Prerequisites:* NT 6301, 6302 and ST 6300.

## **DIVISION II – THE HERITAGE OF THE CHRISTIAN WITNESS IN ITS RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL CONTEXT**

**Professors:** Ted Campbell, Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi, Ruben Habito, Valerie Karras, William Lawrence, Bruce Marshall. **Intern Faculty:** William Bryan.

The purpose of the Division II program is to examine the life and thought of the Christian community in its historical expressions and to introduce the student to the interrelations between Christianity and world culture. Studies are offered in the historical development of Christianity, the manifestations of its outreach around the globe and the varieties of religious and cultural contexts with which it has come in contact.

Enrollment in advanced HR courses requires prior completion of **HR 6302** World Religions and Christianity: A Global Perspective. Enrollment in intermediate and advanced HX and WX courses requires prior completion of **HX 6305, 6306** The Christian Heritage. Exceptions to these prerequisites are by permission of the academic dean only.

Beyond the regular elective courses offered each term, reading courses in Division II may be arranged. Information may be obtained from the registrar.

### Basic Courses

**HR 6302. World Religions and Christianity: A Global Perspective.** A study of world religious traditions, their interaction with Christianity and their implications for the mission and ministry of the church in the contemporary world. An examination of the global context of ministry, including themes such as poverty and socioeconomic injustice, the ecological crisis and cultural and religious diversity as issues for theological reflection and for interreligious cooperation. Three term hours.

**HX 6305, 6306. The Christian Heritage I, II.** An introductory study of modes of piety, patterns of thought and styles of practice that have shaped and reshaped the Christian heritage in its major variations, from its beginnings to the present. Six term hours, three hours per term.

### Intermediate Courses

**HX 7312. Early Christian Art.** A study of the development of Christian art from such early evidence as the paintings of the Roman catacombs and the church of Dura-Europos to the flowering of Christian art and architecture in the Theodosian age. In particular, an examination of the emergence of a Christian vocabulary, form and content in the art of the fourth and fifth centuries, using both visual and literary sources. Taught occasionally, in conjunction with Meadows School of the Arts. Three term hours.

**HX 7314. The Reformation.** A study of the background, origins and spread of Catholic and Protestant reform movements in mainland Europe, England and the New World in the 16th and 17th centuries, with particular attention to theological and spiritual developments at the institutional and individual level. Attention to lay devotion, preaching, liturgy and spirituality as integral to the socio-religious context of the Lutheran, Reform and Tridentine churches. Three term hours.

**HX 7316. History of American Christianity.** An introduction to the most important historical forces that have shaped the character of American Christianity, together with a critical evaluation of some of the outstanding themes and issues in the history of American Christianity. Provides a fresh understanding of the Christian mission in contemporary American society. Three term hours.

**HX 7322. Christianity in the Hispanic Tradition.** A survey of the development of Christian and other religions in Spain and Latin America. Special attention is given to the evolution of those traditions that are formative of Hispanic culture and religious experience. Three term hours.

**HX 7324. Christianity in Latin America.** The development and influence of Latin-American Christianities and their interaction with other Latin-American religions from the 16th century to the present time, with special attention given to the present status and challenges of Latin-American Christianities. Three term hours.

**HX 7334. Eastern Christianity.** An overview of the history, theology, spirituality, and worship of various forms of Eastern Christianity, Eastern Orthodoxy especially; also the Oriental Orthodox, Syrian, and Eastern-rite Catholic churches. Three term hours.

**HX 7337. Art and Devotion in Medieval Spain.** Cotaught with the Meadows Art History Department, this course examines the mutual influences and conflicts between Christians, Jews, and Muslims in medieval Spain as recorded in their religious texts and artistic traditions. Three term hours.

**HX 7365. United Methodist History.** A historical survey of the polity and doctrine of Methodism: its beginnings in Wesley's "Societies," the evolution of British Methodism in its first 100 years and the development of American Methodism from its origin to the present. Three term hours.

**HX 7366. Presbyterian History, Doctrine and Polity.** A course designed to equip Presbyterian students to meet Presbyterian (U.S.A.) ordination requirements with respect to understanding The Book of Confessions and The Book of Order. Three term hours.

**HX 7370. Anglican History and Theology.** An introduction to Anglican Church history, theological developments and the development of the Anglican Communion. Three term hours.

**HX 7371. Episcopal History and Canon Law.** An introduction to Episcopal Church history and canon law. Three term hours.

**WX 7310. World Christianity: Its Mission and Unity.** Examination of the world Christian community in a changing global context, with consideration of the expansion of Christianity from the perspective of the recipients as well as the missionary senders. Studies of the formation of churches and theologies within cultural diversity, Christian interaction with other religions, the ecumenical impulse and movements toward unity and the struggles for renewal on each continent. Special attention to new publications from African, Asian and Latin American sources. Three term hours.

**WX 7350. Pentecostalism in Global Perspectives.** History and theologies of Pentecostalism in Africa, Latin America, and Asia and immigrant extensions in the United States, with a focus on religious encounters, missiological methods and practices, and "pentecostalization" of mainline traditions. Three term hours.

## **Advanced Electives**

### *History of Religions*

**HR 8037. The Multicultural Alliance: Seminarians Sharing Faith Traditions.** A January interterm course involving participation by students of theological schools of various Christian denominations in the Southwest and by representatives of the Jewish community. A four-day seminar that focuses on a particular theme in Jewish-Christian relations, addressing it in the context of Scriptural, doctrinal, ethical and practical perspectives. Varied themes from year to year, including, but not limited to, the Theology of Creation, Issues in Scriptural Hermeneutics, Faith and Justice, and Approaches to Religious Pluralism. One and one-half term hours.

**HR 8343. Contemporary Christian-Muslim Dialogue.** A survey of key issues in contemporary Christian-Muslim dialogue, with a special emphasis on the issues of religious life and freedom for religious minorities in modern states and the role of interreligious dialogue in the midst of a clash of civilizations. Concludes with participation in several dialogue sessions with Muslims living in the Dallas area. Three term hours.

**HR 8357. Monotheistic Mysticism.** Case studies of the major genres of mysticism (theosophical, ecstatic, magical, love, bridal and negative theology) found in medieval Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Three term hours.

**HR 8360. Eastern Spiritualities and Christian Mysticism.** An examination of Eastern spiritual traditions that developed in India, Tibet, China and Japan, and of Christian mystical expressions from the New Testament and Christian history to discover resonating themes that can ground an understanding of "spirituality" in interfaith dialogue. Three term hours.

### *History of Christianity*

**HR 8308. Varieties of Medieval Theology.** An exploration of the diverse approaches to basic issues of Christian faith among the monastic, scholastic and mystical theologians of the Middle Ages, especially the 12th to 14th centuries. Readings from several of the following: Anselm, Abelard, Bernard of Clairvaux, the Victorines, Bonaventure, Aquinas, Scotus, Ockham, Eckhart, Julian of Norwich and others. Three term hours.

**HX 8321, 8322. The History of Christian Doctrine.** A cumulative examination of the basic doctrines and theologies that have shaped the Christian tradition. In the fall term, a survey of the formation of the patristic, Byzantine and medieval Western theological traditions. In the spring term, a study of the Reformation, Catholic and Protestant, with certain 19th-century developments. Three term hours each. *Prerequisite:* A minimum of six term hours in church history and permission of the instructor. HX 8321 may be taken by itself, but it is a prerequisite for HX 8322.

**HR 8325. The Ecumenical Movement.** An examination of the current major developments in the ecumenical movement, which includes the World Council of Churches, the evangelical movement, regional councils, the Second Vatican Council, the Church of South India and other unions, and the proposed Church of Christ United in the United States and Methodist involvement. Three term hours.

**HX 8328. Women in the History of Christianity.** An overview of the historical activities of women in various aspects of Christian church life – spiritual/monastic, liturgical, theological, political, and missionary – in the early and medieval/Byzantine periods, including more focused examinations of major figures such as early church ascetics Macrina and Melania, Byzantine

empresses Irene and Theodora, and Western medieval mystics Catherine of Siena and Julian of Norwich. Three term hours.

**HX 8336. Theology of Thomas Aquinas.** A critical study of major issues in Aquinas' theology, (e.g., faith and reason, God, human nature, grace, Christ, and the sacramental life), including the historical context and influence of his ideas. Three term hours.

**HX 8337. Sex and Gender in Greek and Latin Patristic Thought.** Compares and contrasts patristic views of human sexual differentiation and the construction of gender by examining and critically evaluating both primary sources and modern scholarly works. Three term hours. *Prerequisites:* ST 6300 and HX 6305, 6306.

**HX 8338. Patristic Anthropology and Soteriology.** A study of Greek and Latin patristic views of theological anthropology and related soteriology by examining and critically evaluating both primary sources and modern scholarly works. Three term hours.

**HX 8360. Studies in Wesley.** Studies in the sources and development of Wesley's theology, with special reference to theological methods, norms and ecumenical relevance. Three term hours. *Prerequisite:* HX 7365 or permission of the instructor.

**HX 8361. Wesley as Evangelist.** A study of the evangelistic theology and methods of 18th century Methodism, especially those of John Wesley, and their implications for contemporary practice. Three term hours. (colisted as EV 8361) *Prerequisite:* HX 7365 or permission of the instructor.

**HX 8367. Studies in World Methodism.** A general survey of the worldwide growth of Methodism, exploring issues in mission, culture and theology. Examines past and current Methodist writings from around the world, including documents from the World Methodist Council and Oxford Theological Institute. Includes research projects in original materials. Three term hours.

**HX 8368. The Articles of Religion and Confession of Faith of the United Methodist Church.** A historical and theological analysis of the Articles of Religion and Confession of Faith of the United Methodist Church. Three term hours.

**HX 8383. History of Methodism in Texas.** A seminar course examining the history of Methodism in Texas from 1815 to the present time, offering students the opportunity to do original historical research in unedited documents available at Southern Methodist University and elsewhere. Three term hours.

### ***World Christianity***

**WX 8321. Christian Mission in Cultural Context.** A study of the mission, development and influence of Christianity in various cultures, with special attention to the role of the church amid societal tensions, nationalism and social change. May be taught as an overview course on campus or as a focused, on-site study of a particular region of the world. Varies the specific topic with each offering. May be repeated for additional academic credit. Three term hours.

**WX 8328. Theological Issues in World Christianity.** A survey of important present and emerging theological issues confronting the world Christian community. Includes topics such as world religious pluralism; Christian views of other religions; interreligious dialogue; worldwide women's consciousness; concern for the natural environment; world economic and political structures; cultures and Christianity; Christian theologies from Africa, Asia, Latin America and other areas; contemporary reexaminations of Christian doctrines; and mission theology in the midst of diversity and tension. Three term hours.

**WX 8332. Mission Studies.** A comprehensive study of Christian mission, including a review of the historical background, a survey of mission presence in a world with religious plurality and new theologies and a theological analysis of mission theories, paradigms and practice. Provides the opportunity for research into areas of special concern. Three term hours.