



ECO: Pastoral Ministry: An Introduction
1 and 3 credit hour options
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“The vocation of pastor(s) has been replaced by the strategies of religious entrepreneurs with business plans.”
— Eugene H. Peterson, *The Pastor: A Memoir*

“You are not the minister of our changing desires, or our time-conditioned understanding of our needs, or our secularized hopes for something better. With these vows of ordination we are lashing you fast to the mast of word and sacrament so that you will be unable to respond to the siren voices.”
— Eugene. H. Peterson, *Working the Angles: The Shape of Pastoral Integrity*

I. Course Description

What is a pastor? A charismatic entertainer, a business CEO, an Internet personality? In our postmodern society we need a return to the healthy, Christ-centred, and biblical definition of pastoral ministry. This course will introduce students to the various roles, issues and expectations of pastoring. We will explore how Jesus is our model for biblically-formed, relational ministry. We will also outline the five key competencies of worship, preaching, care, outreach and leadership. Our primary focus will be to look to Jesus, and our life of abiding in Him, as the ultimate source and end of pastoral life and church ministry.

II. Learning Outcomes

A. Primary Student Outcomes | Upon completion of this course, you will...

1. Understand the various roles and issues of pastoral ministry and church leadership.
2. Gain introductory practice and experience in areas of worship, preaching, care, discipleship, outreach and non-profit organizational leadership.

B. Learning Outcomes | Upon completion of this course, you will...

Cognitive (Head)

1. Develop a biblical and christological vision for pastoral ministry.
2. Establish effective perspectives on five key competencies of pastoral ministry.
3. Understand the threefold office of Christ and the threefold nature of pastoral leadership.

Affective (Heart)

4. Appreciate the difficulty and struggle of pastoral ministry
5. Discern the relational dynamics of pastoral ministry, personal brokenness and identity.
6. Consider one's own vocational calling as it relates to church leadership

Conative (Hands)

7. Learn the introductory basics of expository sermon crafting.
8. Learn the introductory basics of leading baptism and communion.
9. Learn the introductory basics of preparing weddings and funerals.
10. Learn the introductory basics of church governance.
11. Learn how to fashion policies, budgets and meeting agendas.

III. ECO Course Outline

1. Biblical & Christological Foundations for Pastoral Life & Ministry.
 - 1.1. Course Introduction: Objectives, Key Competencies & Abiding in Christ.
 - 1.2. Pastoring in participation with the Risen Lord: 'Aaron' by George Herbert.
 - 1.3. Jesus' Threefold Office I: the Prophetic Task of Proclamation.
 - 1.4. Jesus' Threefold Office II: The Priestly Task of Prayerful Presence.
 - 1.5. Jesus' Threefold Office III: The Regal Task of Kingdom Leadership.
2. What is the Church? Towards a biblically robust ecclesiology.
 - 2.1. A gathered, Spirit-filled and shalom-bringing community.
 - 2.2. A liturgical, catechetical and missional community.
 - 2.3. A local people: The Emmaus Ordo and movement of the Spirit.
3. Worship & Teaching: the Pastor as Priest and Preacher.
 - 3.1. The Word: Preparing to Preach.
 - 3.2. The Word: Studying and Exegetical Method.
 - 3.3. The Word: Delivering the Sermon.
 - 3.4. The Table: a Theology of Communion.
 - 3.5. The Table: a Practice of Communion.
4. Formation & Soul Care: The Pastor as Sage and Shepherd.
 - 4.1. Care of Others and Care of Self.
 - 4.2. New Life: Babies & Baptisms.
 - 4.3. Mid Life: Pre-marriage Counseling & Weddings.
 - 4.4. End of Life: Sickness, Grieving and Funerals.
5. Outreach & Mission: The Pastor as Bard & Pioneer.
 - 5.1. Walking & Talking: Cultural Exegesis and Knowing Your Neighbors.
 - 5.2. Local Evangelism, Benevolence & Disciple-Making.
 - 5.3. Global Missions.
6. Management & Administration: The Pastor as Director & CEO.
 - 6.1. Governance Structures: Boards, Elders & Staff.
 - 6.2. Church Administration: Agendas, Policies, & Budgets.
 - 6.3. Preventing sexual misconduct: reflection on Grenz and Bell.
 - 6.4. When It All Is Said and Done: Abiding in the Vine.

Time breakdown:

1 credit (30 hours) ECO course assignments:	Hours	%
Watch course video content (24 videos).	5	25%
Complete all quizzes and exams	1	10%
Respond to discussion questions and participate in forum interaction. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit a thoughtful response (250 words <i>minimum</i>) to each video's forum question(s) - 24 responses total. Participate in the forums by replying to other student's or instructor's posts. (At <i>least</i> one thoughtful reply to another student's or instructor's post <i>per video topic</i>.) - 24 replies total. 	24	65%
Total:	30	100%
3 accredited credits (105 hours) ECO course assignments:	Hours	%
All ECO 1 credit requirements: video content, quizzes, forums, etc. (see above).	30	30%
Interactive Assignment: Read Gordon Lanthrop's <i>The Pastor</i> and complete a badge assignment.	30	30%
Book Review: Read and write a 4 page (1000-1250 word) critical book review on one of the following books by Eugene Peterson (or another book on pastoral theology as listed in the bibliography of this syllabus below): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Five Smooth Stones for Pastoral Work</i> <i>Working the Angles</i> <i>Under the Unpredictable Plant</i> <i>The Contemplative Pastor</i> <i>The Pastor</i> Review the book's thesis and content. In addition, answer the following questions: "How does this book shape my understanding of pastoral life and church ministry?" What surprised you about the book? What assumptions does it confront? How can it help to shape your life and calling?	30	30%
Book Interaction: Read <i>Betrayal of Trust: Confronting and Preventing Clergy Sexual Misconduct</i> by Stanley J. Grenz & Roy D. Bell. Then write a 2-3 (500-750) page 'go-to' reference guide of key summary statements, quotes, ideas, cautions, etc. This will serve as a self-made reminder of the issues involved in confronting and preventing sexual misconduct should you be in a position of pastoral leadership. In essence ask, "What are the key points, important quotes, etc. that I want to be able to reference at a glance, if I were facing temptation?" Can be in bullet point form.	15	10%
Total:	105	100%

Required Texts:

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