

**COURSE OF STUDY SCHOOL OF OHIO
HYBRID COURSES AT UNITED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

**COURSE 524: Theology Reflection on the Practice of Ministry
March 20 – May 9, 2015**

SYLLABUS

Instructor:

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Course Description:

This course will help students to think theologically about the practice of ministry. The course pays close attention to the intersection of pneumatology and ecclesiology.

Required Textbooks

1. Jason E. Vickers. *Minding the Good Ground: A Theology for Church Renewal* (Baylor University Press, 2011). ISBN 978160252583603.
2. William Willimon. *Pastor: The Theology and Practice of Ordained Ministry* (Abingdon Press, 2002). ISBN: 978-0687045327.
3. Charles Wood and Ellen Blue. *Attentive to God: Thinking Theologically in Ministry* (Abingdon Press, 2011). ISBN: 978-0687651627.

Course Schedule:

On Campus Weekend: March 20-21, 2015

☞ The On-Campus Weekend will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Friday and end by 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. Friday class is 2:30 pm to 8:30 pm, with a dinner break at 5:00 pm; Saturday resumes at 8:30 am, with chapel at 11:15 am, lunch at noon, and class concludes at 2:30. **THERE IS NO PRE-WORK!**

Online Environment: March 22-May 9, 2015

☞ This course *continues* with work online. The instructor will discuss the online assignments and course calendar during the on campus weekend.

ACADEMIC HONOR POLICY

The Course of Study School of Ohio requires that all material submitted by a student in fulfilling academic requirements must be the original work of the student. Violations of academic honor

include any action by a student indicating lack of integrity in academic ethics. Violations include, but are not limited to, cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes seeking, acquiring, receiving or passing on information about the content of an examination prior to its authorized release or during its administration. Cheating also includes seeking, using, giving or obtaining unauthorized assistance in any academic assignment or examination. Plagiarism is the act of presenting the published or unpublished words or ideas of another [including online resources] as if it were one's own work. A writer's work should be regarded as his or her own property. Any person who knowingly (whether intentionally or unintentionally) uses a writer's distinctive work without proper acknowledgement is guilty of plagiarism. A student found guilty of a violation of the academic honor policy, after a review of the case, may be subject to one or more of the following actions:

- (1) warning
- (2) probation
- (3) suspension for the remainder of the course
- (4) dismissal from the Course of Study School of Ohio
- (5) failing grade for the course.

Regardless of the outcome, a letter will be sent to the student's District Superintendent and Board of Ordained Ministry.