



"...let the wise also hear and gain in learning, and the discerning acquire skill..." -Prov. 1:5

THE MISSISSIPPI COURSE OF STUDY SCHOOL AT MILLSAPS COLLEGE

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A life-changing education for pastoral ministry in a beautiful setting of worship, fellowship, and growth

DIRECTIONS TO CABOT LODGE:

- Take I-55 to Exit 98A (Woodrow Wilson Ave.) in Jackson, Mississippi.
- Follow Woodrow Wilson to the second light and turn left (South) onto State Street.
- Turn right into Cabot Lodge Millsaps, 2375 North State Street.



DIRECTIONS TO MILLSAPS:

- From Cabot Lodge, turn right (South) onto State Street.
- Follow State Street through two traffic lights and turn right (West) onto Park Avenue.
- Follow Park Avenue and turn right into the gated parking lot under the Academic Complex (AC) building. Opening worship takes place upstairs in AC 215 unless otherwise noted.

The Mississippi Course of Study School at Millsaps College is dedicated to the formation of United Methodist pastors who are spiritually grounded, theologically responsible, relationally skilled, and professionally effective. MSCOS operates as an extension program of Candler School of Theology at Emory University. It is administered by the Center for Ministry, which is a cooperative ministry of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and Millsaps College. MSCOS is accredited through the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United

Methodist Church. MSCOS is designed to meet the educational needs of United Methodist part-time local pastors*. According to *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* (para. 311), local pastors must complete the candidacy process and licensing school in order to participate in MSCOS. **Students must secure written permission from their district superintendent and annual conference's local pastor registrar every time they register for a class.** Part-time local pastors are required to take a minimum of two courses per year and must complete the overall program within twelve years

(para. 318, 319). Contact your annual conference's board of ordained ministry for more information.

MSCOS takes place at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi. Your registration fee includes lodging (double occupancy) and breakfast at the Cabot Lodge Millsaps hotel (www.cabotlodgemillsaps.com), which is located next to the Millsaps campus. Private rooms are available for an additional fee. A variety of local and chain restaurants is located nearby. There is also has a cafeteria, a restaurant, and a coffee shop located on the Millsaps campus itself.

REGISTRATION AND FEES

- **Registration Fee:** **\$85.00** if registering **no later than** six weeks before the class is scheduled to begin; **\$95.00** thereafter.
- **Tuition Fee:** **\$240.00** (many annual conferences will pay at least part of this fee. Contact your district superintendent or local pastor registrar for more information.)
- **Registration Deadline:** No student will be allowed to enroll in a course any later than three weeks before that course is scheduled to begin.
- **Permission to Enroll:** Signatures from your district superintendent and annual conference's local pastor registrar are required in order to enroll in any COS course. You must complete a separate registration form for each course.

SAMPLE WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday
3:00-5:00 pm Lodging Check-In
5:30-6:00 pm Commuter Check-in
6:00-6:45 pm Worship
7:00-8:30 pm Class
8:30-8:45 pm Break
8:45-10:45 pm Class

Saturday
7:45-9:45 am Class
9:45-10:00 a.m. Break
10:00 am-noon Class
noon-1:00 pm Lunch on your own
1:00-4:15 pm Class

* Full-time local pastors are required to pursue their course of study education at a regional school such as Emory Course of Study at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. **In rare cases**, full-time local pastors may participate in MSCOS. Contact your annual conference's board of ordained ministry for more information.



Curriculum

The courses of MSCOS are designed to help busy persons develop knowledge, skill, and wisdom for pastoral ministry. **They are designed to be taken in a specific order.** Following this

sequence allows students to make the most of their education and helps them pastor more effectively. **It is best for students to take their courses in numeric order** (COS 111, then

COS 112, etc.) At a minimum, students are expected to take first year (100-level) courses first and fifth year (500-level) courses last. When students cannot take their classes in numeric order, the next best thing is to take

courses according to category (COS 111, then COS 211, etc.). The MSCOS administrators reserve the right to refuse enrollment in a course if they believe that the student is not ready to take it.

| FOCUS | BIBLICAL STUDIES | THEOLOGY & HISTORY | PARISH MINISTRY | PASTORAL LEADERSHIP |
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| YEAR ONE COURSES | <p>COS 111: The Pastor as Interpreter of the Bible (replaces COS 101: <i>The Pastor as Interpreter of the Bible</i>)</p> <p><u>Rev. Cary Stockett</u> [Fall Session]</p> | <p>COS 112: Theology in the Wesleyan Spirit (replaces COS 102: <i>The Pastor as Theologian</i>)</p> <p><u>Rev. Dr. Wayne Webster</u> [Spring Session]</p> | <p>COS 113: Pastoral Care for Spiritual Formation (replaces COS 104: <i>The Pastor as Caring Person</i>)</p> <p><u>Rev. Steve Casteel</u> [Summer Session]</p> | <p>COS 114: Pastoral Leadership and Administration (replaces COS 304: <i>Church Administration</i>)</p> <p><u>Rev. Dr. Eddie Rester</u> [Winter Session]</p> |
| YEAR TWO COURSES | <p>COS 211: Hebrew Bible I (replaces COS 201: <i>People of God I</i>)</p> <p><u>Rev. Dr. Sam Morris</u> [Fall Session]</p> | <p>COS 212: Theological Heritage: Early and Medieval (replaces COS 202: <i>Exploring our Theological Heritage I</i>)</p> <p><u>Rev. Dr. Don Patterson</u> [Spring Session]</p> | <p>COS 213: Formation for Discipleship (replaces COS 203: <i>Christian Education</i>)</p> <p><u>Rev. Dr. Jim Porter</u> [Winter Session]</p> | <p>COS 214: Practice of Preaching (replaces COS 204: <i>Preaching</i>)</p> <p><u>Rev. Dr. Bob Rambo</u> [Summer Session]</p> |
| YEAR THREE COURSES | <p>COS 311: New Testament I (replaces COS 301: <i>People of God II</i>)</p> <p><u>Rev. Dr. Eric Pridmore</u> [Winter Session]</p> | <p>COS 312: Our Theological Heritage: The Reformation</p> <p><u>Rev. Rachel Benefield-Pfaff</u> [Spring Session]</p> | <p>COS 313: Our Mission from God: Evangelism (replaces COS 303: <i>Evangelism</i>)</p> <p><u>Rev. Dr. Joe May</u> [Summer Session]</p> | <p>COS 314: Pastoral Care and Counseling (Replaces COS 504: <i>Pastoral Care and Counseling</i>)</p> <p><u>Rev. Dr. Dorothy Dickson-Rischel</u> [Fall Session]</p> |
| YEAR FOUR COURSES | <p>COS 411: Hebrew Bible II (replaces COS 401: <i>Word of God I</i>)</p> <p><u>Rev. Richard Robbins</u> [Fall Session]</p> | <p>COS 412: The Wesleyan Movement (replaces COS 302: <i>Exploring our Theological Heritage II: United Methodism</i>)</p> <p><u>Bishop Clay Lee</u> [Summer Session]</p> | <p>COS 413: Worship and Sacraments (replaces COS 404: <i>Preaching and Sacraments</i>)</p> <p><u>Rev. Andy Johnson</u> [Winter Session]</p> | <p>COS 414: Personal and Social Ethics (replaces COS 403: <i>Ethics</i>)</p> <p><u>Rev. Dr. Lee Ramsey</u> [Spring Session]</p> |
| YEAR FIVE COURSES | <p>COS 511: New Testament II (replaces COS 501: <i>Word of God II</i>)</p> <p><u>Rev. Dr. Chuck Meador</u> [Fall Session]</p> | <p>COS 512: Contemporary Theology (replaces COS 402: <i>Exploring our Theological Heritage III</i>)</p> <p><u>Rev. Dr. Love Ashton</u> [Spring Session]</p> | <p>COS 513: Our Mission From God: Transforming Agent (replaces COS 503: <i>Church in Mission</i>)</p> <p><u>Rev. Stephen Cook</u> [Summer Session]</p> | <p>COS 514: Theology and the Practice of Ministry (replaces COS 402: <i>Performing our Theological Task</i>)</p> <p><u>Rev. Dr. T.W. Lewis</u> [Winter Session]</p> |
| <u>Fall 2009 Session</u> October 9-10, 23-24 | <u>Winter 2010 Session</u> January 8-9, 22-23 | <u>Spring 2010 Session</u> April 9-10, 23-24 | <u>Summer 2010 Session</u> July 9-10, 23-24 | <u>Fall 2010 Session</u> October 8-9, 22-23 |



Policies

REGISTRATION—Students can register by mail, by FAX, or in person. *Registration is no longer available by email.* To begin registration, fill out the application included in this catalog. You may also print a registration form from www.centerforministry.com.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE AUTHORIZATION—MSCOS is designed specifically for part-time local pastors who are under appointment. Therefore MSCOS will not admit any student into a course unless his or her registration form has first been signed by the student's district superintendant and annual conference registrar.

PAYMENT—Many annual conferences cover some or all of their students' COS tuition fees. Some conferences cover a portion of their students' registration fees as well. Each annual conference has its own policies regarding its level of support for COS students. **It is the student's responsibility to be clear about his or her annual conference's policy.** Contact your district superintendent or local pastor registrar for more information. Payment can be made by cash (in person), check, or money order.

CANCELLATION—Cancellations should be made no later than two weeks prior to the beginning of class. In cases of illness or emergency, refunds or credit for registration fees may be issued at the discretion of the director of MSCOS.

PREPARATION—MSCOS is designed to include both class time with the instructor and coursework done outside of the classroom, including work done in advance of class. Assignments and other information will be sent out to students no later than three weeks before the beginning of class. Syllabi are also available at the Center for Ministry website. It is the student's responsibility to learn his or her assignments and complete them per instruction. The faculty of MSCOS reserve the right to mark down or not accept late assignments and grade students accordingly. Instructors prefer different ways of receiving completed course work. Check the syllabus for directions how to turn in assignments for any particular course. All completed written assignments must include a completed "Cover Sheet," which will be sent to you upon registration and is also available at the web site. This form insures that the student's pastoral mentor has

seen the student's work and that the student has maintained the honor code in the completion of his or her assignments. In cases where faculty members require assignments to be submitted electronically, the student should include notice with the work that his or her mentor has reviewed it. The student should then FAX or mail the signed cover sheet.

HONOR CODE—The Honor Code refers to our commitment as a Christian community to maintain academic honesty. The Honor Code of MSCOS requires that all material submitted by a student must be the student's own work. Violations include cheating and plagiarism, which is to knowingly claim that the work of another person is one's own. Any person found guilty of violating the Honor Code, after review of the case by a faculty committee, may be subject to one or more of the following actions: receiving a warning, being placed on probation, being removed from the course, failing the course, and being expelled from MSCOS. Regardless of what the action is, a letter about the incident will be sent to the student's district superintendent and local pastor registrar.

ATTENDANCE—Class time is a crucial component of MSCOS. Students are required to participate in twenty hours of class time in order to successfully complete their course. A student may miss up to four hours of class time due to illness or emergency and still receive credit for the course, if that absence is excused by the instructor or the director of MSCOS. Absences of over four hours during a course will automatically result in the student needing to retake it. **It is the student's responsibility to notify the instructor of an absence and to arrange for the completion of any make-up work.**

INCOMPLETES—Students may in special circumstances request incomplete status for a course. Inquiries regarding incomplete status should be directed first to the instructor and then to the director of MSCOS.

TEXTBOOKS—Textbooks can be purchased through the Jackson, Mississippi Cokesbury store (601-978-3827 or toll free 877-300-7608).

REGISTRATION

- Your registration form is not complete until it includes signatures from your district superintendent and local pastor registrar.
- Your completed registration form must be submitted to MSCOS no later than three weeks before the beginning of class in order to enroll in the course.
- You must submit a separate, completed registration form for each MSCOS course in which you would like to enroll.

CANCELLATIONS AND "NO-SHOWS"

- Unless you officially cancel your registration before class begins, you and/or your annual conference will be charged registration and tuition. Your completed registration indicates your commitment to take the course.
- Registered students who do not show up for class will receive a letter grade of "F" for the course.
- No refunds or credit will be given for students who are "no shows."
- Students with an outstanding balance will not be allowed to register for additional courses, nor will course credit be awarded until the balance is settled.

GRADING

Grades are awarded on a letter-grade scale to indicate how well the student has learned the material and is able to apply it to his or her ministry.

Grading Scale:

- A... Outstanding
- B... Above Average
- C... Average
- D... Below Average
- F... Unacceptable

Students will also receive a failing grade for non-attendance and non-completion of assigned work.



Course Registration

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COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING STEPS IN ORDER TO REGISTER:

- (1) FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM.
- (2) HAVE YOUR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT AND LOCAL PASTOR REGISTRAR SIGN THE FORM.
- (3) DELIVER THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE CENTER FOR MINISTRY BY MAIL, BY FAX, OR IN PERSON. KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS.

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Do you need MSCOS to provide lodging for you?

Yes No Double Room (inc. with registration fee)

_____ Roommate Preference

Private Room (additional fee of \$100)

SIGNATURE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDANT (REQUIRED)

DATE _____

SIGNATURE OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE LOCAL PASTOR REGISTRAR (REQUIRED)

DATE _____

COURSES OFFERED

YOU MUST COMPLETE A SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH COURSE

YOU MAY REGISTER FOR
COURSES UP TO ONE YEAR
IN ADVANCE

FALL 2009 SESSION

October 9-10, 23-24

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| _____ COS 111 | _____ COS 112 |
| _____ COS 211 | _____ COS 314 |
| _____ COS 411 | _____ COS 511 |

WINTER 2010 SESSION

January 8-9, 22-23

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| _____ COS 114 | _____ COS 115 |
| _____ COS 213 | _____ COS 311 |
| _____ COS 413 | _____ COS 514 |

SPRING 2010 SESSION

April 9-10, 23-24

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| _____ COS 112 | _____ COS 113 |
| _____ COS 212 | _____ COS 312 |
| _____ COS 414 | _____ COS 512 |

SUMMER 2010 SESSION

July 9-10, 23-24

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| _____ COS 113 | _____ COS 114 |
| _____ COS 214 | _____ COS 313 |
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FALL 2010 SESSION

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Policies

ACADEMIC RECORDS—MSCOS regularly reports students' course completion and grades to district superintendents, annual conference boards of ordained ministry, and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church.

All inquiries regarding one's official transcript should be directed to:

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OTHER COURSE OF STUDY SCHOOLS—Go to www.gbhem.org for a full listing of other Course of Study schools in the region and beyond.

All MSCOS policies and procedures in this catalog become effective January 1, 2010.

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