### DMin Course Schedule

**Fall 2016**

**DM787-1 DMin Project Research and Design**  
This is a core doctoral course in basic research and design. Emphasis is given to determining a dissertation theme, writing and research skills, and putting together a proposal. Recognizing that the DMin degree requires the demonstration of substantive research and a practical, yet sufficiently academic, project component upon completion of the program, this course is designed to introduce students to the proposal process and lay foundational skills in research to enable successful progress toward project requirements. This course is required for all students entering the DMin program after January 1, 2016 and optional for all others. [3 credit hours. Instructor: Dr. Reid Kisling. Frequency: Occasional. Prerequisite: None, but this course is only open to students admitted to the Doctor of Ministry program or Visiting Doctor of Ministry students. Notes: Course meets for four sessions: 8am—4:50pm Monday, October 3, 2016—Wednesday, October 5, 2016. 8—11:50am Thursday, October 6, 2016.]

**Spring 2017**

**DM707-1 Cultivating a Healthy Multi-Ethnic Church Community *NEW***  
Through personal stories, proven experience and a thorough analysis of the biblical text, this course explores both the biblical mandate for the multi-ethnic church as well as the seven core commitments required to bring it about. Your guide, Mark DeYmaz, is pastor of one of the most proven multi-ethnic churches in the country. He teaches from his experience and his extensive study of how to plant, grow, and encourage more ethnically diverse churches. He argues that the "homogenous unit principle" will soon become irrelevant and that the most effective way to spread the Gospel is through strong and vital multi-ethnic churches. [3 credit hours. Instructor: Dr. Mark DeYmaz. Frequency: Rare. Prerequisite: None, but this course is only open to students admitted to the Doctor of Ministry program or Visiting Doctor of Ministry students. Notes: Course meets for four sessions: 8am—4:50pm Monday, January 16, 2017—Wednesday, January 18, 2017. 8—11:50am Thursday, January 19, 2017.]

**Fall 2017**

**DM745-1 The Greco-Roman Context of the New Testament in Your Bible Teaching**  
A lot of scholarship has changed since you were in seminary. What you may have been taught about New Testament backgrounds is no longer believed or has been substantially altered. This course brings you up-to-date on the latest scholarship from biblical, historical, linguistic, archaeological and socio-cultural disciplines. What do scholars now know about early church organization, Roman justice, family practices, or the class system and its profound effect on Paul’s mission in Acts? How did the Hellenistic church behave while simultaneously citizens of Rome and enemies of the state? [3 credit hours. Instructor: Dr. Andrew Pitts. Frequency: Rare. Prerequisite: None, but this course is only open to students admitted to the Doctor of Ministry program or Visiting Doctor of Ministry students. Notes: Course meets for four sessions: 8am—4:50pm Monday, June 5, 2017—Wednesday, June 7, 2017. 8—11:50am Thursday, June 8, 2017.]

**Summer 2017**

**DM756-1 Ministry Care, Counseling and Human Flourishing**  
This course acknowledges the importance of the question, “What do I need to know to be a good pastoral caregiver?” We will reframe our notion of pastoral care, counseling and family ministry through a refreshed theological lens. If we don’t know the cultures in the network we influence, we may be teaching and preaching to cultures that are long gone. And if we don’t know ourselves, we may be messing it all up with self-protective behaviors. Learn what kind of healing is realistic to expect in others. How does a ministry leader shepherd others when he or she is emotionally and relationally spent? [3 credit hours. Instructor: Dr. Tony Wheeler. Frequency: Occasional. Prerequisite: None, but this course is only open to students admitted to the Doctor of Ministry program or Visiting Doctor of Ministry students. Notes: Course meets for four sessions: 8am—4:50pm Monday, October 2, 2017—Wednesday, October 4, 2017. 8—11:50am Thursday, October 5, 2017.]

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### How can I afford Seminary?

Contact Jenny Miller, your student service advisor at [jmiller@ps.edu](mailto:jmiller@ps.edu) or 602.429.4433. Jenny’s goal is to provide the best financial assistance to current and prospective students so that they may pursue their calling for studies at Phoenix Seminary.

### How do I know which textbooks to buy?

The Semester Booklist is posted at [www.ps.edu/library/booklist](http://www.ps.edu/library/booklist). If you have questions concerning the booklist please contact the Library at 602.850.8070. We encourage you to purchase your textbooks on Amazon through Phoenix Seminary’s Amazon Affiliate link. The Seminary receives an advertising fee for all purchases made through this link, so we suggest that you add a bookmark to our Amazon Affiliate link to your Web browser.
DM711-1 Contemporary Theological Issues
This course identifies, biblically evaluates, and provides resources for men and women in ministry concerning a variety of theologically-orientated issues facing the church in contemporary society. These current issues have theological origins as well as cultural manifestations. This course equips those in ministry to serve more effectively in a changing world. [3 credit hours. Instructor: Dr. Brian Arnold. Frequency: Even Summers. Prerequisite: None, but this course is only open to students admitted to the Doctor of Ministry program or Visiting Doctor of Ministry students. Notes: Course meets for four sessions: 8am—4:50pm Monday, January 8, 2018—Wednesday, January 10, 2018. 8—11:50am Thursday, January 11, 2018.]

Summer 2018

DM708-1 Communicating Christ to a Post-Everything World
If one is serious about effectively communicating Christ in our teaching, preaching, evangelism, counseling and caregiving one finds out quickly that the old habits and old routines do not work anymore. An increasingly secularized American spiritual landscape is intimidating and seems to be always changing. This course will look at the ministry of the Word in the context of daily ministry and constant pastoral pressures. Pressure and performance can be replaced by grace and freedom if we allow God to do things His way rather than the way that we have perhaps learned elsewhere. [3 credit hours. Instructor: Dr. Zack Eswine. Frequency: Rare. Prerequisite: None, but this course is only open to students admitted to the Doctor of Ministry program or Visiting Doctor of Ministry students. Notes: Course meets for four sessions: TBD

Phoenix Seminary – Western Seminary DMin Consortium
Phoenix Seminary and Western Seminary have an agreement that permits their Doctor of Ministry students to take courses from either school. For a list of courses offered at Western Seminary, see: www.westernseminary.edu/files/documents/DMinTSF/Doctor_of_Ministry_Course_Schedule.pdf.

How do I know what to expect in each course?
If you would like more detail on the objectives, required texts, and assignments for the courses listed here, visit www.ps.edu/academics/course-descriptions where you can find the most recent course syllabi to give you a general sense of what to expect in your courses this semester. Official course syllabi will be distributed during the first session of each course. Syllabi are the copyrighted intellectual property of our instructors.