



Grace Communion Seminary

Required Textbooks and Prices – August 2021

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Code	Course	Instructor	Required Textbooks author, title, publisher, and International Standard Book Number. Links will take you to bookfinder.com, where you may find lower prices. If books are shipped from overseas, they will take significantly longer to arrive.	Approx. cost ¹
BI501	Biblical Interpretation	Michael Morrison	Camery-Hoggatt, Jerry. <i>Reading the Good Book Well: A Guide to Biblical Interpretation</i> . Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 2007. ISBN: 978-0687642755	23
			Deddo, Gary. <i>Scripture: God's Gift</i> . Charlotte, NC: Grace Communion Seminary, 2013. ISBN: 978-1301126286 Free at http://bit.ly/1orqJTX	0
			Bartholomew, Craig G., and Heath A. Thomas, eds. <i>A Manifesto for Theological Interpretation</i> . Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2016. 9780801030871 .	17
			Klein, William W., Craig L. Blomberg, and Robert L. Hubbard, Jr. <i>Introduction to Biblical Interpretation</i> , 3rd. ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2017. 0310524172	31
BT502	Prophets	Tim Finlay	Gowan, Donald E. <i>Theology of the Prophetic Books: The Death and Resurrection of Israel</i> . Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 1998. ISBN: 978-0664256890	17
			Kaiser, Walter. <i>A History of Israel: From the Bronze Age Through the Jewish Wars</i> . Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman, 1998. ISBN: 978-0805431223	12
			Monson, James. <i>Regions on the Run</i> . Rice Lake, WI: Biblical Backgrounds, Inc., 2009. ISBN: 978-1892960177 Available for \$38 from https://www.biblicalbackgrounds.com/product-page/regions-on-the-run	38

¹ Prices are for new or “very good” used books, with shipping to the USA, rounded to the nearest dollar. Prices are subject to change. E-books may cost less, but sometimes cost more. Older editions may be available at significantly lower prices and are sometimes acceptable.

BI520	New Testament Survey	Michael Morrison	DeSilva, David A. <i>New Testament Themes</i> . St. Louis, MO: Chalice, 2001. ISBN 0827225113 . 10
			Marshall, I. Howard. <i>A Concise New Testament Theology</i> . Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2008. ISBN 0830828788 . 10
			Wright, N.T., and Michael F. Bird. <i>The New Testament in Its World: An Introduction to the History, Literature, and Theology of the First Christians</i> . Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2019. ISBN: 9780310499305 38
BI521	New Testament Background	Michael Morrison	Bell, Albert A., Jr. <i>Exploring the New Testament World: An Illustrated Guide to the World of Jesus and the First Christians</i> . Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 1998. ISBN: 9780785214243 . 14
			De Silva, David A. <i>A Week in the Life of Ephesus</i> . Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2020. ISBN: 978-0830824854. 15
			Jeffers, James S. <i>The Greco-Roman World of the New Testament Era</i> . Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1999. 0830815899 20
BI5122	The Gospels	M. Morrison	Strauss, Mark L. <i>Four Portraits, One Jesus: An Introduction to Jesus and the Gospels</i> . Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2020. ISBN: 0310528674 First edition , \$31 45
			Wright, N.T. <i>Simply Jesus</i> . New York: HarperOne, 2011. ISBN: 978-0062084392 Textbook may change. 9
BI523	Acts of the Apostles	Dan Rogers	Gallagher, R. and P. Hertig, editors. <i>Mission in Acts: Ancient Narratives in Contemporary Context</i> . Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2004. ISBN 157075-493-4 27
			Johnson, Luke Timothy. <i>Acts of the Apostles</i> . Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2006. ISBN 0-8146-5807-5 30
			Soards, Marion L. <i>The Speeches in Acts</i> . Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1994. ISBN 0-664-25221-4 17
BI524	Epistles of Paul	Michael Morrison	Thiselton, Anthony C. <i>The Living Paul: An Introduction to the Apostle's Life and Thought</i> . Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2009. 190 pages. ISBN: 0830838813 . 19
			Capes, David B., Rodney Reeves, and E. Randolph Richards. <i>Rediscovering Paul: An Introduction to His World, Letters and Theology</i> . Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2017. ISBN: 978-0830851911 25
CH501	Church History: The First Millennium	Neil Earle	Gonzalez, Justo. <i>The Story of Christianity</i> , Vol. 1. San Francisco, CA: HarperSanFrancisco, 2010. ISBN 978-0-06-185588-7 23
			Bass, Diana Butler. <i>A People's History of Christianity: The Other Side of the Story</i> . New York: Harper Collins, 2009. ISBN 978-0-06-144871-3 15
			Basil the Great, <i>On the Holy Spirit</i> . Crestwood, New York: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1980. ISBN 9780913836743 7
			Jenkins, Philip. <i>The Lost History of Christianity: The Thousand-Year Golden Age of the Church in the Middle East, Africa and Asia and How It Died</i> . New York: HarperOne, 2008. ISBN 978-0-06-147281-7 . 15

CH502	Church History: The Second Millennium	Neil Earle	Bass, Diana Butler. <i>A People's History of Christianity: The Other Side of the Story</i> . New York: Harper One, 2009. ISBN 978-0-06-144871-3 . 10
			Spickard, Paul R. and Kevin M. Cragg. <i>A Global History of Christians</i> . Grand Rapids: Baker, 1994. ISBN 978-0801022494 21
			Jenkins, Philip. <i>The Lost History of Christianity: The Thousand-Year Golden Age of the Church in the Middle East, Africa and Asia and How It Died</i> . New York: HarperOne, 2008. ISBN 978-0-06-147281-7 . 15
CM501	Pastoral Leadership	Russell Duke	Anderson, Ray S. <i>The Soul of Ministry: Forming Leaders for God's People</i> . Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 1997. ISBN: 0-664-25744-5 . 5
			Calhoun, Adele Ahlberg. <i>Spiritual Disciplines Handbook: Practices That Transform Us</i> . Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2005. ISBN: 978-0830833306 10
CM503	Christian Counseling	Ted Johnston	Collins, Gary R. <i>Christian Counseling: A Comprehensive Guide</i> , third edition. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2007. ISBN: 9781418503291 23
			Collins, Gary R. <i>Christian Counseling Casebook</i> . Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2007. ISBN: 978-1418516604 (Kindle OK). 11
			McMinn, Mark R. <i>Sin and Grace in Christian Counseling</i> . Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2008. ISBN: 978-0830828517 (Kindle edition also OK). 15
CM504	Practice of Ministry	Ted Johnston	Purves, Andrew. <i>Reconstructing Pastoral Theology: A Christological Foundation</i> . Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2004. ISBN 0-664-22733-3 23
			Root, Andrew. <i>The Relational Pastor: Sharing in Christ by Sharing Ourselves</i> . Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2013. ISBN 978-0-8308-4102-8 . Kindle OK for all texts. 16
			Anthony, Michael, and James Estep, eds. <i>Management Essentials for Christian Ministries</i> . Nashville, TN: B&H, 2005. 0-805-43123-3 . 24
CM505	Women and Men in Leadership	Michael Morrison	Becker, Carol E. <i>Leading Women: How Church Women Can Avoid Leadership Traps and Negotiate the Gender Maze</i> . Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 1996. ISBN: 978-0687459643 . Textbooks may change. 4
			Leach, Tara Beth. <i>Emboldened: A Vision for Empowering Women in Ministry</i> . Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2017. ISBN: 0830845240 . 8
			Morrison, Michael, and Sheila Graham. <i>What the Bible Says About Women in Church Leadership</i> . 2nd ed. Charlotte, NC: Grace Communion International, 2019. 0
			Tannen, Deborah. <i>You Just Don't Understand: Women and Men in Conversation</i> . New York: Ballantine, 1990. ISBN: 9780060959623 4

CM506	Trinitarian Youth Ministry	G. Williams & J. Broadnax	Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. <i>The Cost of Discipleship</i> . Touchstone, New York, NY. 1959, 1995. ISBN: 978-0684815008	10
			Root, Andrew. <i>Revisiting Relational Youth Ministry</i> . Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2007. ISBN: 978-0830834884	13
			Torrance, T.F. <i>The Mediation of Christ</i> . Helmers & Howard, 1992. ISBN: 978-0939443505	14
			Whitfield, Charles. <i>Boundaries and Relationships: Knowing, Protecting and Enjoying the Self</i> . Deerfield Beach, FL: Health Communications, 1993. ISBN: 978-1558742598	8
CM507	Experiencing the Trinity	Larry Hinkle	Andrews, Alan, ed. <i>The Kingdom Life: A Practical Theology of Discipleship and Spiritual Formation</i> . Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 2010. ISBN: 978-1600062803	14
			Barton, Ruth Haley. <i>Sacred Rhythms: Arranging Our Lives for Spiritual Transformation</i> . Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2006. ISBN: 978-0830833337	9
			Buchanan, Mark. <i>The Rest of God: Restoring Your Soul by Restoring Sabbath</i> . Nashville, TN: Nelson, 2006. ISBN: 978-0849918704	10
			Reeves, Michael. <i>Delighting in the Trinity: An Introduction to the Christian Faith</i> . Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2012. ISBN: 978-0830839834	15
CM508	Church Planting & Development	Randy Bloom	Archbishop's Council on Mission and Public Affairs. <i>Mission-shaped Church: Church Planting and Fresh Expressions of Church in a Changing Context</i> . 2 nd ed. London: Church House Publishing, 2010. ISBN: 978-1596271265	20
			Crider, Caleb; Larry McCrary; Rodney Calfee and Wade Stephens. <i>Tradecraft for the Church on Mission</i> . Portland, OR: Urban Loft Publishers, 2013. ISBN: 978-1479300914	12
			Malphurs, Aubrey. <i>Planting Growing Churches for the 21st Century</i> . 3 rd ed. Baker Books, 2004. ISBN: 978-0801065149	20
			Payne, J. D. <i>Apostolic Church Planting: Birthing New Churches from New Believers</i> . Downers Grove, IL. IVP Books, 2015. 9780830841240	16
			Stetzer, Ed. <i>Planting Missional Churches</i> . Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman, 2006. ISBN: 978-0805443707	11
CM510	Polity of Grace Communion International	Greg Williams	Cowan, Steven (General Editor); Peter Toon, L. Roy Taylor, Paige Patterson, and Samuel Waldron. <i>Who Runs the Church? Four Views on Church Government</i> . Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2004. ISBN: 978-0310246077	16
			Tkach, Joseph. <i>Transformed by Truth</i> . Sisters, OR: Multnomah, 1997. ISBN: 978-1576731819 . Free at https://archive.gci.org/books/transformed/	4
			Williams, Greg, Rick Shallenberger, and Tom Nebel. <i>A Giant Step Forward: The Next Chapter for Grace Communion International</i> . Charlotte, NC: Grace Communion International, 2019. 978-1078224666	10

CM511	Homiletics	Dan Rogers	Chapel, Bryan. <i>Christ-centered Preaching: Redeeming the Expository Sermon</i> . 3rd ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2018. ISBN: 0801099749	20
			Craddock, Fred B. <i>Preaching</i> . Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1985. ISBN: 978-0687659944	11
			Robinson, Haddon W. <i>Biblical Preaching: The Development and Delivery of Expository Messages</i> . Third edition. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2014. ISBN: 978-0801049125	15
			Vines, Jerry, and Adam B. Dooley. <i>Passion in the Pulpit: How to Exegete the Emotion of Scripture</i> . Chicago, IL: Moody Publishers, 2018. ISBN: 978-0-8024-1838-8 . \$25 at Moody .	10
CM599	Christian Ministry Thesis	Varies	no required texts	0
CM599	Capstone for MDiv	R. Duke	Anderson, Ray S. <i>The Soul of Ministry: Forming Leaders for God's People</i> . Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 1997. ISBN: 0-664-25744-5 .	9
FE	Field Education	R. Bloom	no required texts	0
TH501	Nature of God and Jesus	Russell Duke	Johnson, Alan, and Robert Webber. <i>What Christians Believe</i> . Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1989, 1993. ISBN: 978-0310367215 .	23
			Barth, Karl. <i>Dogmatics in Outline</i> . New York: Harper and Row, 1959. 978-0061300561 .	14
			Jenkins, Michael. <i>Invitation to Theology</i> . Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2001. 978-0830815623 .	17
			An additional text is also required; students may choose one out of four options	13
TH502	Nature of Humans and Salvation	Russell Duke	Athanasius. <i>On the Incarnation</i> . Any edition. ISBN: 978-1434811240 . Free at CCEL . Modern translations cost more.	6
			Johnson, Alan, and Robert Webber. <i>What Christians Believe</i> . Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1993. ISBN: 978-0310367215 .	4
			Torrance, T.F. <i>When Christ Comes, and Comes Again</i> . Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock Publishers. 1957, 1996. 978-1579100094	19
TH503	Holy Spirit, Church, and Eschatology	Gary Deddo	Bloesch, Donald G. <i>The Last Things: Resurrection, Judgment, Glory</i> . Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2006. 978-0830827572 .	4
			Oden, Thomas C. <i>Classic Christianity: A Systematic Theology</i> . San Francisco: HarperOne, 1992. 944 pages. ISBN: 978-0061449710	9
			Torrance, James B. <i>Worship, Community and the Triune God of Grace</i> . Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1996. ISBN: 0-8308-1895-2 .	7
			Torrance, Thomas. <i>The Mediation of Christ</i> . Colorado Springs: Helmers & Howard, 1992. ISBN: 978-0939443505	16

TH505	Doctrine of the Trinity	Gary Deddo	Johnson, Darrell. <i>Experiencing the Trinity</i> , Vancouver, British Columbia: Regent College Pub., 2002. ISBN 1-57383-216-2 Toon, Peter. <i>Our Triune God: A Biblical Portrayal of the Trinity</i> . Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1996. ISBN 1-56476-553-9 Torrance, Thomas F. <i>The Christian Doctrine of God</i> . Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1996 and 2016 reprint. ISBN 9780567097415 (hardcover), ISBN 9780567658074 All editions.	11 15 22
TH507	Theology of C.S. Lewis	Gary Deddo	Lewis, C. S. <i>Mere Christianity</i> . HarperSanFrancisco; Revised & Enlarged edition, 2001. ISBN: 978-0060652920 ———. <i>The Problem of Pain</i> . HarperOne, 2001. ISBN: 978-0060652968 ———. <i>God in the Dock</i> . Edited by Walter Hooper. Eerdmans, 1994. ISBN: 978-0802808684 ———. <i>The Silver Chair</i> . Scholastic, 1995. ISBN: 978-0590254809 (or any other edition) ———. <i>The Weight of Glory and Other Addresses</i> . HarperOne, 2001. ISBN: 978-0060653200 ———. <i>The Great Divorce</i> . HarperOne, 2001. ISBN: 978-0060652951 ———. <i>Christian Reflections</i> . 1994 ISBN: 978-0802808691	10 11 12 5 6 11 11
TH508	Christology of T.F.	Gary Deddo	Torrance, Thomas F. <i>Incarnation: The Person and Life of Christ</i> . Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2008. 978-0-8308-2891-3 Torrance, Thomas F. <i>Atonement: The Person and Work of Christ</i> . Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2014 reprint, 978-0830824588	28 28
TH515	Seminar in Theological Ethics	Gary Deddo	Bloesch, Donald G. <i>Freedom for Obedience: Evangelical Ethics in Contemporary Times</i> . Eugene (Or.): Wipf & Stock Pub, 2002. ISBN: 978-1-57910-932-5 Tyra, Gary. <i>Pursuing Moral Faithfulness: Ethics and Christian Discipleship</i> . Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP Academic, 2015. ISBN: 978-0-8308-2465-6 Additional reading is required; see syllabus for options.	37 27
TH519	Theological Thesis	Varies	No Required Texts	0
TM501	Theology of Ministry	Varies	Anderson, Ray S. <i>The Shape of Practical Theology: Empowering Ministry With Theological Praxis</i> . Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2001. ISBN: 978-0830815593 Harper, Brad, and Paul Louis Metzger. <i>Exploring Ecclesiology: An Evangelical and Ecumenical Introduction</i> . Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos, 2009. ISBN: 978-1587431739 Tidball, Derek. <i>Ministry by the Book: New Testament Patterns for Pastoral Leadership</i> . Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2008. ISBN: 978-0830838592	27 17 20