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**TITLE:** United Methodist Polity  
(in partnership with Wesley Theological Seminary)

**TERM:** January 2020-2021

**PROFESSOR:** David L. Morse

**CREDIT HOURS:** 2

**REGISTRATION:** LIMITED TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
# AUDITORS: \_\_\_\_\_

UNLIMITED X  
NO AUDITORS X

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

The Constitution and structural relationships of The United Methodist Church are examined with a particular focus upon the ministry and mission of the local church. Fulfills the UM Polity requirement for election to probationary membership and commissioning in The United Methodist Church.

**CLASS OBJECTIVES:**

The student will be expected to acquire knowledge of the denomination's heritage and doctrinal positions together with developing a facility for administering the organizational structure of the local church.

**PREREQUISITES:**

None

**READING ASSIGNMENTS/BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

The United Methodist Publishing House, The Book of Discipline 2016,  
ISBN- 978-1-501-83321-2

Thomas E. Frank: Polity, Practice and the Mission of The United Methodist Church,  
ISBN-0-687-33531-0

Carl E. Braaten and Robert W. Jenson, eds., In One Body Through the Cross: The Princeton Proposal for Christian Unity (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003) ISBN #: 978-0802822987. \$11.43 paperback. \$8.00 Kindle

**WRITTEN & ORAL ASSIGNMENTS/TESTS:**

Final Paper

**CLASSROOM PROCEDURES:** (e.g., lecture, seminar, group discussion, other)

Lecture, questions for discussion, situation simulations and hypothetical problems.

**GRADING PROCEDURES:**

½ final paper

½ class participation

**ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT:**

Attendance is required.