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TITLE: Spiritual Practices for Ministry

TERM: Spring 2019-2020

PROFESSOR: John Burgess

CREDIT HOURS: 3

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO: _____
AUDITORS: 3

UNLIMITED X
NO AUDITORS _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Because of competing and confusing demands on their time and energy, people in ministry may lose a clear sense of what lies at the heart of their vocation. In response, this course invites participants to reflect theologically on spiritual practices and disciplines of the Christian life that sustain ministry and the formation of faithful and vibrant Christian communities.

CLASS OBJECTIVES:

Course content will address the following:

1. Historical and contemporary understandings of the minister's vocation and its place in the formation of Christian community
2. Historical and contemporary understandings of key spiritual practices and disciplines of the Christian life that sustain ministry
3. Historical and contemporary understandings of institutional structures that support these practices and disciplines

PREREQUISITES: SP110, TH210

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS/READING:

- Burgess, John, Jerry Andrews, and Joseph D. Small, *A Pastoral Rule for Today: Reviving an Ancient Practice*, IVP Academic, ISBN: 978-0830852345, \$15.19

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING:

Reading Response Papers (50%); Pastoral Rule (50%)

ATTENDANCE: Required