

DMIN ELECTIVES FOR FALL 2019

Fall 2019 Elective Seminars meet January 6–10, 2020

The DMin fall semester begins mid-October. Students need to have applied, been accepted, and registered by then. Audit registrations are due by the first week of October.

To audit one of the DMin courses described below, contact the Doctor of Ministry office for prerequisites, syllabus, and other details at dmin@denverseminary.edu. Audit space is limited.

Applicants to audit must have a DMin, MDiv, or other master's degree. Auditors are required to complete the pre-seminar reading only; no other assignments are required.

EL 1201 Reclaiming Ecclesiology: Faithful Foundations for Effective Ministry

Instructor: *Dr. Angie Ward*

Dr. Ward's bio - <https://www.churchmatters.com/about-us>

By all accounts, the church in the United States is in decline. Many cultural and external factors have been blamed, but what if the root issue is *theological*, and what if it primarily rests *within* the church? This course integrates biblical, theological, historical, and sociocultural perspectives toward a robust applied (rather than purely systematic) ecclesiology. In other words: What, really, is the church? What is its purpose? What should a “lived-out” church look like, individually, corporately, and culturally, particularly in an age when believers’ relationships are shaped by social media, technology, and myriad Christian enterprises? Particular emphasis will be made on personal application to each student’s particular context and role, whether pastors or church staff, parachurch leaders, or another significant member of the body of Christ.

EL 1202 Theology and Practice of Worship: Personal and Corporate

Instructor: *Dr. Glenn Packiam*

Dr. Packiam's bio - <https://www.glennpackiam.com/>

There's more to worship than “praise and celebration.” This class focuses on what it means to worship, both individually and as a group or congregation. It draws from biblical theology, history, philosophy, and sociology to equip students to engage in robust theological reflection on the practices and postures, the content and culture, the senses and the spirit of personal and corporate worship. This class will prepare you to guide times of well-rounded worship for yourself, a small group, or your congregation.

EL 1214 Dynamics of Organizational Communication

Instructor: *Dr. Heidi Petak*

Dr. Petak's bio - <https://www.drheidipetak.com/>

Why is it so easy for leaders to be misunderstood? How can our internal communications and external communications avoid miscommunication and actually assist the organization in accomplishing its mission? Students explore the ways organizations communicate and fail to communicate. Topics include how verbal and nonverbal language communicates core values, how vision and direction are caught or missed, and legal issues: clergy-penitent privilege, mandatory reporting, disclosure of financial records (and who has access to them), expectations for staff use of social media; conflict management amid electronic communication; privacy or accessibility of phones, laptops, etc.