

Course Offerings in Black Church Studies

CHSO 60023 INTRODUCTION TO BLACK CHURCH STUDIES This course is an introductory exploration of the historical legacy, progressive traditions, spiritual depth, and social witness of the Black Church as it has been studied through theories and methods that make up the interdisciplinary field of Black Church Studies. Towards this end, we will take a definitive look at the various subdisciplines within Black Church Studies, namely: African American Biblical Hermeneutics, Black Theologies, African American Social Ethics, African American Religious History, African American Pastoral Care, Black Religion, Culture and Society, Practical Theology and Christian Education, and Worship. The course will also facilitate opportunities for the intellectual, professional, and inspirational development of transformational leadership for students interested in working in or in collaboration with African-American Christian churches and communities.

CHHI 70533/80533/90533 THE BLACK RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE IN AMERICA An overview treatment of the subject of race and its role in American religious history.

CHTH 70043/80043/90043 BLACK THEOLOGIES *Masters prerequisite: one 60000-level Christian Theology course or one 60000-level Black Church Studies course or equivalent.* This course will review the historical development of the Black Theology movement. Through a close reading of early texts of the movement and a review of the social context within which it arose, the seminar participants will be invited to a full engagement with this theological tradition. It will be our purpose to identify not only the discrete contours of the movement, but also to identify its place in late twentieth century theological discourse.

CHSO 60403 THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN SOCIAL ETHICS An introduction to the field of social ethics from a distinctly African-American perspective. Students will be introduced to the mores of the Black Church, liberation ethic and social critical analysis. This class will focus upon the issues that most concern the African-American community: justice, hermeneutics, membership, conflict, reconciliation, and value formation.

REED 70203/80203 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE BLACK CHURCH *Masters prerequisite: REED 60003 or equivalent.* This course will explore a variety of issues in Christian education and formation in relation to the special opportunities and challenges existing in the context of the Black church.