

# Courses Outside of Divinity

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## Why would I take courses outside of the Divinity School?

- Courses in the University will help you take an interdisciplinary approach to your Divinity education.
- Interdisciplinary work
  - Promotes a more complex understanding of the world and its problems and opens up the imagination to a wider, interconnected web of responses to those problems
  - Cultivates skill-building in areas of expertise outside of theological education that are relevant for many ministry contexts
  - Fosters creativity and innovation as you integrate various academic disciplines with your graduate theological education

## What courses should I take?

- What courses might help prepare you for your vocational path? How can you gain practical skills for your future? For example, could communications courses help you with public speaking? Would professional studies courses prepare you for a career in nonprofit leadership? Could music courses benefit your church ministry?
- Think of your passions and interests that transcend the expertise of theological education. How do these intersect with what you are learning in our divinity curriculum? What kind of cross-disciplinary work could you do to foster these passions and interests outside of divinity? For example, do you want to study literature and theology? Do you want to learn about sustainability so you can apply it to your church ministry? Would courses in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies help you deepen your intersectional analysis of oppressions in the world? Courses outside Divinity can help you integrate your interests and passions with your Divinity coursework and your future work in ministry.
- Do you need to fulfill your language requirement? Or, are you just interested in reading those famous theologians in their native German? Could you learn Spanish to help in your future nonprofit ministry?

## How to search for courses:

- Visit the [WFU Registration Portal](#)
- Click on “Browse Classes”
- Select the Term for which you are browsing
- Enter at Least One Subject
- Click on “Search”

A list of courses will be generated based on your search criteria. When you click on a course title, a window pops up with more information. Click on “Course Description” for a full description of the course. Look first for **600-level courses\*** or above, as these are graduate level courses.

Common Subjects Divinity Students may search for that offer 600-level courses:

Bioethics: BIE

Communications: COM

English: ENG

Historical Studies: HST

Languages: Search the Name of the Language

Liberal Studies: LBS

Music: MUS

Psychology: PSY

Religious Studies: REL

School of Professional Studies: SPS

Sustainability: SUS

Women’s and Gender Studies: WGS

\*If you see a 300-level course that interests you, you can email the instructor of the course and ask if you can take it for graduate credit. You would have to agree upon graduate-level work beyond the 300-level coursework being offered. Their department would have to set up a graduate-level section for you. Alternatively, you can ask the instructor if you can register for the course as an auditor and then set up an independent study with a Divinity professor who can be your conversation partner on the subject matter and who can assign coursework for you to complete.

### Sample email to take a 300-level course:

Dear Professor \_\_\_\_,

My name is \_\_\_\_, and I am a \_\_\_\_-year Master of Divinity student. I am interested in taking your Name of Course in Fall/Spring/Summer Year because I would like to study the intersections of \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ (example: theology and literature). Would you consider letting me take the class at a 600-level and working with me to create a plan of coursework that would be fitting for that level of a course on this topic?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

## How do I register for courses outside of the Divinity School?

If you are interested in enrolling in a course outside the Divinity School, **you must email [acadiv@wfu.edu](mailto:acadiv@wfu.edu) to register** so that course credit will be applied toward your MDiv.

# Ethical and Inclusive Leadership Certificate

3 Courses, 9 credits

Online, Asynchronous

The Ethical and Inclusive Leadership Certificate, offered in collaboration with Wake Forest University's School of Divinity, prepares you to lead an organization more effectively and to be an inclusive leader, and teaches you how to use ethics-oriented decision making.

## **EIL 710**

### **Moral and Ethical Dimensions of Inclusive Leaders**

Investigate current theories and knowledge about the moral and ethical dimensions of inclusive leadership in contemporary organizational contexts. In this course, learners will apply ethical competencies, empathic listening, and leadership strategies for inclusive vision-casting.

## **EIL 712**

### **Decision Making and Conflict Management**

Develop a deeper understanding of ethical decision-making and effective conflict management against a backdrop of major social, economic, and cultural transitions. In this course, learners will gain the knowledge and skills for navigating complex organizational landscapes.

## **EIL 714**

### **Shaping an Ethical and Inclusive Organization**

Examine theories and practices that shape inclusive organizational culture while exploring the diversity, equity, and inclusion challenges. In this course, learners will create operational plans that employ practice strategies for implementing healthy changes in organizations.

The three courses may be taken in any order and will be offered on a regular rotation throughout the year as long as interest in the program remains.

The rotation schedule (subject to change) is as follows: Spring '24: 712 and 714, Summer '24: 710 and 712; Fall '24: 714 and 710, Spring '25: 712 and 714



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