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From the President

Welcome to iTEE University's 2023 Term Three course catalogue. I hope you will find the information here both encouraging and helpful to your journey in becoming a multiplying disciplemaker.

iTEE University exists to serve Christian leaders building up the body of Christ by bringing the life-giving message of Jesus to communities across the world. The faculty, staff, and I praise God for the opportunity to equip leaders seeking Bible and ministry education.

In the following pages, you will find details about the programs, policies, courses, and other valuable information. These will help you determine if iTEE University is a good fit for you. I hope that this catalog brings you excitement as you commence your journey in studying the word of God more deeply, adopt new attitudes and values key for successful ministry, and gain new ministry skills to apply to your local ministry environment.

iTEE University was founded to offer quality education to leaders at various stages of their educational journey. We designed it to deliver Bible and Ministry education globally, especially in areas of the world underserved by existing theological training institutions. Our team works hard to make Biblical education affordable for all leaders.

iTEE University serves students by making education available online and face to face in local areas.

ITEE University trains pastors, assistant pastors, elders, deacons and deaconesses, small group leaders, youth leaders, women's ministry leaders, evangelists, church planters, children's ministry workers, and all other Christian leaders ministering to the body of Christ in the church and in the marketplace. If you wish to begin your journey to become equipped as an approved workman of God, correctly handling the scriptures (2 Timothy 2:15) go to **ITEE.University/admissions**.

Not only does iTEE University serve students directly, but we also serve partner organizations. Our partners may access all courses in any language available (printed and online), use our technological platform to deliver education, receive training to manage the platform internally, get support to create local training capacity branded under the partner's name, and receive teacher training and help for the duration of the partnership. This is delivered to our partners at a fraction of the cost.

If your organization, church, Bible school, Bible college, or Seminary would like to explore partnering with iTEE University, please go to the partnership section on the website: **iTEE.University/partners**. There you will find an economical way to expand your capacity and perhaps extend flexible, high-quality discipleship and biblical training to your own students. Fill out the simple signup form to request a ZOOM video conference call with one of our partner support teams. We would find it a privilege and honor to serve you.

Dr. George J Law President, iTEE University

## **General Information**

#### What We're About

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

-2 Timothy 2:2 (NIV)



#### **Our Vision**

World-wide, self-sustaining training movements that biblically equip church leaders

#### **Our Mission**

Bring relationally-driven biblical ministry education to church leaders lacking access to it

#### **Our Passion**

Make disciples who become disciple makers



## **Acknowledgment of our Partners**

ITEE University could not exist without our partners. Most of our course content comes from other organizations. The Timothy Initiative has supplied most of the courses for our Certificate in Ministry program. Materials for the Diploma in Ministry and Associate of Arts in Ministry programs mostly come from three organizations: BEE World, Third Millennium Ministries, and Trinity Video Seminary. Other courses have come from Source of Light Ministries and independent writers. Our contribution to Christian leadership training is developing online, interactive learning with sustained mentoring of students by course facilitators.

We believe that as a Christian educational organization we best reflect the kingdom of God by working together, sharing resources, and cooperating with sister organizations in their endeavors, and we are thankful for these ministry partners.











## **Beginnings**

In 1979, fifteen mission organizations met together in Vienna, Austria to address the critical need for leadership training in restricted access countries. It was at that meeting that Biblical Education by Extension, hereafter BEE, was founded. The ITEE University founder participated at the meeting. He later served as a founding board member. For eight years he served at BEE. It was a successful distance education program and met the need of thousands of leaders over the next 40 years.



The focus on multiplication, teachers going to the students, facilitated learning, dialogue education, and group learning are concepts that endure and permeate iTEE University today, even as technology has changed drastically.

Online education integrates well with Jesus' principles of developing leaders, and offers tremendous advantages in terms of global accessibility and cost. iTEE University was born out of a group of leaders with extensive international ministry experience who had a passion for online ministry training. It was launched in May 2019. By integrating the online curriculum of several Christian publishers, along with new training approaches, discipleship principles, and proven educational resources, iTEE University addresses the global challenge of training leaders.

It is an associate member of the Asia Theological Association and is in the process of seeking full accreditation.

### **Academic Calendar**

Term 1 begins on the second Monday of each January.

Term 2 begins on the second Monday of each May.

Term 3 begins on the second Monday of each September.

Each course typically takes 12 to 14 weeks to complete, leaving students with a break between terms.

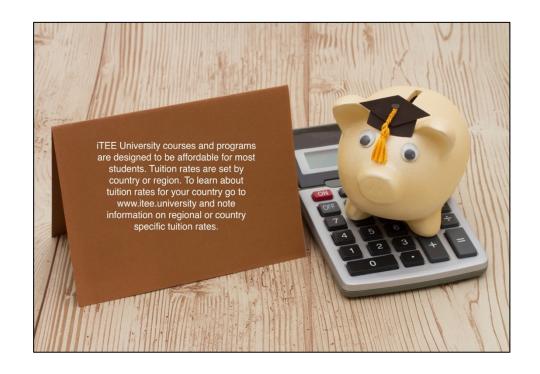
#### **Enrollment and Tuition**

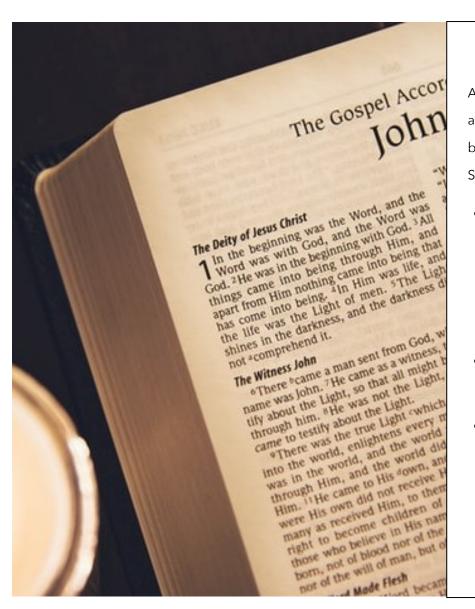
Enroll online at itee.university/admissions by filling out an application.

After completing an application, admitted students receive an email message with a link to complete the enrollment process. Please check your email, including your spam or junk folder, for this specific message.

Tuition fees are country specific. Tuition rates for courses and payment options specific to your geographic area can be found online at itee.university/our-courses.

Courses are offered in select languages such as English, Spanish, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Punjabi, Burmese and Chinese.





#### **Admission**

Any Christian leader seeking access to biblical training is invited to apply for admission. Application for new student admission should be made online at iTEE.University/admissions.

Successful applicants will meet the following conditions:

- Diploma in Ministry and Associate of Arts Degree in Ministry students must have completed their secondary (high school) education and can provide attestation to completion of that training. Certificate in Ministry students are not required to have a secondary (high school) education.
- Currently engaged in ministry either in the church or marketplace.
- Possess a desire to train other leaders, pastors, or church
  planters. We are highly committed to the Apostle Paul's pattern
  of discipleship: And the things you have heard me say in the
  presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will
  also be qualified to teach others. (2 Timothy 2:2, NIV)

# Where Do You Fit In to iTEE University?



#### Certificate in Ministry Students have indicated

an intention to complete the Certificate in Ministry, a flexible nonformal training program designed for lay pastors and leaders who are faithful, available, and teachable but do not have a high school diploma. A Certificate is granted when ten certificate courses are completed. Certificate courses are not designed to be transferred to undergraduate schools.

**Diploma in Ministry Students** have indicated an intention to complete the Diploma in Ministry program. This program is designed for busy pastors, lay pastors, and leaders with at least a high school diploma who seek training in their localities.

#### **Associate of Arts Degree in Ministry**

**Students** have a high school diploma and are seeking accreditable college-level courses toward a degree.

Students usually decide to pursue the 72-CU (Credit Unit)

Associate of Arts degree when they near completion of the Diploma of Ministry program but sense a need for further study.

**Non-Credential Students** have not indicated an intention to complete a program. They seek to take diploma and/or certificate level courses in their areas of interest.

**Seminar Attendees** pursue short seminars either online or face-to-face. Seminars have no academic entrance requirements and are non-credit.

## **Grading Policies**

Final grades will be either pass or fail. Facilitators will use online grade tracking to encourage and correct student work.

Completing work in all of the following areas is required to pass each course:

**Head** Reading course texts and articles, taking and passing quizzes, writing and submitting "Life Notebook" journal entries, and participating in discussions with other classmates are all part of the intellectual portion of the course.

**Heart** Students use their reflection journals to write a short, graded paper on personal spiritual insights learned, resulting in an awareness of God's work to form their character during the course.

**Hands** Students complete a guided project, customized for each course, that helps them develop ministry skills related directly to the course content. They then submit a graded report on that project.

**Deadline** Students must complete the course by the course deadline. Unless the Registrar extends a deadline the grade is final once a class ends. Students may repeat a course for which they failed to earn a passing grade.



## **Dropping a Course**

iTEE University demonstrates learning that is highly relational, and our faculty makes every effort to work with students in order to facilitate their success. But sometimes, for a variety of reasons, students do not or cannot follow through with their studies. In these cases, students who do not display adequate progress will be removed administratively.

No Show students, that is students who have registered for a course but don't do further work, even after attempts to reach out to them, are removed from the course roll after one week.

Drop Out students who begin work in a course but who, at some point, fail to maintain a record of progress are removed from the roll after three weeks.

Students who have chosen to withdraw from a course must re-register if they take the course at a subsequent time.

Where students have paid tuition for classes, no refunds will be given without specific authorization from the Dean of Students. If a student enrolls in and fails to complete the same class three times, he may not enroll in that class again except with special permission of the Dean of Students.

#### Withdrawal

Students desiring to withdraw from a course program (Certificate, Diploma or A.A.) are required to inform the Dean of Students in writing. Any student who fails to take classes for three consecutive terms will be considered withdrawn from the program. They may reapply at any time, if desired, and previous credits on their record may be applied toward their program completion. However, any such students once withdrawn and reaccepted into the program must complete the requirements which are in effect at the time of their re-admission.

#### **Program Continuity**

Any student who maintains their progress in a program will be permitted to finish using the requirements in effect (as shown by the Catalogue) at the time they started. In the case of a course no longer available, the Dean of Students will negotiate with the student regarding an alternative course.

## **Certificate in Ministry**

The Certificate in Ministry is a non-formal training program that is directed toward leaders without a high-school (or equivalent) educational background. It consists of nine courses plus an internship taken for course credit, for a total of ten earned courses. For all students, Galatians must be taken as the first course. All online students must take Student Orientation before beginning.

A Diploma Level course (or higher) that covers the same topical material as a required Certificate Level course may be substituted for that Certificate Level course. Contact your academic advisor or the Dean of Students for information about course substitutions.

#### **Choose 9 courses from:**

Galatians (required, must be first course)
One to One
Discovering the Bible
Spiritual Leadership
Communicating God's Word
Foundations of Christian Marriage
Old Testament
Major Bible Doctrines
New Testament Gospels
New Testament Epistles



## Internship

Your internship is a for-credit experience that takes place toward the end of your Certificate program. It involves practicing your ministry under the direction of a Supervisor who has expertise in your chosen area of ministry. You will keep a log and gain valuable experience during this time of supervised ministry. For more information about the internship, contact the Dean of Students (deanofstudents@itee.university) or see itee.university/student-resources.

## **Diploma in Ministry**

Our Diploma program is designed for shepherd leaders who have completed high school or its equivalent. The program seeks to equip leaders holistically in Head (knowledge), Heart (character) and Hands (ministry skills). It requires a student to successfully complete the following courses\* in any order, except for Galatians which must be the first course. All online students must take Student Orientation before beginning.

- Galatians (must be taken first)
- The Christian Life
- Hermeneutics course (either Bible Study Methods or He Gave Us Scripture)
- The Incredible Journey or another whole Bible survey course
- Bible book course (such as Romans, 1 Corinthians, etc.)
- Transformational Teaching
- Foundations of Christian Marriage
- Major Bible Doctrines
- Spiritual Leadership
- Ministry Skills Course (choose one: Church Dynamics, Church Planting, Communicating God's Word, or Culture Meets Scripture)
- Internship (see description on the previous page)





\* Note: Course list may vary slightly in different countries.

## **Associate of Arts in Ministry**

## **Program Description**

The 72 Credit Unit Associate of Arts in Ministry program is founded on the Diploma program, which is normally a prerequisite for entry. The A.A. is an English-language program designed for accreditation and the ability to transfer credits to Bible and theological schools. It is specifically designed for busy pastors, lay pastors, and leaders with at least a high school diploma who study either online or in face-to-face cohort groups in their localities. After those leaders finish their Diploma studies, they may go on to take the A.A.

A.A. students will develop a solid foundation in spiritual growth, Bible, theology, and ministry skills. Participants will choose specializations for their own ministry from several categories. Credit may be granted for previous ministry experience, participation in an internship, and previous coursework outside of iTEE University.

## **Program Requirements**

Including the Diploma requirements, the Associate of Arts program graduate will have completed:

- 24 Credit Units of Core Requirements
- 24 CUs of Bible and Theology courses
- 9 CUs of Ministry courses
- 12 CUs of Electives
- 3 CUs for an Internship



# **Certificate in Ministry Course Descriptions**

## **Spiritual Growth**

#### One to One (3 CUs)

This course is designed to help a young believer or unbeliever by first introducing the student to who Jesus is, in Unit 1. Unit 2 introduces the importance of a devotional Bible study or Quiet Time. A Christian cannot grow spiritually without interacting with the Word of God. God's word is spiritual nourishment for the believer. Units 3 and 4 deal with topics essential to Christian living such as assurance of salvation, attributes of God, prayer, fellowship, evangelism, and the Spirit-filled life. It also serves as a discipleship guide for believers to use with new believers, and will help you to make disciples more effectively.

## **Bible Study Methods/ Hermeneutics**

#### Discovering the Bible (3 CUs)

Discovering the Bible is about how to study and interpret the Bible correctly. Every disciple maker should know how to accurately hear, read, understand, and obey the Word of God.

By the end of this course, the student will be able to confidently hear and/or read what the Scripture says, determine what it means, and how it should be obeyed and applied in their lives and the life of the church.

#### **Old Testament**

#### **Old Testament (3 CUs)**

Students will study through the Old Testament highlighting the major events in the order that they happened. By the end of this course, the disciple maker will be able to confidently communicate each of the Old Testament books, as well as have a better understanding of God's plan of redemption from Creation to Christ. In applying these tools, the disciple maker will be better equipped to handle difficult portions of Scripture as they are establishing a missional community.

### **New Testament**

#### Galatians (2 CUs)

In this course you will study Paul's letter to the Galatians. You will look at the historical background and examine the vital theological issues in the early church with which Paul dealt. You will become better acquainted with the life, character, and

ministry of the apostle Paul. You will also gain new insights into Christian life and service as you apply the teaching of the epistle to contemporary situations.

#### **New Testament Gospels (3 CUs)**

The emphasis of this course is introducing the student to the four Gospel accounts in the New Testament. Every disciple maker will go through all four Gospels highlighting the purpose, themes, and key events/teachings of the life and ministry of Jesus. By the end of this course, the disciple maker will be able to confidently communicate from each of the four Gospels and apply the principles learned from the life and ministry of our Lord.

#### **New Testament Epistles (3 CUs)**

The emphasis of this course is to systematically cover the New Testament letters that the apostles wrote to different individuals and churches: Romans through Revelation, minus the Pastoral Epistles. The focus is on the major concepts and keywords of the New Testament General Letters. The student will understand the themes and concepts found in the letters and how they apply to church life.

### **Doctrine/Theology**

#### **Major Bible Doctrines (3 CUs)**

Major Bible Doctrines is a systematic theology course emphasizing eleven doctrines that cover the essential topics of theology. The flow of this course is a systematic study of God. By the end of this course, the disciple maker will have covered the major doctrines of the Bible. He or she will have a clear picture of who God is and what God is doing in our world to glorify Himself.

### **Practical Ministry**

#### Spiritual Leadership (3 CUs)

For the Christian, leadership is a spiritual process that requires a deepening walk with God. This course addresses several facets of leadership including the need for spiritual leaders, leadership models, qualities of leaders, the discipline of prayer, stewardship of time and resources, and reproducing and developing leaders.

#### **Communicating God's Word (3 CUs)**

Communicating God's Word is a task that demands commitment, knowledge, and skill on the part of the communicator. This course is designed to provide you with the knowledge and skills necessary to communicate God's message

to men and women. Your commitment to the task will be strengthened as you become a more effective communicator. The main emphasis of this course will be on that form of communication known as "preaching." Yet the principles in the course can also be applied to any situation that would require you to communicate a biblical message.

#### Foundations of Christian Marriage (3 CUs)

This course explores the founding principles of marriage in Scripture as well as several of the bedrock issues that affect marriage, such as your understanding of yourself and your spouse. It is designed primarily for engaged and married people or for those who minister to them, but it is also useful for those who want to improve their close relationships. There will be both practical and theological learning, and a weekly discussion or other project to do with a spouse, fiancé, family member, or close friend.

## Internship

Your internship is the culmination of your course **Hands** projects, ministry-related courses, and your God-given gifts and abilities. It gives you an extended opportunity to express, expand and improve your ministry skills. It will be 1-3 credit units and

involves practicing your ministry under the direction of a Supervisor who has expertise in your chosen area of ministry. First, students must complete and submit the Internship Application Form stating the details of what they would like to do for their internship and who would be their Supervisor. Upon approval, the internship begins. During the internship, the students keep a Weekly Time Log of actual hours spent on their weekly activities. At the end of the internship, students complete the Internship Report and the Supervisor completes the Internship Performance Evaluation Form. Once approved for credit by ITEE University Staff, the Registrar's office records the grade as Pass or Fail and the amount of credit earned. Interns seeking to facilitate an ITEE University course for their Internship must first complete Transformational Teaching.



# **Credits Available Other Than iTEE University Courses**

#### Up to 40 CUs may be awarded based on the following:

Ministry experience by portfolio, up to 12 CUs

Internship, up to 6 CUs

Previous coursework by block credit, up to 12 CUs

Previous coursework by course matching, up to 30 CUs

To discuss and apply for credits based on any of these factors, contact the iTEE University Dean of Students.

# **Diploma and Associates Degree Course Descriptions**

## **Spiritual Growth**

#### The Christian Life (3 CUs)

This course helps students grow in their relationships with Christ and equips them to help others grow as well, no matter where they are in that relationship. Topics covered include: Identity in Christ; the Holy Spirit; Worship; Bible Study; Prayer; Service; Stewardship; Wisdom; Trusting God; and Spiritual Battle.

#### **Hermeneutics**

## He Gave Us Scripture: Foundations of Interpretation (3 CUs)

Evangelical Christians affirm the Scriptures as God's inerrant word, but we still disagree sometimes over the meaning of particular verses or passages, and these differences can influence our Christian doctrine and practice. One reason for these disagreements is that there are many different approaches to interpreting the Bible. But how do we know which approach to interpretation is the most responsible? This course will help answer that question.

### **Bible Survey**

#### The Incredible Journey (3 CUs)

The Incredible Journey is a Bible Survey course that will help you navigate your way through the Bible from cover to cover. Each book is summarized and explained so that you can maximize your daily Bible reading and aim at living out the truths contained in each one. This course will give the student an overview of the entire Bible, which is essential knowledge for any pastoral leader.

#### **Old Testament**

## Kingdom, Covenants and Canon of the Old Testament (3 CUs)

This course gives a brief survey of the Old Testament, examining the themes of kingdom, covenants and canon. We will see that the Old Testament is not a random amalgam of episodes, genealogies, and prophetic tidbits. Instead, it is unified around the central theme of the kingdom of God which was administered through covenants and applied to life through the Old Testament as a "canon," or guideline.

#### The Pentateuch (3 CUs)

The first five books of the Old Testament are commonly called the Pentateuch. They tell the story of the nation of Israel from creation to preparation for the conquest of the Promised Land. But is the Pentateuch simply the historical account of God's chosen people, or is it something more? This course explores the books of Genesis through Deuteronomy, examining why they were written, what they meant to their original audience, and how we should respond to them today.

#### The Primeval History (3 CUs)

Genesis 1-11 contains some of the most familiar stories in the Bible, the creation week, Adam and Eve, the Garden of Eden, Noah's ark, the Tower of Babel. Christians know these stories well. But how many believers know what Moses intended these stories to teach? In its ancient context, this primeval history was not a simple historical record. Rather, it was a forceful argument condemning Egypt and encouraging Israel to follow Moses to the Promised Land.

#### Worshipping God in the Psalms (4 CUs)

In the Psalms we enter more fully than anywhere else into the world of worship. For the psalmist, this meant pouring out his

lament to God in which he told God exactly how he felt and how much he longed for God's intervention. As dark and painful as these moments might be, however, the psalmist ultimately realized that God was faithful, righteous, loyal, and good in dealing with him. Then his heart turned to songs of praise. This course is designed to help you read and understand the book of Psalms more deeply. While many of the psalms will be explained, the primary purpose is to give you the insight and skills for reading and interpreting the psalms yourself.

#### **New Testament**

#### Galatians (2 CUs)

In this course you will study Paul's letter to the Galatians. You will look at the historical background and examine the vital theological issues in the early church with which Paul dealt. You will become better acquainted with the life, character, and ministry of the apostle Paul. You will also gain new insights into Christian life and service as you apply the teaching of the epistle to contemporary situations.

#### Romans (2 CUs)

In this course, you will study Paul's letter to the Romans. You will

look at the historical background and examine the vital theological issues in the early church in Rome. You will become better acquainted with the life, character, and ministry of the apostle Paul. You will also gain new insights into Christian life and service as you apply the teaching of this epistle to contemporary situations.

#### The Gospel of Mark (3 CUs)

Mark's gospel is a gospel of action. He introduces us to Jesus as an adult, ready to begin His ministry. Jesus is revealed as the promised Messiah of Israel, Son of David, Son of Man, and—most prominently—the Son of God. Mark shows Jesus breaking down the barriers between humanity and God by His taking on flesh and living among us. Those same three events make Mark's message clear: Jesus is the conquering Son of God who suffered and died to redeem humanity. Death could not hold Him so He arose and now leads us on to our mission field.

## True Spirituality: A Study of 1 Corinthians (3 CUs)

In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul counsels the church to let love and godliness have first place in their assemblies. As students study this course, they will apply his teaching and counsel to their own lives and the church today.

## 1 Peter: Living Faithfully in a Hostile World (3 CUs)

Peter ministered to Christians in the Roman Empire who suffered for their faith in Christ. His message to them was to remain faithful to Christ as they lived in a world hostile to Christianity, awaiting their Lord's triumphant return. 1 Peter also speaks to us today, teaching us how and why we should live faithfully in a world hostile to our faith.

## **Doctrine/Theology**

#### **Major Bible Doctrines (3 CUs)**

Major Bible Doctrines is a systematic theology course emphasizing eleven doctrines that cover the essential topics of theology. The flow of this course is a systematic study of God. By the end of this course, the disciple maker will have covered the major doctrines of the Bible. He or she will have a clear picture of who God is and what God is doing in our world to glorify Himself.

#### **Doctrine 1 (3 CUs)**

This course is a survey of major doctrines of the Christian faith covers the doctrines of God, the Bible, angels, demons, Satan, creation, and man and sin.

#### Doctrine 2 (3 CUs)

This course surveys the doctrines of the Christian faith, the person and work of Jesus Christ, the salvation and security of the believer, the ministry of God through the Holy Spirit, the biblical study of the church, and the end times.

## **Ethics and Leadership**

#### **Spiritual Leadership (3 CUs)**

For the Christian, leadership is a spiritual process that requires a deepening walk with God. This course addresses several facets of leadership including the need for spiritual leaders, leadership models, qualities of leaders, the discipline of prayer, stewardship of time and resources, and reproducing and developing leaders.

## **Pastoral Ministry**

#### **Church Dynamics (3 CUs)**

This pastoral ministry course will cover many different facets of church ministry, including what a church is, the church's tasks, church leadership, edification, worship, and how to develop your philosophy of ministry.

#### **Communicating God's Word (3 CUs)**

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commitment, knowledge, and skill on the part of the communicator. This course is designed to provide you with the knowledge and skills necessary to communicate God's message to men and women. Your commitment to the task will be strengthened as you become a more effective communicator. The main emphasis of this course will be on that form of communication known as "preaching." Yet the principles in the course can also be applied to any situation that would require you to communicate a biblical message.

#### **Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling**

This course is an introduction to the principles and techniques involved in the pastoral ministry of care and counseling. Pastor Lee Eclov emphasizes basic counseling skills and the ability to relate to others. He discusses biblical, theological and ethical concerns in pastoral care ministry and presents an overview of common counseling concerns.

#### **Real Churches**

Real Churches brings together biblical teaching, wisdom gained from personal experience, and practical guidelines to gain fresh insight, inspiration, and hope for your church. The lectures of the course focus on hard issues churches face every day and offer real help to overcome difficult situations in the local church.

## **Family Ministry**

#### Foundations of Christian Marriage (3 CUs)

This course explores the founding principles of marriage in Scripture as well as several of the bedrock issues that affect marriage, such as your understanding of yourself and your spouse. It is designed primarily for engaged and married people or for those who minister to them, but it is also useful for those who want to improve their close relationships. There will be both practical and theological learning, and a weekly discussion or other project to do with a spouse, fiancé, family member, or close friend.

## **Christian Education/Youth Ministry**

#### **Transformational Discipleship (3 CUs)**

A practical, hands-on, course introducing youth leaders to the process God uses to develop ministry leaders among young people. This course's focus is on multiplying transformational youth leaders within the urban context. The principles arise from Dr. Ted Travis' devotion to scriptural teaching on developing leaders and a lifetime of ministry experience with youth leaders.

#### **Transformational Teaching (4 CUs)**

Transformational Teaching applies 1<sup>st</sup> century educational principles from Jesus' life with 21<sup>st</sup> century online and educational technology. It is inadequate to train future disciple makers with head knowledge only. Jesus' model of teaching affected the head, the heart, and the hands. Course creators Dr. George Law and Pastor Rick Petty use Jesus' first century teaching principles to equip today's leaders to teach Bible and ministry courses online. This course includes a teacher training practicum and is a required course to become an iTEE University faculty member.

## **Missions/Church Planting**

#### **Church Planting (3 CUs)**

The subject of church planting has received much attention in recent years and yet one-third of the residents of planet earth are still without a local church. An experienced church planter, a professor of mission and intercultural studies at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Dr. Craig Ott combines sound biblical principles with the best practices around the world and provides practical guidance for church planters. The task of planting and reproducing churches involves a comprehensive array of topics. Dr. Ott examines the biblical

mandate for church planting, discusses the role and qualities of a church planter, describes the models and approaches to church planting, shares practical guidelines for leading the church, and considers factors that undergird effective church planting. We hope that this course will be a tool in your toolbox of what God has called you to do to help spread His kingdom.

#### **Cross-cultural Communication**

Cross-cultural specialist Duane Elmer gives practical advice for serving other cultures with sensitivity and humility. He shows how our actions and attitudes often contradict and offend the local culture. He offers principles and guidance for avoiding misunderstandings and building relationships in ways that honor others.

#### Islam

The purpose of this course is to explore the Christian faith and Islam and discover what it means for two communities to be engaged with each other in peacemaking ways and what it means for a Christian church to be faithful to its calling in Christ. David W. Shenk hopes that this course will equip the listeners in ways that will help them have gentle confidence as they engage with Muslims in conversations about faith. David W. Shenk tries to reflect what he has learned from Muslims about the essence

of Islam and does his best to represent it clearly. But he also looks at Islam as a Christian.

#### **World Religions**

The Gospel in Lively Encounter with World Religions is designed to introduce you to some of the ultimate questions and issues associated with the human quest for meaning in life. It focuses on the function of different religious systems in providing answers to the ultimate questions. It will expand your global knowledge about various worldviews and will help you better grasp how religion functions in the global village. David W. Shenk looks at his experience in a variety of religions and ideological arenas where he has lived and served and provides a unique insight into the nature of the Gospel interacting with world religions.

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