

PT520 Church Polity

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Course Description

Students examine the biblical data to church government and the Book of Church Order (of the PCA and other American Presbyterian denominations). The organization and function of church courts, including discipline and appeals, are considered, and parliamentary procedure is emphasized.

Class Meetings

- Tuesday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Textbooks

Required:

Presbyterian Church in America. *The Book of Church Order of the Presbyterian Church in America*. Atlanta, Ga: Committee for Christian Education and Publications, 2007. (Note: students from other denominations may substitute the BOCO of their particular denomination – ARP, EPC, KAPC, OPC, PCUCA, URCNA, etc.)

Toon, Peter, and Steven B. Cowan. *Who Runs the Church?: Four Views on Church Government*. Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan, 2004.

Recommended:

Hall, David W., and Joseph H. Hall. *Paradigms in Policy*. Grand Rapids, Mich: Eerdmans, 1994.

Robert, Henry M., and Sarah Corbin Robert. *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*. Cambridge, Mass: DaCapo Press, 2008.

(Note: there are many editions and older editions will suffice.)

Course Requirements

- Attend all lectures
- Read both texts
- Sustain final examination

“But all things should be done decently and in good order” (1 Cor 14:40)