This course will examine the phenomenon of spirituality within the context of the African American religious experience, providing students with a comprehensive overview of the historical, sociological, political, economic and spiritual tenets of the African American religion. We will study the theology and content of African American worship in the Black church and its impact upon the socio-political climate of African American communities. Our inquiry will also reflect upon the relationships between Black Theology, and Black liberation movements, as well as explore the distinctive contribution of the Black Church to the moral and spiritual fiber of America.

The "Traditional" track is designed for a smaller group of RTS students who are headed for graduate studies or who are highly motivated to learn Hebrew in depth. In Hebrew 1 you will study the first 20 grammar lessons in Beginning Biblical Hebrew. In Hebrew 2 you will study the remaining 20 lessons in Beginning Biblical Hebrew. You are required to speak with Dr. Futato before enrolling in Intro to Hebrew (Traditional Track).

There is no classroom attendance required for this course. The "Electronic" track is designed for the majority of RTS M.Div. and M.A. Biblical Studies students who are headed for pastoral ministry or want a basic knowledge of Hebrew to aid them in the study of the Old Testament. In Hebrew 1 you will study 10 grammar lessons and 10 computer software lessons, using Basic Hebrew for Bible Study. In Hebrew 2 you will study 10 more grammar lessons and 10 more computer software lessons, using Basic Hebrew for Bible Study. You will need a copy of Logos for the first day of class. This track is open enrollment. (Note: The "Electronic" track may not equip you for an ordination exam in some denominations.)

This course presents an overview of the literature, history, and themes of Judges through Song of Solomon. Attention is given to the relevance of these books for the church and world today.
Genesis & Exodus / 2OT711/01
Dr. Tremper Longman III
Mon to Fri, January 19 - January 23 • 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM (2 Credit Hrs)

The course studies two foundational and fascinating books. Genesis and Exodus give readers the story of the origin of creation and of Israel, the Old Testament people of God. These books will be studied from a historical, literary, and theological perspective. Focus will be on original meaning, contemporary significance and the hermeneutical principles that allow us living at the beginning of the third millennium AD to appropriate these ancient books for modern ministry.

Group Theories and Practice / 2PSY571/01
Dr. Vitaliy L. Voytenko
Mon to Fri, January 26 – January 30 • 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (3 Credit Hrs)

Prerequisite: Admission to the MAC program. This course provides both theoretical and experiential understanding of group development dynamics, counseling theories and group counseling methods. Students participate in a process group to understand by experience the nature of group skills, stages and techniques.

Evaluation & Assessment / 2PSY542/01
Dr. James Coffield
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, December 04 - January 08 • 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
(3 Credit Hrs)

Prerequisite: Admission to the MAC program. This course will meet on DECEMBER 4th, DECEMBER 11th, DECEMBER 15th, DECEMBER 17th, and JANUARY 8th from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on each of these dates. This course teaches the use and application of tests and measurements in diagnosis and assessment of intrapersonal and interpersonal characteristics and functioning. Test content, validity, reliability, purpose, limitations, ethics, and administration are compared and evaluated. Stress is placed on the interpretation of test results to the client population.

Sexuality and Sex Therapy / 2PSY573/01
Sharon Hersh
Mon to Fri, January 12 - January 16 • 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (3 Credit Hrs)

Prerequisite: Admission to the MAC program or consent of Dr. Scott Coupland. An analysis of human sexuality, attitudes toward sex, and sexual behavior in the light of contemporary and biblical norms, followed by a study of contemporary approaches to sex therapy, with particular attention to the relation of systematic and behavioral aspects of sexuality.

Church Polity / 2PT520/01
Dr. L. Roy Taylor
Tues to Thurs*, January 6 - January 08 • 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM, *Wed, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM (1 Credit Hr)

Students examine the biblical data relative to church government and the Book of Church Order. The organization and function of church courts, including discipline and appeals, are considered, and parliamentary procedure is emphasized.

ST IV: Ecclesiology & Sacraments / 2ST524/01
Dr. Scott R. Swain
Mon to Fri, January 26 - January 30 • 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM (2 Credit Hrs)

A continuation of Systematic Theology III (2ST520), this course includes ecclesiology and sacraments.