

WINTER INTENSIVE SCHEDULE & COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
JANUARY 6 -17, 2020

Course #	Title	Credit	Professor
MS512OL	TEACH US TO PRAY Jan 6 – Jan 22. This intensive class will begin with an online session on Jan. 6. Students will be required to read, pray, and post a forum each day. Students will have a final online session on Jan. 22.	3	L. Sinclair
TH605TR	PILGRIMAGE TO OMAN: AN INTERFAITH DIALOGUE 8 day trip to Oman Dec. 27 – Jan 4 th . Cost is \$1500 for housing + airfare for the trip. The class will require additional tuition. In addition, there are 4 class meetings. Two face-to-face meetings on Nov 7 and Jan 17 and two online meetings.	3	J. Kim

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS & BOOK LISTS

MS512 TEACH US TO PRAY

This course will teach you different ways you can pray that will allow you to daily commune with God. This will help you understand the difference between the tendency to pray and the practice of prayer. It will help you understand that prayer is something we must do to truly have personal communication with God. It will begin to help you develop a prayer life (or help you develop a richer prayer life) that will connect you more fully with the presence of God in your everyday activities.

Required Books:

1. *Brown, Patricia D. Paths to Prayer: Finding Your Own Way to the Presence of God. Publisher Jossey-Bass San Francisco, Cal. (2003) ISBN:0-7879-6565-0*
2. *Patterson, Ben. Deepening Your Conversation with God. Publisher Bethany House, Minn. Min (2001) IISBN:0-7642-2351-8*
3. *Barrier, Roger. Listening to the Voice of God. Publisher Bethany House, Minn. Min (1998) ISBN:1-55661-972-3*

Books Not Required:

Murray Andrew. Teach Me to Pray. Publisher Bethany House, Minn. Min (2002) ISBN:978-0-7642-2596-3

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TH605TR PILGRIMAGE TO OMAN: AN INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

This course will consist of 4 (or more) class sessions in a HYBRID of online/in-class formats, together with an 8-day tour to Al Amana Center in Muscat, Oman from December 28 thru January 4.

Christianity today is increasingly challenged by the need to understand what it means to be Christians in a global community, engaging with non-Christians as well as Christians of different beliefs, cultures, and needs. This class seeks to gain a better understanding of Islam as a religion, culture, and practice, as well as gain firsthand insight into its long history of cooperation and conflict with Christianity, through a guided immersion experience led by the Al Amana Christian mission in Muscat, Oman.

The course will consist of three parts: 1) two (or more?) class sessions before the trip to study fundamentals of Islam from historical, religious, and political perspectives; 2) the 8-day pilgrimage itself; and 3) the post-trip class session to put the experience in perspective, together with submission of a written paper.

This year, Al Amana Center's generous offer to subsidize a substantial part of the costs of stay in Oman means NBTS students can have an all-inclusive 8 days there for \$1500 plus airfare per person (their normal charge is \$2600/pp). Of this cost, the Seminary will assist participating registered NBTS students with up to \$750 scholarship per person, and an additional \$300 scholarship to those who take the course/trip for credit. Space is limited to 10 participants, with October 15 as application/registration deadline. Students will be given priority in this once in a lifetime opportunity, with faculty, staff, and alumni invited as space permits.

Oman is considered one of the most stable of all Middle Eastern countries practicing a very irenic form of Islam that encourages dialogue and understanding. The 8-day experience will include dialogue with Muslim students, an introduction to Islamic theological studies, as well travel in and around Muscat. For additional information please contact NBTS recent graduate Kimberly Trinidad, who took part in the program in January of 2017. Kimberly's e-mail address is ktrinidad@students.nbts.edu. The late Rev. Franco Juricic, who also traveled with a small group of NBTS students in January of 2014 has called the experience "life changing!" For an article about Franco's time in Oman see www.nbts.edu/nbts-students-travel-to-Oman.

The following books are required for the course (but **NOT** mandatory to purchase), and can be purchased through internet booksellers, e.g., Amazon.com. There may also be handouts given in class. Otherwise you can find them on reserve in the Sage Library.

NOTE: **ALL** the reading materials for the class will be either/both distributed in class or/and posted on SAKAI in advance.

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PRIMARY SOURCES

Recommended to purchase but **NOT** mandatory; See used books from Amazon.com; If unable, use the Sage Library reserved books.

The Holy Quran (any version)

- Recommend either Amana Publications version, 1999 or
The Koran Interpreted, ed. A.J. Arberry (MacMillan, 1955)

ARTICLES / A CHAPTER (Photocopies of designated reading pages will be either/both posted on SAKAI or/and distributed in class: Do **NOT** need to purchase).

Ahrens, Theodore. "Multiculturalism and Multireligiosity: Introducing the Theme" in Mortensen, Viggo, ed., *Theology and the Religions: A Dialogue*, pp. 26-30. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003.

Cobb, John B. "Beyond Pluralism" in G/ D'Costa, ed., *Christian Uniqueness Reconstructed: The Myth of a Pluralistic Theology of Religions*, pp. 81-95. Maryknoll, New York: Orbis, 1990.

Hick, John H. "On Complementary Pluralism" in *The Second Christianity*, pp. 82-87. London: SCM Press, 1983.

Huntington, Samuel. *The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order*. New York: Simon & Schuster, (1996) 2011: esp. pp. 109-121; "The Islamic Resurgence."

Jenkins, Philip. *The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity*. London: Oxford University Press, 2002.

Mortensen, Viggo, "For All God's People: Being Church in Multireligious Societies" in *Theology and the Religions: A Dialogue*, pp. 465-479. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003.

Otto, Rudolf. *The Idea of the Holy*, trans. John W. Harvey. London: Oxford, 1958.

Pinnock, Clark H. "Pluralists and Christology" in *A Wideness in God's Mercy*, pp. 64-69. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1992.

Sanneh, Lamin. "Secular Values in the Midst of Faith: A Critical Discourse on Dialogue and Difference" in Mortensen, Viggo, ed., *Theology and the Religions: A Dialogue*, pp. 137- 152. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003.

Shorter, Aylward. *Toward A Theology of Inculturation*. New York: Orbis, 1988.

Vatican Council II. *Declaration on Non-Christian Religions*, 1965.

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SECONDARY SOURCES (Photocopies of designated reading pages will be either/both posted on SAKAI or/and distributed in class: Do **NOT** need to purchase).

Anderson, Norman., ed. *The World's Religions*. London: Inter-Varsity, 1950.

Cook, Michael. *The Koran: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford New York: Oxford University Press, 2000. (ISBN: 9780192853448)

Hick, John H. *Philosophy of Religion*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, 1983.

Miles, Jack, ed. *The Norton Anthology of World Religions*, Vol. 1: *Hinduism, Buddhism, Daoism*. New York: Norton, 2015.

Mortensen, Viggo, ed. *Theology and the Religions: A Dialogue*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003.

Ruthven, Malise. *Islam: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford University Press, 2000.
(ISBN:0192853899)

Silverstein, Adam. *Islamic History: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford New York: Oxford University Press, 2010. (ISBN: 9780199545728)

Speight, R. Marston. *God is One: The Way of Islam*. New York: Friendship Press, 1989.

Swartley Keith E., ed. *Encountering the World of Islam*. Waynesboro, GA: Authentic Media, 2005. (ISBN: 9781932805246)

Wilson, J. Christ. *Introducing Islam*. New York: Friendship Press, n.d.