

PT601 Foundations of Christian Ministry

Instructor	Dr. Pat Fosarelli
Schedule	Mondays, 6:00 – 8:30 pm
Description	The goal of this course is threefold: to assist students in 1) developing a sense of the history of Christian ministry and how that history was shaped by biblical, theological, spiritual, and sociological factors; 2) gaining a better understanding of the concept of ministry (lay and ordained) in their own denominations and in denominations not their own; and 3) better appreciating their call to ministry, including gifts and “growing edges” for that vocation.
Requirements	<p><i>Reading:</i> Students should expect to read at most 800 pages from the required texts (below) and from additional articles still being selected.</p> <p><i>Writing:</i> Reflection paper (2-4 pages) on one's call to ministry (15% of final grade) Faith development paper (5-7 pages) on a particular age group from your congregation. (20% of final grade) Research paper (7-10 pages) on one's own denomination's understanding of ministry (30% of final grade) Paper (7-9 pages) describing an interview of a minister of a denomination not one's own and direct observation of that minister in the practice of ministry (25% of final grade)</p> <p><i>Other:</i> Meaningful class participation (10% of final grade)</p>

Required Texts:

Author and Title (Press, Year)	ISBN	Cost	Pages to be read
World Council of Churches: <i>Baptism, Eucharist & Ministry</i>	N/A	Available online	20
Sipe James & Frick Don: <i>Seven Pillars of Servant Leadership</i> (Paulist, 2009)	978-0-8091-4560	\$21.95	200
Wilhoit Dallas: <i>Spiritual Formation as if the Church Mattered</i> (Baker, 2008)	978-0-8010-2776-5	\$17.99	195
Osmer, Richard. <i>Practical Theology</i> . (Eerdmans, 2008)	978-0-8028-1765-5	\$25.00	175
Peters Ronald & Haney Marsha: <i>Africentric Approaches to Christian Ministry</i> (University Press of America, 2006)	978-0-7618-3264-5	\$48.99	165