

PT649 Lay Ministry and Evangelization

Instructor	Rev. Evan Ponton (STD Cand.) and Emily Hicks (STD Cand.)
Schedule	Thursday, June 5 - 9:30am-4:30pm workshop (lunch provided) Tuesday, June 10 - 1:00-3:30pm (online only) Thursday, June 12 - 1:00-3:30pm (online only) Tuesday, June 17 - 1:00-3:30pm (online only) Tuesday, June 24 - 1:00-3:30pm (online only) Thursday, June 26 - 1:00-3:30pm (online only) Tuesday, July 8 - 1:00-3:30pm (online only) Thursday, July 10 - 9:30am-4:30pm workshop (lunch provided) Tuesday, July 15 - 1:00-3:30pm (online only) Classes will be conducted via Zoom and "Room & Zoom" format for day-long workshops.
Description	This course explores the biblical, theological, historical, sociological, and pastoral foundations of evangelization and missionary discipleship with the goal of building intercultural competencies and virtues for ministry in contemporary contexts. Special emphasis is placed on themes presented in Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation <i>Evangelii Gaudium</i> "The Joy of the Gospel."
Requirements	Reading- 800pgs of course material
	Other Media- Students will be asked to view/listen to select film and podcast material
	Writing- Five separate four to five-page integrative research/reflection papers (Total 20-25pgs)
	Other Assignments- 30-minute class presentation based on research/reflection paper

Required Texts:

Author and Title (Press, Year, Edition, ISBN)	Cost	Pages to be read
Pope Francis, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation, <i>Evangelii Gaudium, The Joy of the Gospel</i> (Image, 2014, 978-0553419535)	(Free online)	150
Ronald D. Witherup, <i>Saint Paul and the New Evangelization</i> (Liturgical Press, 2013, 978-0814635667)	22.95	150
Ryan P. Burge, <i>The American Religious Landscape: Facts, Trends, and the Future</i> (Oxford University Press, 2025, 1 st ed., 978-0197762844)	24.95	250
Select magisterial documents, articles, and book chapters	Provided by Instructor	250