

## **BOOKSLISTS - ALL 20 COURSE OF STUDY CLASSES AT SAINT PAUL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY 2026/2027**

**~~always double check the syllabus for each term~~**

### **COS 121 - Booklist**

#### **Required Texts - for assignments**

- **Gorman, Michael J. *Elements of Biblical Exegesis, A Basic Guide for Students and Ministers*, Publisher : Baker Academic; 3rd edition – 2020: ISBN-13 : 978-1540960313**
- ***The New Interpreter's Study Bible*. Publisher : Abingdon Press; The New Interpreter's® Study Bible edition- 2013: ISBN-13 : 978-0687278329**

#### **Recommended Texts (optional) - for further understanding**

- Powell, Mark Allan. *Introducing the New Testament, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*. Baker Academic – 2018: ISBN-13 : 978-0801099601
- Enns, Peter. *The Evolution of Adam, What the Bible Does and Doesn't Say About Human Origins*, Brazos Press, 2020 or 2012: ISBN-13 : 978-1587433153
- Gorman, Michael J. *Reading Revelation Responsibly*, Cascade – 2011: ISBN-13 : 978-1606085608

### **COS 122 - Booklist**

#### **Required Texts – for assignments**

- **Campbell, Ted A. *Methodist Doctrine: The Essentials*. Abingdon Press, 2011. ISBN-13 : 978-1426727016**
- **Justo González y Zaida Maldonado Pérez. *An Introduction to Christian Theology*, Abingdon Press – 2002: ISBN-13: 978-0687095735**

#### **Recommended Texts - to further your understanding**

- Jones, Beth Felker. *Practicing Christian Doctrine: An Introduction to Thinking and Living Theologically*. Baker Academic- 2014: ISBN-13: 978-0801049330
- Chilcote, Paul Wesley. *Recapturing the Wesley's Vision: An Introduction to the Faith of John and Charles Wesley*. IVP Academic – 2004: ISBN-13: 978-0830827435
- Langford, Thomas A. *Practical Divinity: Theology in the Wesleyan Tradition*. Abingdon Press; Reprint edition – 1998: ISBN-13 : 978-0687073825

### **COS 123 - Booklist**

#### **Required Texts – for assignments**

- **Matthaei, Sondra Higgins. *Formation in Faith: The Congregational Ministry of Making Disciples*, Abingdon Press, Illustrated edition – 2008: ISBN-13: 978-0687649730**
- **Thompson, Marjorie J. *Soul Feast*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox – 2014: ISBN-13: 978-0664239244**

#### **Recommended Texts - to further your understanding**

- The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2020/2024.
  - [https://issuu.com/cokesbury/docs/the\\_book\\_of\\_discipline\\_of\\_the\\_united\\_methodist\\_chu?fr=xKAE9\\_zU1NQ](https://issuu.com/cokesbury/docs/the_book_of_discipline_of_the_united_methodist_chu?fr=xKAE9_zU1NQ)

### **COS 124 - Booklist**

#### **Required Texts - for assignments**

- **Brandon O'Brien and Jim Belcher, *The Strategically Small Church: Intimate, Nimble, Authentic, and Effective*. Bethany House Publishers – 2010: ISBN-13: 978-0764207839**
- **Ruth Haley Barton and Leighton Ford, *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership: Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry*. IVP Books – 2018: ISBN-13: 978-0830846450**

#### **Recommended Texts - to further your understanding**

- Peter Northouse, *Leadership: Theory and Practice* (7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> edition). Sage. ISBN-13: 978-1483317533

## COS 221 – Booklist

### Required Texts - for assignments

- Brettler, Marc Zvi. *How to Read the Bible*. Philadelphia: The Jewish Publication Society – 2005: ISBN: 978-0827607750
- Fretheim, Terence E. *The Pentateuch*. Nashville: Abingdon Press -1996: ISBN: 978-0687008421

### Recommended Texts - to further your understanding

- Birch, Bruce, et al. *A Theological Introduction to the Old Testament*, 2nd Edition. Nashville: Abingdon Press- 2005: ISBN: 978-0687066766.
- Coogan, Michael. *The Old Testament: A Historical & Literary Introduction*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press – 2017: ISBN: 978-0190608651.
- Coogan, Michael D. (ed.), *The Oxford History of the Biblical World*. New York: Oxford University Press – 1998: ISBN: 978-0195139372.
- Rainey, Anson, & Steven Notley. *Carta's New Century Handbook and Atlas of the Bible*. Jerusalem: Carta – 2007: ISBN: 978-9652207036.

## COS 222 - Booklist

### Required Texts – for assignments

- Justo L. González, *The Story of Christianity, Volume 1*, revised edition; Harper, San Francisco – 2010: ISBN 978-0061855887
- Primary source excerpts, posted on Moodle.

### Recommended Texts – for further understanding

- John W. Coakley and Andrea Sterk, *Readings in World Christian History*, Vol 1 – 2004; ISBN 978-1570755200

## COS 223 - Booklist

### Required Texts- for assignments

- Miller, Barbara Day, *New Pastor's Guide to Leading Worship*, Abingdon Press, 2006, ISBN 978-0687497201
- Gayle C. Felton, *By Water and the Spirit: Making Connections for Identity and Ministry*: Nashville: Discipleship Resources- 1998: ISBN 978-0881772012; Also available free online at: <https://s3.us-east-1-amazonaws.com/gbod-assets/generic/BWASWITHINDEXINTRO.PDF>

### Reference Materials

- Gayle C. Felton, *This Holy Mystery: A United Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion* (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2006: ISBN 978-0881774573; Also available free online at: <https://s3.us-east-1-amazonaws.com/gbod-assets/generic/THM-BYGC.PDF>
- United Methodist Book of Worship; available in hard copy and also free online at <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/book-of-worship>
- United Methodist Book of Discipline; available in hard copy and also free online at: [Book Of Discipline & Book Of Resolutions Free Versions | UMC Books | Cokesbury](#)

## COS 224 - Booklist

### Required Texts- for assignments

- Thomas Edward Frank, *Polity, Practice, and the Mission of the United Methodist Church*, Updated Edition. Abingdon Press – 2006: ISBN-13: 978-0687335312
- Lacey Warner, *The Method of Our Mission: United Methodist Polity and Organization*. Abingdon Press – 2014: ISBN-13: 978-1426767173

### Recommended Texts – for further understanding

- *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*. United Methodist Publishing House, 2020/24. Available in an online PDF: <https://www.cokesbury.com/book-of-discipline-book-of-resolutions-free-versions>

## **COS 321- Booklist**

### **Required Texts – for assignments**

- **Powell, Mark Allan. *Introducing the New Testament: A Historical, Literary, and Theological Survey*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic – 2018: ISBN 978-0801099601**
- **Reddish, Mitchell G. *An Introduction to the Gospels*. Nashville: Abingdon – 1997: ISBN 978-0687004485.**

### **Recommended Texts - will be extremely helpful, as well as practical preaching and teaching resources -**

- Mark (for exegesis paper, I will help you secure resources relevant to your passage):
- Carter, Warren. *Mark*. Wisdom Commentary. Edited by Barbara Reid. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press - 2019.
- Collins, Adela Yarbro. *Mark: A Commentary*. Edited by Harold W. Attridge. Hermeneia – A Critical and Historical Commentary on the Bible. Minneapolis: Fortress Press - 2007.
- Rhoads, David, Joanna Dewey, and Donald Michie. *Mark as Story: An Introduction to the Narrative of a Gospel*. 3rd ed. Minneapolis: Fortress Press - 2012.
- Miller, Susan. *Women in Mark's Gospel*. Journal for the Study of the New Testament Supplement Series 259. London: T & T Clark International - 2004.
- Perkins, Pheme. "Mark." Pages 507–733 in *The New Interpreter's Bible*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press - 1994.

### **Other Gospels:**

- Davies, W. D., and Dale C. Allison. *Matthew: A Shorter Commentary*. London: T&T Clark International - 2004.
- Johnson, Luke Timothy. *The Gospel of Luke*. Edited by Daniel J. Harrington. Sacra Pagina Series. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 91.
- Carter, Warren. *John and Empire: Initial Explorations*. New York: T & T Clark International - 2008.

## **COS 322 – Booklist**

### **Required Texts – for assignments**

- **Justo L. González. *The Story of Christianity, Volume 1: The Early Church to the Dawn of the Reformation*. Revised and Updated. New York, NY: HarperOne – 2010: ISBN : 978-0061855887**
- **Justo L. González. *The Story of Christianity, Volume 2: The Reformation to Present Day*. Revised and Updated. New York, NY: HarperOne – 2010: ISBN: 978-0061855894**

### **Recommended Texts – for further understanding**

- See syllabus

## **COS 323 - Booklist**

### **Required Texts- for assignments**

- **Nouwen, Henri., *The Wounded Healer: Ministry in Contemporary Society*, Publisher: Image; 1st edition (March 1, 1979), ISBN-13: 978-0385148030**
- **Wimberly, Ed. *African American Pastoral Care and Counseling: Oppression and Empowerment*: Pilgrim Press – 2006: ISBN-13 : 978-0829816815**

### **Recommended Texts – for further understanding**

- See syllabus

## **COS 324 - Booklist**

### **Required Texts- for assignments**

- **Taylor, Barbara Brown, *The Preaching Life*, Publisher: Cowley Publications – 1993: ISBN-13: 978-1561010745**
- **Stanley, Andy, *Communicating For a Change*, Publisher: Multnomah – 2008: ISBN-13: 978-1590525142**

### **Recommended Texts – for further understanding**

- Chip and Dan Heath, *Made to Stick*
- Duarte, Nancy, *Slide:ology*
- Henderson, Jeff, *Crafting a Bottom Line*.
- Nouwen, Henri, *In the Name of Jesus*
- Long, Tom, *The Witness of Preaching*
- Scazzero, Peter, *Life Cycle of a Sermon*

## COS 421 - Booklist

### Required Textbooks – for assignments

- Bruce Birch, Walter Brueggemann, Terence E. Fretheim, and David L. Petersen, *A Theological Introduction To The Old Testament* (Second Edition): Abingdon Press - 2005: ISBN: 978-0687066766
- Louis Stulman and Hyun Chul Paul Kim, *You Are My People: An Introduction to Prophetic Literature*, Abingdon Press - 2010: ISBN-13: 978-0687465651

### Recommended Texts – for further understanding

- Walter Brueggemann and Tod Linafelt, *An Introduction To The Old Testament: The Canon and Christian Imagination* (Third Edition), Westminster John Knox Press - 2020: ISBN-13: 978-0664264413
- Walter Brueggemann, *Spirituality of the Psalms*. Fortress Press – 2002: ISBN-13 : 978-0800634506
- Richard Clifford, *The Wisdom Literature*, Abingdon Press – 1998: ISBN-13: 978-0687008469
- Ellen Davis, *Wondrous Depth: Preaching the Old Testament*, Westminster John Knox Press – 2005: ISBN-13: 978-0664228590
- *The New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha: New Revised Standard Version* (Fifth Edition), Michael Coogan (Editor), Oxford University Press - 2018, ISBN-13: 978-0190276089
- Leander E. Keck, *The New Interpreter's Bible Commentary*, Abingdon Press – 2015: ISBN-13: 978-1426735813.

## COS 422 - Booklist

### Required Texts- for assignments

- Russ Richey, Ken Rowe, Jeanne M. Schmidt, *American Methodism: A Compact History*, Publisher : Abingdon Press; Reprint edition – 2012: ISBN-10: 1426742274 (digital is fine)
- Howard A. Snyder, *The Radical Wesley and Patterns for Church Renewal*, Wipf & Stock Pub - 1996. ASIN: B01MTLJCKH. Digital is okay.

### Recommended Texts – for further understanding

- Randy L. Maddox, *Responsible Grace*, Kingswood Books – 1994: ISBN: 978-0687003341
- See syllabus

## COS 423 - Booklist

### Required Texts- for assignments

- Robert, Dana L., *Christian Mission: How Christianity Became A World Religion*, Wiley-Blackwell – 2009: ISBN 978- 0631236207
- Wright, Christopher J. H. *The Mission of God's People: A Biblical Theology of the Church's Mission*, Zondervan – 2010: ISBN 978-0310291121

### Recommended Texts – for further understanding

- Bosch, David. *Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology of Mission*, Publisher : Orbis; 20th Anniversary edition – 2011: ISBN-13 : 978-1570759482
- Migliore, Daniel L. *Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology*. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing.

## COS 424 - Booklist

### Required Texts- for assignments

- Robert Lovin, *An Introduction to Christian Ethics*, Abingdon Press – 2011: ISBN: 978-0687467365
- *United Methodist Social Principles as Adopted by General Conference Charlotte 2024*  
<https://www.umcjustice.org/documents/124>
- **Recommended Texts – for further understanding**
- Dorrien, Gary. *Social Ethics in the Making: Interpreting an American Tradition*. Publisher: WileyBlackwell, 2011. ISBN-13: 978-1-4443-3730-3

## COS 521 - Booklist

### Required Texts- for assignments

- Warren Carter and Amy-Jill Levine, *The New Testament: Methods and Meanings*, Publisher : Abingdon Press – 2013: ISBN-13: 978-1426741906
- Jouette M. Bassler, *Navigating Paul: An Introduction to Key Theological Concepts*, Publisher : Westminster John Knox Press; 49535th edition – 2006: ISBN-13: 978-0664227418

### Recommended Texts – for further understanding

- See syllabus

## COS 522 - Booklist

### Required Texts- for assignments

- Daniel Migliore, *Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology*. 3rd Edition. Eerdmans Press - 2014: ISBN: 978-0802871855. Digital copy is ok.
- Gary Dorrien, *Soul in Society: The Making and Renewal of Social Christianity*: Fortress Press: 978-0800628918. Digital copy is ok.

### Recommended Texts – for further understanding

- See syllabus

## COS 523 - Booklist

### Required Texts- for assignments

- Mortimer Arias, *Announcing the Reign of God: Evangelization and the Subversive Memory of Jesus*: Wipf and Stock - 2001: ISBN 978-1579105631
- Henry H. Knight III and F. Douglas Powe, *Transforming Evangelism: The Wesleyan Way of Sharing Faith: Discipleship Resources* - 2006: ISBN 978-0881774856

### Recommended Texts – for further understanding

- Stephen Gunter, Elaine Robinson, ed. *Considering the Great Commission*. ISBN: 978-0687493630
- Doug Powe. *New Wine and New Wineskins; How African American Congregations Can Reach New Generations*. ISBN: 978-1426742224

## COS 524 - Booklist

### Required Texts- for assignments

- Willimon, William H., *Pastor: Revised Edition: The Theology and Practice of Ordained Ministry*, Publisher : Abingdon Press – 2016: ISBN: 978-1501804908.
- Barton, R.H., *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership: Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Books – 2018: ISBN: 978-0830846450.

### Recommended Texts – for further understanding

- Cahalan, Kathleen A., *Introducing the Practice of Ministry*: Liturgical Press; 58269th edition - 2010: ISBN: 978-0814631690.
- Palmer, Parker, *Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation*. Jossey-Bass Publishing: 1<sup>st</sup> edition- 1999: ISBN: 978-0787947354.

### Library Resources - COS Students have full access to the Saint Paul Library:

[https://moodle.spst.edu/pluginfile.php/157695/mod\\_resource/content/2/Saint%20Paul%20Library%20Overview.pdf](https://moodle.spst.edu/pluginfile.php/157695/mod_resource/content/2/Saint%20Paul%20Library%20Overview.pdf)  
<https://moodle.spst.edu/course/view.php?id=601>

### The United Methodist Hymnal

- <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/the-united-methodist-hymnal/id1047720885>
- <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.hymnary.UMH&hl=en&gl=US&pli=1>
- <https://hymnary.org/hymnal/UMH>

### Book of Discipline and Resolutions of the UMC

- <https://www.cokesbury.com/book-of-discipline-book-of-resolutions-free-versions>

### UM Book of Worship

- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/book-of-worship>