

RYM CHURCH INTERNSHIP

Three-Year Master of Arts Track* RYM & Covenant Theological Seminary**

Reading/Course Plan

I. Intern-Applicant Reading

A. To be completed prior to beginning internship

1. Engaging the Soul of the Youth Culture by Walt Mueller
2. Discipline of Grace, by Jerry Bridges
3. What Is Reformed Theology?, by R.C. Sproul
4. The Christian Life, by Sinclair Ferguson
5. The Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms with Proof Texts (Hardcover)
6. A Faith to Live by, by Donald Macleod
7. A Call to Prayer – JC Ryle

II. Year One

A. Year One Bible Reading Plan (to be completed by May 30, 2009)

Every Day in the Word (ESV) – <http://www.gnpcb.org/esv/devotions/every.day.in.the.word/>

This plan features a reading from the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs each day. In one year, you read the Old Testament, New Testament, and Proverbs once, and the Psalms twice.

B. Year One Reading/Course Plan

1. To be completed by August 30, 2008

- a. Instruments in the Redeemer's Hand, by Paul David Tripp
- b. Hurt: Inside the World of Today's Teenagers – by Chap Clark
- c. Knowing Scripture, by RC Sproul
- d. Putting Amazing Back into Grace, by Michael S. Horton
- e. Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God, by JI Packer
- f. Chosen by God, by RC Sproul
- g. The Valley of Vision, by Arthur Bennet (Devotional)

2. To be completed by December 30, 2008 via distance education

- a. **CH310 Ancient and Medieval Church History** – Christianity from the Early Church to the dawn of the Reformation, with source material readings. Emphasis on the uses and applications of church history to life and ministry – 3 hours
- b. **CC310 Apologetics and Outreach** – An analysis of the philosophical, religious, and scientific beliefs and ideas (deism, humanism, existentialism, Marxism, mysticism, and Christianity) which have shaped different cultures and which are now reshaping our multicultural and pluralistic society. Differences in attitudes to the value and purpose of life, sexual identity and roles, racial and cultural differences, God, good, and evil, superstition, etc. are discussed – 3 hours

3. **To be completed by January 30, 2009 on site for one week in January term**
 - a. **CO310 Introduction to Counseling** - Survey of the main emotional and behavioral problems encountered in counseling. Theoretical frameworks for counseling. Principles of care and counseling, with strong emphasis on basic counseling skills and the ability to relate to others. Concentration on areas such as assertiveness and anger, guilt, forgiveness, perfectionism, depression, sexual orientation, pastoral care, etc. Lecture, role play, video, and discussion – 3 hours
 - b. 7 Habits of Highly Effective People – by Stephen Covey
 - c. Sanctification of the Heart – by John Cox (Tape Series)
4. **To be completed by May 30, 2009 via distance education**
 - a. **CH320 Reformation and Modern Church History—Taught by Lucas** – Christianity from the Reformation to the present, with source material readings; Emphasis on the uses and applications of church history to life and ministry – 3 hours
 - b. **NT220 Life and Teachings of Jesus**—A study of the life and teachings of Jesus, focusing on the work He accomplished in salvation. Examines the historical setting of His ministry and the special emphasis of each Gospel – 3 hours (additional work will be required to upgrade this to an MDIV level course after the intern has completed Greek)

III. Year Two

A. Year Two Bible Reading Plan (to be completed by May 30, 2010)

Daily Chronological Bible Reading Plan (ESV) - <http://www.bibleplan.org/c2/esv/>

Read the events of the Bible as they occurred chronologically. For example, the Book of Job is integrated with Genesis because Job lived before Abraham. This reading plan is a copyright of Back to the Bible.

B. Year Two Reading/Course Plan

1. **To be completed by August 30, 2009**
 - a. The Contemplative Pastor – Eugene Peterson
 - b. Family Based Youth Ministry – by Mark Devries
 - c. The Enemy Within: Straight Talk About the Power and Defeat of Sin – by Kris Lundgaard
 - d. Desiring God – by John Piper
 - e. Leading Bible Discussions – Nyquist & Kuhatschek (IVP)
 - f. Summary of Christian Doctrine – Louis Berkhoff
 - g. Westminster Shorter Catechism in Modern English – Douglas Kelly
 - h. Westminster Shorter Catechism Study Guide – GI Williamson
2. **To be completed by December 30, 2009 via distance education**
 - a. **PT330 Christian Worship** - Public worship and the administration of the Sacraments. The pastor's personal responsibilities in community and denomination – 2 hours
 - b. **ST586 Christian Ethics** - An audiotape course (lectures by James M. Grier) taken by independent study under a supervising professor – 3 hours
3. **To be completed by January 30, 2010 on site for one week in January term**

- a. **PT310 Spiritual and Ministry Formation** - Seminar instruction designed to help students understand, develop, and assess personal ministerial gifts, skills, and character. Focus on identifying strengths, weaknesses, and means of growth in the areas of being a disciple, servant/leader, and proclaimer of the Gospel of grace. Couples are encouraged to attend together – 2 hours
 - b. The Safest Place on Earth by Larry Crabb
4. **To be completed by May 30, 2010 via distance education**
- a. **WM310 God's World Mission** - Biblical, theological, and historical consideration of God's redemption of His world, including integration with other coursework and unavoidable personal involvement – 2 hours
 - b. **NT319 New Testament History** – Intertestamental period and the New Testament's Greek, Roman, and Jewish backgrounds. Survey of Christ's life. Study of Acts and reading of New Testament epistles in their historical settings – 3 hours

IV. Year Three

A. To be completed by August 30, 2010

1. Mere Christianity – by CS Lewis
2. The Enduring Community (2nd Edition) – Brian Habig & Les Newsome
3. Disconnected: Parenting Teens in a MySpace World – by Chap Clark
4. Tell the Truth – by Will Metzger
5. Relationships: A Mess Worth Making – Ted Tripp & Tim Lane
6. The Pilgrim's Progress in Modern English, Updated Edition by John Bunyan, Edited by Edward Hazelbaker
7. Back to Basics – by David Hagopian

B. To be completed by December 30, 2010 in residence at Covenant Seminary

1. **CE501 Educational Foundations**—An overview of the educational and training ministries of the local church, including biblical, theological and psychological foundations, the aims, methods, curriculum, organization, leadership, and evaluation of the teaching/learning process for various settings and age groups – 3 hours
2. **CE503 Educational Leadership/Administration in the Church**—No course description available – 3 hours
3. **ST200 God and His Word**—A Study of the doctrine of Scripture, including inspiration, inerrancy, and the principles of biblical interpretation, as well as the person, works, and attributes of God and His relation to the created order – 3 hours
3. **CE502 Teaching and Learning** - Outside pulpit ministry, how does/should the church communicate Gospel teaching to its members? This course investigates the role of both the teacher and the learner (of any age) and the variety of effective methods teachers can employ in the learning process in congregational life – 3 hours
4. **ST300 Covenant Theology I** – Biblical-theological study of God's self-revelation in the history of redemption, culminating in Christ and the Scriptures; Emphasis on the thematic unity of kingdom, covenant, and mediator; the inspiration and perfection of Holy Scripture; basic principles of biblical interpretation. Prerequisite: NT301 in progress – 3 hours

C. To be completed by January 30, 2011 in residence at Covenant Seminary

1. **CO320 Marriage and Family Counseling** - Designed to equip pastors for marriage and family counseling in the local church, this course surveys biblical, conceptual, and practical issues involved. Importance of a healthy marriage relationship is stressed. Prerequisite: CO310 – 2 hours
2. Boundaries in Dating by Henry Cloud

D. To be completed by May 30, 2011 in residence at Covenant Seminary

1. **ST220 Humanity, Christ, and Redemption** - A study of the creation and nature of mankind, sin, the person and work of Christ, and the application of salvation – 3 hours
2. **ST240 The Spirit, Church, and Last Things** – A study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit, the nature and purpose of the church, the means of grace, the return of Christ, and the eternal state. – 3 hours
3. **NT230 Life and Letters of Paul** – Study of Paul's theology and major epistles, with emphasis on application to modern life – 3 hours
4. **Capstone Orientation**—No course description available – 1 hour
5. **Capstone Project** – offers students a unique opportunity to synthesize Biblical teaching with ministry application under qualified supervision. This project encourages students to wed the training they have received with spiritual application of that training, both for the individual and the ministry in which that individual serves – 3 hours

*Note: RYM is also pursuing a partnering relationship with other Reformed Seminaries; as these relationships are formalized RYM will add additional reading/course lists to the RYM Church Intern Manual as course offerings will be slightly different according to seminary.

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