



Reformed Episcopal Seminary

Certificate: Anglican Theology - 18 Credits



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Course Descriptions:

- + **AN 503 Liturgics (3 credits):** This course offers an introduction to the nature and elements of biblical worship; worship in the history of Israel and of the church; the development of liturgy and the value of liturgical forms; and the origins, development, and public use of The Book of Common Prayer. Students pursue independent research in conjunction with class lecture presentation.
- + **AN 603 Book of Common Prayer (3 credits):** In this course the student is acquainted with the origins and development of the traditional Book of Common Prayer of the Anglican tradition. The different services of the Book of Common Prayer are discussed in terms of both theology and history. Topics include the daily offices, the litany, the lectionary and propers, the psalter, language, Holy Communion, the Dominical Sacraments, the Ordinal, and the Pastoral offices.
- + **AN 615 Anglican Spirituality (3 credits):** Focuses on the contribution of Anglicanism and Anglicans to the theology and practice of the wider church. It consists of an overview of the history, standards, and practice of Anglicanism which have shaped the orthodox Anglican Church. The axis of this course is an in-depth study of Anglican thinkers, writers, theologians who have shaped the course of Anglicanism and the wider church. Students will be encouraged to look at how their religious practice, spirituality, and thought and that of their churches has been affected by Anglicanism. (Clearly it must since they are attending an Anglican seminary!) Scholars to be studied include Hugh Latimer, Thomas Cranmer, William Tyndale, Nicholas Ridley, Richard Hooker, Lancelot Andrews, John Donne, George Herbert, John Wesley, John Keble, and C.S. Lewis, among others.
- + **AN 703 Thirty-Nine Articles (3 credits):** This course gives the student an intensive overview of one of the primary theological platforms of the Protestant Reformation. It permits a review of the theology courses previously taken through the lens of the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, considered historically and dogmatically. As the formal confessional document of the Church of England and the Reformed Episcopal Church, the Articles are of special importance to those preparing for ministry in the Reformed Episcopal Church; but the study of them will provide valuable theological reflection for students of all Protestant confessional churches.
- + **AN 714 Anglican History and Polity (3 credits):** This covers the history of the Reformed Episcopal Church (REC) from the beginning in 1873 to the present day, including its part as a founding partner in the Anglican Church in North America. Students look at the REC in terms of its immediate historical context, as well as the contexts of the English Reformation, the foundation of the Episcopal Church in 18th century America, and the founding of the Anglican Church in North America in 2009. The



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application of the constitution and canons of the Reformed Episcopal Church to the context of contemporary pastoral ministry is studied.

- + **DT 602 Church & Sacraments (3 credits):** The nature and calling of the church; the invisible and visible church; the holy catholic church; the sacraments of the church: covenant baptism and the Lord's Supper; trans- and consubstantiation; the *communicatio idiomatum*; memorialism; sacramental views of Calvin and Cranmer; pedo-communion; church discipline and polity.

