

4. Practical Theology

1. Course Overview

- 1) Practical Theology is the discipline that explores how theological knowledge can be applied to real-life ministry, worship, counseling, education, mission, and social engagement.
- 2) This course focuses on the practical expression of faith, linking biblical foundations with the ministry of the church and the lived faith of individuals and communities.

2. Course Objectives

- 1) To understand how biblical theology can be applied to real-life pastoral and ministerial contexts.
- 2) To train students in applying theological insights to preaching, worship, education, counseling, healing, and missions.
- 3) To reflect theologically on contemporary social issues and the role of the Church.
- 4) To pursue the integration of personal and communal spiritual maturity with practical ministry.

3. Main Topics

1) Introduction and History of Practical Theology

- (1) Definition of Practical Theology
- (2) Historical development and academic trends
- (3) Homiletics and Proclamation of the Word
- (4) The essence of biblical preaching
- (5) Sermon preparation and application

2) Worship Studies

- (1) The theological meaning of corporate worship
- (2) Balancing traditional and contemporary worship

3) Christian Education

- (1) Principles of faith formation
- (2) Age-specific education and discipleship training

4) Pastoral Counseling

- (1) Foundations of biblical counseling
- (2) Practical approaches to healing and restoration

5) Church Administration and Leadership

- (1) Church structure and management
- (2) Spiritual leadership and serving the community

6) Missions and Evangelism

- (1) Practical application and expansion of the Gospel
- (2) Strategies for local and global missions

7) Social Engagement and Public Theology

- (1) Issues of justice, peace, ecology, and poverty
- (2) Harmonizing faith with social responsibility

8) Spiritual Formation in Practical Theology

- (1) Developing personal spirituality
- (2) Spiritual disciplines and sanctification

9) Field Practice and Case Studies

- (1) Analysis of real-life ministry cases
- (2) Theological reflection and solutions

4. Evaluation Criteria

- 1) Attendance and Participation: 20%
- 2) Assignments and Reports: 30%
- 3) Midterm Exam: 20%
- 4) Final Exam and Presentation: 30%

5. Textbooks and References

- 1) Richard Osmer, Practical Theology: An Introduction
- 2) Hae-Ryong Yoo, Introduction to Pastoral Theology(Korean)
- 3) Walter Brueggemann, The Practice of Prophetic Imagination
- 4) Ray Anderson, The Shape of Practical Theology