

**Practical Theology Department**  
"Shaping Servant-Leaders"

— Course Synopsis —

<p><b>COURSE NUMBER and TITLE:</b> PTH 622 OLC 02 Communicating the Christian Faith in a Pluralistic Society <b>CREDIT HOURS:</b> 3 Credit Hours <b>SEMESTER:</b> Summer 2022 <b>COURSE DAY/TIME:</b> Online</p>	<p><b>INSTRUCTOR:</b> Randy Jumper, D.Min. <b>PHONE:</b> (501) 952-8503 <b>EMAIL:</b> <a href="mailto:rjumper@firstnlr.com">rjumper@firstnlr.com</a></p>
<p><b>REQUIRED TEXTS:</b> Carroll, Jill. World Religions: A Beginners Guide: Questions and Answers for Humanity's 7 oldest and Largest Faiths. Emeryville, CA: Rockridge Press, 2021, 194 page. (ISBN-13: 978-1648769146) Keller, Tim. Uncommon Ground: Living Faithfully in a World of Difference. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2020, 240 pages. (ISBN-13: 978-1400221455) Kinnaman, Dan and Gabe Lyons. Good Faith: Being a Christian When Society Thanks You're Irrelevant and Extreme. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2016, 288 pages. (ISBN-13: 978-0801013171) Newbigin, Leslie. The Gospel in a Pluralistic Society. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1989, 252 pages. (ISBN-13: 978-0802804266)</p> <p><b>Recommended Texts:</b> Brown-Taylor, Barbara. Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others. San Francisco, CA: HarperOne, 2019, 256 pages. (ISBN-13:978-0062406576)</p>	

**Course Description**

This course develops a comprehensive understanding of the individual and societal relevance of the gospel in order to enhance its proclamation to the contemporary world. It also helps leaders to meaningfully engage contemporary religious and secular worldviews and to respond to major objections to Christianity.

Students will understand the effects of Secularism and Pluralism in Western culture and learn to develop strategies to preach the gospel inside of these parameters. Special emphasis will be placed on preaching and gospel presentation. The course will mix lectures, discussion board interactions, zoom calls, readings, and research papers. Students will be evaluated through graded online posts, responses to lectures and readings, quizzes, and papers. In addition to the professors teaching, guest lectures from experts in the field of Secularism, world religions, and pastoral ministry will be used.

**Course Prerequisites**

There are no prerequisites.