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SFTS, GTU expand evening, Saturday and online opportunities

SAN ANSELMO, Calif., May 28 – San Francisco Theological Seminary and the Graduate Theological Union will begin offering an expanded selection of evening and Saturday courses during the 2010 Fall term, opening the door to those whose schedules prevent them from taking classes during the day and others who may want to ease into a master's degree program.

"The idea is that students can complete a degree by going only at night," said Dr. Elizabeth Liebert, SFTS dean and vice president for academic affairs. "This is the first year we have assembled sufficient courses and covered all the main curricular areas that are required."

At SFTS, students will now be able to earn a Master of Arts in Theological Studies through evening and Saturday courses. A Master of Arts degree may be earned through the GTU.

During the 2010 Fall term, SFTS will offer "Bible Preaching" on Mondays from 7:10-9 p.m. The class will be taught by Rev. Dr. Jana Childers, Dr. Robert Coote and Dr. Laird J. Stuart, the SFTS interim president. Bible Preaching allows students to focus on weekly sermon preparation and performance. "Presbyterian Polity" will be offered by SFTS on Tuesdays from 7-10 p.m.

Providing maximum flexibility for students, Dr. Christopher Ocker is scheduled to offer "History 1: Christianity from Jewish Sect to Colonial Religion" online during the 2010 Fall term. This class is ideal for students fitting part-time study into their schedules. In addition to weekly asynchronous assignments, there will be four live web-based, evening conferences during the semester.

In the 2011 Spring term, SFTS is scheduled to offer "Ecumenical Creeds and Reformed Confessions" on Thursdays from 7-10 p.m. by Ocker.

GTU schools will combine to offer 45 evening and Saturday courses in the 2010 Fall term. Other courses include Women in Religious Leadership offered by Franciscan School of Theology and African-American Spirituality offered by American Baptist Seminary of the West.

SFTS is a founding member of the Graduate Theological Union, a distinguished consortium of nine seminaries, several interfaith institutes, a shared theological library that is among the best in the world, and one of the largest theological PhD programs in the country. SFTS students enjoy the privilege of cross-registration with all GTU schools and the University of California at Berkeley.

For further information on all evening and Saturday courses offer by GTU member schools go to <http://www.gtu.edu/academics/even-wknd>.

SFTS has been offering a comprehensive evening and Saturday course schedule at its Southern California campus in Pasadena since 1990. The commuter campus is specifically geared toward working adults, especially those already in ministry and those serving immigrant congregations.

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San Francisco Theological Seminary, a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) graduate school, has prepared leaders for the church since 1871. One of the founding members of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, it offers theological degrees, including Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry, at its campuses in San Anselmo and Pasadena. For more information please call SFTS at 1-800-447-8820 in San Anselmo or 1-800-473-8772 in Pasadena. Also find information online at www.sfts.edu.