Course Objective
Class participants will explore the development of and become very conversant with the fundamental doctrines of the United Methodist Church.

Required Textbooks
- Wesleyan Studies Project DVDs – Doctrine is the only required set of disks. The order form to purchase the DVDs is included at the end of the precourse work – you will need to follow the directions and complete the form to receive your DVDs.

Recommended Textbooks

Precourse Requirements
1. Read Willimon’s *United Methodist’s Beliefs*, Yrigoyen’s *Belief Matters*, and The *United Methodist Book of Discipline Part II*. Bring written summarizes of each text
which show that you have fully read the material of and be prepared to fully engage in class room discussion of the major issued raised in each text.

2. Read Jones’ *United Methodist Doctrine* and Lawson’s *A Thousand Tongues*. Once again bring written summarizes of each text indicating you have fully read the material and be prepared to fully engage in class room discussion of these major Methodist doctrines. Utilizing Lawson and Outler’s and Heitzenrater’s *John Wesley’s Sermons*, we will explore during class how sermons and hymnody present for the church our basic beliefs.

3. Please watch the entire Doctrine DVD prior to the start of class. You may want to make notes about the presentations – especially things that cause questions for you or that you would find interesting to discuss during our class time together.

4. There will be a take final exam covering all the reading material and class room discussion.

### Course Grading

Final grades will be determined by the following format.

Precourse work – 20%, classroom discussion – 40%, and final exam – 40%

Any student who is absent for 20% or more of class time cannot receive a grade for this course.

### Guidelines for Written Assignments

- All papers should be typed, double-spaced, on 8½” by 11” paper, unless the instructor has asked for a different format specifically within the precourse work. Font should be Times New Roman or something similar and no larger than size 12. Margins are to be 1” on all four sides of each page.
- All papers must include a page number and the last name of the student in either the header or footer of every page.
- You should note the question you are answering at the beginning of each new section of materials.
- All papers should provide citations for all quoted material. You may use MLA, Turabain, APA or Chicago Style.
- Punctuation should be consistent; clarity of meaning is the primary purpose of punctuation. Edit and retype material as needed and check spelling in a standard dictionary.
- All papers should attempt to eliminate discriminatory language—for example: racism, ageism, sexism, classism, and prejudicial usage concerning handicapping conditions.

### Inclusive Language Covenant

The faculty of Emory Course of Study School has adopted a covenant statement encouraging inclusiveness in the use of language, as follows:

The Inclusive Language Covenant is designed to create a linguistic environment in which all students, staff, and faculty can grow in understanding and appreciating the rich diversity of God’s people. The COS faculty commits itself—through continued discussion, reflection, and exploration—to using language in such a way that we respond to the fullness of God’s presence among us as much by our choice of words as by our care for one another. Recognizing that our experience with inclusive language is an integral part of theological formation, we invite students and others to share as partners with us in this learning process.
We understand “covenant” more in terms of its biblical and theological meaning than in a legal or contractual context. Covenant signifies the common commitment of a community of faith in response to God’s revelation and in partnership with one another. The values implied in the covenant have morally persuaded us to try to generate patterns of speech and behavior that bond the members of the community in mutual respect. We expect all members of the community to address issues of diversity constructively. The entire Inclusive Language Covenant can be found on the COS website, and you are encouraged to read the whole covenant.

**Directions to Email Precourse Assignments**

Please read all the directions below before emailing your assignments to the COS Office, any emails received that do not follow the directions below will not be accepted. You will receive an email confirmation of receipt and if your email is not submitted correctly an email indicating you will need to resend your assignments.

1. Email only michelle.levan@emory.edu, do not email instructors precourse assignments.
2. Email must be received no later than 11:59pm on the deadline of June 20th.
   1. Please note that the cut off time is EASTERN STANDARD TIME zone, so email your assignments accordingly.
   2. You will be drop from any course for which precourse work has not been received after June 20th deadline. No precourse work will be accepted at check-in.
3. The course number and the phrase “precourse work” should be the subject of your email: Example - Precourse Work 113
   1. You will need to send a separate email for each course you are registered to attend.
4. Precourse work must be sent as an attached document and not in the body of the email.
   1. Any version of Microsoft Word will be accepted; PDF and Mac-Pages documents will not be accepted.
   2. All assignments for each course must be in one document, multiple documents are not acceptable. You should send only one attachment with all course assignments.
5. Your FULL name, phone number and email, should all be clearly included at the beginning of your email. **See Example**
6. Plagiarism Policy and Plagiarism Defined
   The plagiarism Policy and Defined paragraphs below must be included in the body of your email (both are below), not within your precourse work. The inclusion of the policy and definition in the body of the email, verifies that you agree to it and your email will represent your signature (which is a requirement). If the email does not include the plagiarism policy and definition it will not be accepted. Your email, with the plagiarism policy and definition will be printed and used as the cover sheet for your precourse assignments, because it has the verification of date and time received, and your agreement to the plagiarism policy and definition. **Plagiarism Policy** - I have read the plagiarism definition below and verify that this assignment represents my own work, except where credit is given. **Plagiarism Defined**: “You plagiarize when, intentionally or not, you use someone else’s words or ideas but fail to credit that person, leading your readers to think that those words are yours. In all fields, you plagiarize when you use a source’s words or ideas without citing that source. In most fields, you plagiarize even when you do credit the source but use its exact words without using quotation marks or block indentation” (201-202). Booth, Wayne C. Booth, Gregory G. Colomb, and Joseph M. Williams. *The Craft of Research, Second Edition*. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 2003.
7. If you do not follow the procedure your precourse work WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!
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**Shipping method (Choose one):**

- $10 FedEx Ground
- $15 FedEx 2 Day
- Free: Pick-up at Wesley Theological Seminary (Please call 202-885-8688 to arrange a pick up time)

**DVD Subtotal:**

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Send order form (and check, if applicable) to:
Summer School Office
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Washington, D.C. 20016
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