

**January 2-13, 2023**

**WINTER INTENSIVE SCHEDULE**

**Consult the Degree Program Modules for Requirements and the Course Catalog for Prerequisites**  
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**January 2-15, 2023**

Course #	Title	Cr.	Professor
TH605	<b>PILGRIMAGE TO OMAN: AN EXPERIENCE OF INTERFAITH DIALOGUES<sup>+</sup></b>	3	James Jinhong Kim <a href="mailto:jkim@nbts.edu">jkim@nbts.edu</a> To register for the course please email the registrar at <a href="mailto:jcarrillo@nbts.edu">jcarrillo@nbts.edu</a>

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course will consist of 4 (or more) class sessions in a HYBRID of online/in-class formats (OR fully online format), together with a 9-day tour to Al Amana Center in Muscat, Oman from January 7 thru January 15.

Christianity today is increasingly challenged by the need to understand what it means to be Christians in a global community, engaging with non-Christians as well as Christians of different beliefs, cultures, and needs. This class seeks to gain a better understanding of Islam as a religion, culture, and practice, as well as gain firsthand insight into its long history of cooperation and conflict with Christianity, through a guided immersion experience led by the Al Amana Christian mission in Muscat, Oman.

The course will consist of three parts: 1) two (or more?) class sessions before the trip to study fundamentals of Islam from historical, religious, and political perspectives; 2) the 9-day pilgrimage itself; and 3) the post-trip class session to put the experience in perspective, together with submission of a written paper.

This year, Al Amana Center's generous offer to subsidize a substantial part of the costs of stay in Oman means NBTS students can have an all-inclusive 9 days there for \$2,000 plus airfare per person (their normal charge is \$2600/pp). Of this cost, the Seminary, through a gracious donation from the Thoms family, will assist participating registered NBTS students with \$1,000 scholarship per person, and an additional \$300 scholarship to those who take the course/trip for credit. Space is limited to 10 participants, with October 15 as application/registration deadline. Students will be given priority in this once in a lifetime opportunity, with faculty, staff, and alumni invited as space permits.

Oman is considered one of the most stable of all Middle Eastern countries practicing a very irenic form of Islam that encourages dialogue and understanding. The 9-day experience will include dialogue with Muslim students, an introduction to Islamic theological studies, as well travel in and around Muscat. For additional information please contact NBTS recent graduate Kimberly Trinidad, who took part in the program in January of 2017 and 2020. Kimberly's e-mail address is [kt Trinidad@students.nbts.edu](mailto:kt Trinidad@students.nbts.edu). The late Rev. Franco Juricic, who also traveled with a small group of NBTS students in January of 2014 has called the experience "life changing!" For an article about Franco's time in Oman see [www.nbts.edu/nbts-students-travel-to -Oman](http://www.nbts.edu/nbts-students-travel-to-Oman).

**Key:**

- <sup>1</sup> Master of Divinity Required Course
- <sup>2</sup> Master of Arts in Pastoral Care and Counseling Required Course
- <sup>3</sup> Master of Arts Theological Studies Required Course
- <sup>+</sup> Electives; elective Course #s that begin with PC are PCC electives
- <sup>B+</sup> Biblical Department Electives