



The Presbytery of
DONEGAL

Commission on Preparation for Ministry Seminary Coursework Policies

Policy on the Requirements for Courses in Biblical Languages

Inquirers/ Candidates under the care of Donegal Presbytery are required to show on their seminary transcript a passing grade in a course in basic Greek, which must be at least three credits and a course in basic Hebrew, which must also be at least three credits. Exegetical courses in Old and New Testament using Greek and Hebrew are also required. The exegetical classes may be separate courses or may be combined with the basic language courses for a total of at least six credits in each Old Testament/Hebrew and New Testament/Greek.

Policy on Graded or Pass/Fail Courses

Inquirers/Candidates under the care of Donegal Presbytery may take seminary courses for either a letter grade or a pass/fail grade. If a course is taken for a pass/fail grade, certification from the seminary that the passing grade is equivalent to at least a letter grade of “C” is required. In general, students are encouraged to take courses for a letter grades to focus upon academic excellence, and to provide the CPM with any written evaluations that accompany a pass/fail grade. CPM recognizes that at times the pass/fail option may be the better option for a student.

Policy on Auditing Required Seminary Courses

Inquirers/Candidates under the care of Donegal Presbytery are required to show a passing grade on their seminary transcript for all classes required by CPM. But CPM also recognizes that some students attending seminary may need to pay additional tuition to take these courses from their institution or from another seminary. CPM will consider an arrangement to audit a required course, as long as there is a written letter from the professor guaranteeing that the professor will provide an evaluation certifying that all required work was submitted, and specifying what the grade in the course would have been if taken for credit. This option will only be approved by CPM on a case-by-case basis. The request must be submitted in time for CPM to review at a scheduled meeting. Inquirers/Candidates must bear in mind that an audited course may preclude the extension of a call from another presbytery that does not permit audited courses.