



**WBUonline Campus
School of Religion & Philosophy**

UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning-focused and distinctively Christian environment for professional success and service to God and humankind.

STEPS TO ENROLLING

Students should set up practicum experience with Dr. Jay Givens prior to the term in which student will lead practicum. Dr. Givens contact information is below. Once set up, student will be assigned to a faculty member who will serve as a resource during the term student leads the small group. See Course Schedule for more complete description of process.

COURSE NUMBER & NAME:

RLED/RLGN 5162 VC01 Spiritual Development Mentoring Practicum

TERM & DATES:

Summer 2019 May 27-Aug 10, 2019

INSTRUCTOR:

Dr. J. M. Givens Jr., Professor of Religion

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Office phone: 806.291.1166 (assistant 806.291.1160)

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OFFICE HOURS, BUILDING & LOCATION:

Flores Bible Building office suite

Mon 2:00-5:00; Tues 9:00-11:00; 2:00-3:00; Wed 2:00-5:00; Thurs 9:00-11:00 CST/CDT (phone and instant messaging)

*Other times available by email and/or appointment; **Cell phone for emergencies***

COURSE MEETING TIME & LOCATION:

Asynchronous interaction with specific deadlines managed through [Blackboard](#)

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

Practicum to lead a weekly spiritual formation small group experience under the guidance of a faculty supervisor.

PREREQUISITE:

6 credits in RLG N/RLED 5111-RLGN/RLED 5116, 1 credit in RLG N/RLED 5161 and completion of more than half of the hours necessary for the M.Div. degree

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND RESOURCE MATERIAL:

1. Textbook

- A. None for RLG N/RLED 5162 course itself
- B. Will need text for whichever section for which you serve as small group leader (RLGN/RLED 5111-5116)

2. Internet Equipped Computer

- A. Must conform to [minimum recommended settings](#) identified by Virtual Campus
- B. Should use compatible browser and have [correct settings](#) as recommended by Blackboard
- C. Must utilize WBU [student email account](#) for official university communications

3. WBU Blackboard Course Management Software

- A. [Blackboard website](#) URL
- B. Login username: WBU student id (9 digit number, usually 3-5 zeros at beginning)
- C. Login password: first three letters of first name + first three letters of last name (unless you have used Blackboard previously and have changed your password)
- D. Technical support: 24/7 via phone, chat, ticket requests; see links on Blackboard login page

OPTIONAL MATERIALS

Blackboard Mobile App

Bb Student by Blackboard—Apple App Store or Google Play

COURSE OUTCOMES AND COMPETENCIES:

Students will –

1. Demonstrate ability to lead a group of students through the practice of and reflection on one or more spiritual disciplines.
2. Learn to assess the participation and spiritual development of small group members, providing evaluation, instruction, and recommendations as appropriate.
3. Evaluate the impact of the MDiv spiritual development program in your personal and corporate spiritual life.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Attendance for online courses is defined fully in the [university catalog](#).
2. Students are expected to participate in all required instructional activities in their courses.
3. Student “attendance” in an online course is defined as active participation in the course as described in the course syllabus (completing weekly assignments).
4. Students aware of necessary absences must inform the professor with as much advance notice as possible in order to make appropriate arrangements.
5. Any student absent 25 percent or more of the online course, i.e., non-participatory during 3 or more weeks of an 11 week term, may receive an F for that course.
6. Any student who has not actively participated in an online class prior to the census date for any given term is considered a “no-show” and will be administratively withdrawn from the class without record. To be counted as actively participating, it is not sufficient to log in and view the course. The student must be submitting work as described in the course syllabus.

Appeals are limited to the final course grade, which may be upheld, raised, or lowered at any stage of the appeal process. Any recommendation to lower a course grade must be submitted through the Vice President of Academic Affairs/Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee for review and approval. The Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee may instruct that the course grade be upheld, raised, or lowered to a more proper evaluation.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Session	Assignment
Prior to registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure approval to lead a section from instructor • Instructor will assign supervising faculty member
Prior to start of course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with supervising faculty member (email; Skype; Lync; etc.) • Review training on teaching in Blackboard • Make any modifications to at least the first two weeks of the course (in consultation with supervising faculty member)
During term (weeks 1-11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead small group • Seek assistance from supervising faculty member as needed • Listen to recommendations from faculty member and adjust as necessary
Week 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit Spiritual Formation Plan to instructor
Week 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with supervising faculty member for a debriefing/evaluation

Instructor = instructor for RLGN/RLED 5162 (Dr. Givens)

Supervising faculty = faculty member assigned to supervise you in implementation of one of the courses RLGN/RLED 5111-16.