

COS 224 – ADMINISTRATION & POLITY

COURSE DESCRIPTION *(Goals & Objectives)*

This course forms the student's identity as pastoral leader and change agent in congregations, The United Methodist Church, and the world.

Students will be able to:

1. Articulate a biblical and theological understanding of polity.
 2. Understand and explain the polity of The United Methodist Church, including conferencing, oversight, and discipline.
 3. Articulate the nature of stewardship biblically and theologically.
 4. Identify techniques and develop skills as effective administrators of local churches, including financial management.
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TEXTBOOKS

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- Lacey Warner: **The Method of Our Mission**
- Lovett Weems: **Leadership in the Wesleyan Spirit**
- **2012 Book of Discipline**

SUPPLEMENTARY:

- None recommended

TEXTBOOK SELECTION FOR COURSE OF STUDY

Goal: Two basic texts (**required**) per class. Individual faculty may add another.

Reference books are **required** and are to help a student build their own library.

Assignments assure the use of the reference books; they are not classroom texts.

Supplemental texts are valuable, but **optional** texts if a student wants to pursue an area of ministry.