Course Proposal Worksheet

Teaching Colleague:
The Educational Life Committee has redesigned the form used for course proposals. You will find that form below. In addition, we have put together a series of questions and comments to assist you in the process of creating a course proposal. We thought that you would be interested in knowing the kind of questions that we ask when dealing with course proposals. If you have any questions about the form or the worksheet, please do not hesitate to contact the chairperson of the committee.

RETURN THIS FORM TO THE CHAIR OF THE EDUCATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE, AFTER WHICH YOU WILL BE CONTACTED WITH A TIME TO MEET WITH THE COMMITTEE FOR FINAL COURSE APPROVAL.

Thank you for your time and dedication.
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Course Overview:
Introduce the course material. Why should students take this course? How does this course fit into the larger M.Div., M.A.R. and/or D.Min. curricula? Where does the course lead intellectually, spiritually, and practically?

Prerequisites to the Course:
Describe the prerequisites for this course. How would students know whether they were ready to take this course? What knowledge, skills, or experience do you expect students to have as they enter this course?

General Learning Outcomes:
List three to five major outcomes you expect for students in this course. What will the student know or be able to do at the end of this course? Are there any particular skills or competencies that you expect to strengthen?

Description of Methodology:
Given the outcomes that you have outlined above, how will you facilitate those outcomes? What activities will the course include? Will the course involve fieldwork? Research projects? Lectures? Small group work? How do the assignments relate to the outcomes you have stated for the course? Identifying the methods you will be using will help to assess realistically how much time students will need to devote to this course.

Course Evaluation:
Given the assignments and methods you plan to include in this course, how will each of the components be evaluated? What will be the grading procedures? Listing each assignment and the specific weight given it for the final grade can be helpful in thinking through these questions.

Texts/Bibliography:
Consider how the readings for this course are connected to the desired outcomes for this course. What texts will be required? What will be suggested, but not required? Are these texts readily available?

Catalog Description (three sentences):
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Proposed Course Title:

Instructor’s Name:

Number of Credits:

**Grading** (choose one): □ Letter Grade □ Pass/Fail

Year and Term you propose to offer this course:

**Anticipated additional course costs** (choose all that apply):

□ Teaching Assistants (How many? ________)
□ Honoraria □ Travel/Mileage
□ Other (please explain)
Estimated amount: $

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