LTSS Explore Program
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary
Lenoir-Rhyne University

Interested in continuing your education with LTSS? Want to reconnect with faculty while also meeting some of our current students? Then join one of our upcoming **Explore** courses! We want to see you back in our classes!

Here's what you need to know:

- Hybrid format gives you a choice between in-person or livestreaming participation.
- Attend as many class meetings as you like (up to 14 meetings for most Explore courses).
- We can document your attendance for continuing education credit.
- Easy application process with $300 audit fee (see instructions on p. 2).
- Space is limited so apply now!

Choose from these Fall 2025 Explore courses:

MIN 681 Lutheran Polity – Dr. Justin Nickel
Develop skills in vision and mission development, finances and risk management, council and committee organization, staff and volunteer motivation, job descriptions and evaluations, record keeping and administration. Class meets Thursdays at 2:00-2:50 PM beginning August 28. Contact justin.nickel@lr.edu.

MIN 504 Spiritual Practices – Dr. Melanie Dobson
Holistic study of the Christian life. Practice spiritual disciplines in diverse small group settings. Prepare to lead and teach spiritual disciplines in ministry settings. Class meets Wednesdays at 2:00-2:50 PM beginning August 27. Contact melanie.dobson@lr.edu.

THL 681 Experiencing Monastic Spirituality, Liturgy, and Life – Dr. Melanie Dobson
In-person requirement. Students will learn the history, tradition, and practice of Christian monasticism. They will then participate in an embodied experience of monastic life through a silent retreat on Oct. 5 at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC. This course will incur costs for lodging and food during the retreat. Contact melanie.dobson@lr.edu.

Hope to see you back at LTSS soon!

Check back next spring for more Explore opportunities!

Instructions for Explore program registration

1. Go to our non-degree application
2. Create an account
3. Select the Enrichment (audit) program and Fall 2025 start
4. Describe your preferred courses as follows:

   Code: **MIN** Number: **681** Section: **01** Name: **Lutheran Polity** Campus: **Hickory**
   Code: **MIN** Number: **504** Section: **01** Name: **Spiritual Practices** Campus: **Hickory**
   Code: **THL** Number: **681** Section: **01** Name: **Monastic Spirituality** Campus: **Hickory**

5. Enter institution code **5365** Lenoir-Rhyne University

   ➔ Please do *not* select "LR-LTSS"
   ➔ We will upload your transcript for you, even if you graduated pre-merger.

6. Complete the remaining background info and verification statements
7. Add electronic signature and submit the application
8. Pay $50 deposit
9. Await further email instructions for creating school email account and accessing course materials!

Questions?
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