**VANGUARD PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL OF MINISTRY**

**Course: Westminster Standards 101/501**

**Master of Arts/Master of Divinity**

**COURSE INTRODUCTION**

The Westminster Standards course will have a man, who is preparing for the Gospel Ministry, read and study in full the Westminster Standards, which is a part of the Constitution of Vanguard Presbyterian Church. The Westminster Standards are made up of *The Westminster Confession of Faith, the Larger Catechism, and the Shorter Catechism*.

**TEXTBOOKS:**

*The Westminster Standards with Scripture Proofs*: westminsterstandards.org-Free

*The Westminster Confession of Faith: For Study Classes*: G.I. Willamson-Found on Amazon,

New $16.89, Kindle $8.99

*The Westminster Larger Catechism: A Commentary*: Johannes G. Vos-Found on Amazon,

New $31.54, Kindle $8.99 (BIB 501 Only)

*The Shorter Catechism Explained from Scripture*: Thomas Vincent -Free on mongerism.com

Search for Shorter Catechism-Free

**SYLLABUS**

Read the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Larger Catechism, and the Shorter Catechism

Prepare teaching outlines for the Westminster Confession of Faith.

Read *The Westminster Confession of Faith: For Study Classes*, G.I. Williamson (408 pages)

Read and answer all the questions throughout the book.

Read *The Westminster Larger Catechism: A Commentary*, Johannes G. Vos

Prepare teaching outlines for each chapter.

Read *The Shorter Catechism Explained from Scripture*, Thomas Vincent

Memorize the Shorter Catechism.

Listen to *The Westminster Standards-14 Part MP3 Lecture Series*, Sinclair Ferguson-Found on

mongergism.com.

<https://www.monergism.com/westminster-standards-14-part-mp3-lecture-series>

Take notes for each lecture.

Listen to *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*, Jim Cassidy-22 Lessons with quizzes

<https://reformedforum.org/courses/thewestminster-shorter-catechism/>

<https://reformedforum.org/courses/westminster-shorter-catechism-q-39-107/>

Take notes for each lesson and take all quizzes.

Two exams on *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*

Exam 1-Questions 1-40

Exam 2-Questions 41-107

The student will be presented questions from *The Westminster Shorter Catechism* and

will provide the answers.

Paper

The student will prepare a 15 page paper on one doctrine presented in the Westminster

Standards and will incorporate the teaching from *The Westminster Confession of Faith,*

*The Larger and Shorter Catechisms*. Use <https://www.scribbr.com/mla/formatting/>

Grades

Grades for this course will come from:

1. Completion of all outlines, questions answered and notes taken during the course.
2. Quizzes on *The Westminster Shorter Catechism.*
3. The two exams on *The Westminster Shorter Catechism.*
4. The final paper.
5. The four meetings that the student will have with his local mentor on the material he is learning and any difficulties the student may be having. This grade will be presented by the Mentor to TE Todd Smith once the fourth meeting is held.

Grades

10% Completion of all outlines, questions answered and noted taken.

10% Quizzes on Shorter Catechism.

30% Two exams on Shorter Catechism.

40% Final paper.

10% Meetings held with Mentor.