1. **Monday July 25, 2011** Overview of Course

- Overview of the Constitution of the PC(USA)
- Preparation for service within the polity system of the PC (USA)
- Preparation for Ordination Exams
- Preparation for Life under the New Form of Government
- Distribution and explanation of document comparing old FOG to new FOG.
- Identification of Underlying Theological Principles and Missional Goals in the Form of Government
- Identification of the Affirmation of the Rich Diversity of Presbyterian Worship in the Directory for Worship
- Importance of Part I of the Constitution (confessions)
- Method of Case Studies using Actual Ordination Exam Questions from Past Exams

Negotiation of extra time needed for course.

2. **Thursday, July 28, 2011**

- Introduction
- Preliminary Principles
- Historical and Theological Principles of Church Government
- Parliamentary Procedure

**Assigned reading** – *Book of Order*:  G-1; G-2; G-3; G-4; G-18

Grey & Tucker: Forward, Chapters 1, 2, 13

Chapman: Chapters 1, 2

Case study method: practice cases for class discussion

3. **Monday, August 1, 2011**

- The Church and Its Members
- The Particular Church
- The Church and Its Officers

**Assigned reading** – *Book of Order*:  G- 5; G-6; G-7

Gray and Tucker: Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6

Chapman: Chapter 3, 4

**Cases for Presentation by Teams**

4. **Thursday, August 4, 2011**

**Governing Bodies:**  Session, Presbytery, Synod, GA
Assignments

5. Monday, August 8, 2011
   Governing Bodies – continued
   The Session
   The Church and Its Property
   Ordination, Certification and Commissioning

   **Assigned reading** – *Book of Order: G-8; G-9; G-11; G-12; G-13*
   Gray and Tucker: Chapters 7, 8, 9

   **Cases for Presentation by Teams**

6. Thursday, August 11, 2011
   Governing Bodies: continued

   **Assigned reading** – G-15; G-16; G-17
   Gray and Tucker: Chapter 10, 11, 12

   **Cases for Presentation by Teams**

   **Mid-term Exam**
   This test will be consist of an objective test (true/false, short answer, and multiple choice), and at least one essay question. It will cover all topics covered in class to date, plus all reading assigned through week one of the course.

7. Monday, August 15, 2011
   Directory for Worship
   **Assigned Reading** – *Book of Order: W-1; W-2; W-3; W-4*
   Gray and Tucker: Chapter 14

   **Cases for Presentation by Teams**

8. Thursday, August 18, 2011
   Directory for Worship
Funeral and Memorial Services

**Assigned Reading** – *Book of Order*: W-5; W-6; W-7

Cases for Presentation by Teams

9. **Monday, August 22, 2011**
   Rules of Discipline

   **Assigned Reading**—Rules of Discipline D-1; D-2; D-3; D-4; D-5; D-6; D-7; D-8; D-13; D-14

Cases for Presentation by Teams

10. **Thursday, August 25, 2011**
    FINAL EXAM – essay exam in the form of ordination exams