



How Are Impact Groups Related to Course Requirements?

The Prairie curriculum has a sequence of four core Spiritual Formation courses. These courses are designed to provide a value-added curriculum in the following ways:

- *Spiritual formation*—Assist you in developing a Christian spiritual theology and participate intentionally in the spiritual formation process to provide a framework and pattern for life.
- *Body of Christ*—Assist you in developing a Christian ecclesiology as well as practise faithful commitment to the local church as a framework and pattern for life.
- *Ministry development*—Assist you in developing a Christian theology and practice of ministry.
- *Applied or practical theology*—Assist you in practising theology in the context of everyday life and ministry. A primary educational methodology used is learning through experiences (i.e. experiential education). You actively participate—these experiences are not make-believe or simply practising.

One of the required assignments in this series of courses is participation in a biblical small group community. This is in the context of the IMPACT Groups unless the director of student development gives permission for an approved alternative. You choose the level of responsibility you assume in a given year, the minimum being that of a group member.

Grading

Participation in your IMPACT Group counts for 20% of your Spiritual Formation class. This 20% is calculated by your:

- faithfulness in participation (assessed by your weekly self-report and verified by absences noted in weekly reports by IMPACT leaders—7.5%)
- contribution within the small group (assessed by an Appraisal of Member 7.5%)
- quality of reflection on the experience (assessed by a brief reflection you write each week—5%)

The appraisal forms used in assessing the contribution portion of this grading are available at <http://www.prairie.edu/spiritualformation/impact>.

