



**SAS 512: Unity in Contemporary Society**  
2 credit hours

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Required Texts	Rothberg, Donald <i>The Engaged Spiritual Life: A Buddhist approach to Transforming Ourselves and the World</i> . Boston: Beacon Press, 2006
Other Required Reading	Power Points and Handouts
Recommended Reading	McIntosh, Steve. <i>Integral Consciousness and the Future of Evolution</i> , New York: Paragon House, 2007 Wilber, Ken. <i>A Sociable God, Toward a New Understanding of Religion</i> , Boston: Shambhala, 2005

**Course Description**

This course challenges students to look at the role that Unity plays in today’s world. Major world views and their influence on how individual and spiritual organizations see and respond in the world are explored. Students will investigate how Unity teachings are evolving to respond to various contemporary issues and the impact this could have on our world.

**Learning Objectives**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Compare and contrast Unity spiritual principles with their understanding of an appropriate role for Unity into today’s world.
2. Identify whether there are specific social issues about which they are impassioned and formulate strategies to integrate this passion into their ministry.
3. Explore the evolving understanding the relationship between science and spirituality and how it will inform their ministry

The above learning objectives partially fulfill the following program outcomes for the Master of Divinity and the Diploma in Unity Ministry.: Foundational Knowledge: Demonstrate professional competency through the integration of knowledge and methodology in the areas of theology, leadership and administration.