

PREACHING AND PASTORAL MINISTRY

ABOUT THE MASTER OF DIVINITY DEGREE

The Master of Divinity degree prepares students for a variety of ministry opportunities such as church leadership, social ministry, chaplaincy, education, missions, and church music ministry. Students who sense a call to pastoral ministry, full-time vocational ministry, or who desire to prepare for an academic career in college or university teaching are especially encouraged to pursue the Master of Divinity.

The core curriculum is designed to prepare students pursuing full-time vocational or bi-vocational ministry with the basic biblical, theological, historical, and ministerial foundations needed for Christian ministry. Concentrations are offered to assist students with focusing on a particular area of ministry. A minimum of 18 hours in an area of concentration of the 90 required for the Master of Divinity are needed for an individual to meet the requirements to complete a concentration as part of the degree program. A minimum of 18 hours in a concentration must be included in the 90 hours required for the degree.

Faculty advisers are available to counsel with students regarding course selection. Throughout the curriculum, students are led to develop their spiritual lives and to engage in theological reflection and dialogue. Also, additional electives are available for students to study in the areas of their interests and gifts.

PREACHING AND PASTORAL MINISTRY CONCENTRATION

The Preaching and Pastoral Ministry concentration is designed for students who are experiencing a call to full-time pastoral leadership. The curriculum is arranged with practical application in mind and also provides a firm foundation for further education at the doctorate level.

Courses include an examination of the roles and responsibilities of the pastor, foundational principles of Christian leadership, preaching to meet the needs of the church, principles of preaching on specific topics including biblical characters and contemporary issues, and church renewal movements and leaders. Students may also take additional courses in music ministry, pastoral care, or counseling. Practica include a study tour of effective congregations or a field-based study of the programs and ministries within Christian institutions.

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— PREACHING AND PASTORAL MINISTRY CONCENTRATION —

Minimum of 18 hours beyond core requirements

FOUNDATIONAL STUDIES (3-6 HOURS)

The Practice of Preaching (3)

The Pastoral Ministry (3)

PROCLAIMING THE BIBLE (3-6 HOURS)

Any additional preaching course, biblical language course, preaching and teaching course, or Bible book course

CARING FOR THE CHURCH (3-6 HOURS)

Introduction to Christian Education (3)

Christian Education and Faith Development (3)

Designing Church Programs and Ministries (2)

The Ministry of Writing (3)

Family Systems in Congregational Ministry (3)

Worship course beyond the core, including Hymnody (2), Introduction to Ministry through Music (2), or other approved worship and/or music course

MINISTRY TO THE PEOPLE (3-6 HOURS)

Clinical Pastoral Education (4)

The Family (3)

Additional counseling course

Additional age group course

Additional missions/evangelism course

CHOOSE TO COMPLETE HOURS

Any additional courses listed in the sections above



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