

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

The degree requirements for the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) are as follows: 1. Completion of a Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0. 2. Completion of 36 credit hours of DMin coursework, including: a. 12 credit hours of required core courses. b. 12 credit hours of elective coursework. c. 12 credit hours of thesis research. 3. Completion of a thesis project. 4. Successful completion of a comprehensive examination. 5. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 for all DMin coursework.

**Thesis Requirements.**

The thesis project is a central component of the DMin degree. It must be a scholarly work that demonstrates a deep understanding of a theological or ministerial issue. The thesis should be approximately 100-120 pages in length, including a title page, table of contents, introduction, literature review, main body, and conclusion. It must be written in a clear, concise, and professional style. The thesis is to be defended in a public hearing before a committee of faculty members. The committee will evaluate the thesis based on its originality, depth of research, and clarity of argument. The final thesis must be submitted in both print and electronic formats.

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**Transfer Credits.**

Transfer credits from other accredited institutions may be accepted for DMin coursework. However, a minimum of 24 credit hours of DMin coursework must be completed at the university. Transfer credits must be approved by the faculty and the Registrar's Office.

**Time Limit.**

The DMin degree must be completed within a maximum of seven (7) years from the date of enrollment in the first DMin course. Students who do not complete the degree within this time frame may be required to re-enroll and complete the remaining coursework.

**DMin: Doctor of Ministry**

Director

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) degree is to provide advanced theological and ministerial training for individuals who are currently serving in ministry. The program is designed to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and resources necessary to address complex ministerial challenges and to contribute to the advancement of the Christian church. The DMin is a professional degree that focuses on practical application of theological principles in ministry. It is intended for individuals who have a strong background in theology and ministry and who are seeking to deepen their understanding and effectiveness in their current or future ministerial roles.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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## Courses

(Credits)

### THE DISSERTATION

**GSEM788** (0)  
*DMin Dissertation Continuation*

**GSEM790** (2)  
*DMin Dissertation Proposal Seminar*

**GSEM796** (2-6)  
*DMin Dissertation*

**GSEM789** (0)  
*DMin Program Continuation*

**CHMN/MSSN/RLED797** (1-8)  
*Independent Study*

### REQUIRED COURSE

**GSEM706** (8)  
*Spiritual and Theological Foundations for Ministry*

### AFRICAN AMERICAN MINISTRIES CONCENTRATION

**CHMN768** (8)  
*Evangelism and Church Growth in the African American Church*

**CHMN769** (8)  
*Strategic Planning for African American Community Development*

### EVANGELISM AND CHURCH GROWTH CONCENTRATION

**CHMN719** (8)  
*Perspectives on Mission and Church Growth Strategies*

**CHMN767** (8)  
*Formation of Evangelistic Strategy*

### FAMILY MINISTRY CONCENTRATION

**RLED755** (3)  
*Family Leadership and Change Strategies*

**RLED757** (2)  
*Contemporary Family Issues*

**RLED758** (2)  
*Family Dynamics*

**RLED759** (2)  
*Interpersonal Relationships and Human Sexuality*

**RLED776-001** (2)  
*Topics course Program Evaluation*

RLED776-02 Topics course (2)  
*Human Growth and Development: Life Span*

RLED776-03 Topics course (3)  
*Marriage & Family Counseling and Professional Ethics*

RLED779 (2)  
*Parenting*

### GLOBAL MISSION LEADERSHIP CONCENTRATION

MSSN731, 732 (4, 4)  
*Cultural and Religious Analysis—I, II*

MSSN741, 742 (4, 4)  
*Mission Strategy Development—I, II*

### LEADERSHIP CONCENTRATION

CHMN747 (8)  
*Leadership and Church Management*

CHMN765 (8)  
*Advanced Leadership Competencies*

### PREACHING CONCENTRATION

CHMN716 (8)  
*The Preacher, the Audience, and the Message*

CHMN748 (8)  
*Preaching the Literary Forms of the Bible*

### YOUTH MINISTRY CONCENTRATION

CHMN720 (8)  
*Current Issues in Youth Ministry*

CHMN765 (8)  
*Advanced Youth Ministry*

### OTHER MODULES

CHMN710 (8)  
*Worship and Music*

CHMN757 (8)

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***Advanced Practicum in Clinical Pastoral Education***

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