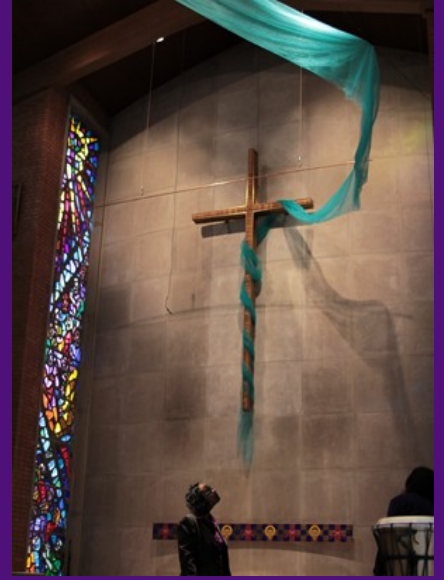


# WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



# *Catalog 2017-2018*



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# Important Dates 2017-19

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## August

- 1: Application deadline for Non-Degree students for Fall 2017
- 4: 2017 D.Min. May term grades due
- 21-22: International Student Orientation
- 23-24: Academic Planning for Entering Students (evening)
- 24: SPP Orientation (all day)
- 25: Orientation for Entering Students (all day)
- 26: PMM I General Orientation (8:30 AM-2:00PM)
- 28: **FALL MASTERS SEMESTER BEGINS.**  
PMM Summer Internship face-to-face colloquy

## September

- 1: Registration opens for D.Min. 2017-18 Winter term  
D.Min. Project proposal submission deadline (for students graduating in May)  
(End of first week of classes) Last day to add course online and without instructor
- 2: Labor Day Holiday – **NO CLASSES; SEMINARY OFFICES CLOSED**
- 4: (End of second week of classes) **LAST DAY OF MASTERS REGISTRATION PERIOD:**  
last day to add course with instructor signature; change course from credit to audit;  
to drop course without a “W”; to drop course with full refund
- 12: Window on Wesley: Exploration and Discernment for Prospective Students (9:00 AM-3:30 PM)
- 16: (End of third week of classes) Last day to withdraw from course with 75% refund
- 23: (End of fourth week of classes) Last day to withdraw from course with 50% refund
- 25: Welcome Table: Exploration and Discernment for Prospective Students (4:00 PM-6:30 PM)
- 30: (End of fifth week of classes) Last day to change from letter grade to P/F; withdraw from course with 25% refund

## October

- 9-14: Reading Week – **NO CLASSES**
- 9: College Day: Open house for undergraduate students
- 16: Registration opens for Masters J-Term/Spring 2018 semester. Limited enrollment period first two weeks of registration.  
**DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR 2018 GRADUATION**  
M.T.S. Paper proposal deadline  
D.Min. theological chapter due to reader (for those graduating in May 2018)
- 17: Window On Wesley: Exploration and Discernment for Prospective Students (5:00-9:30 PM)
- 26: Welcome Table: Exploration and Discernment for Prospective Students (4:00 PM-6:30 PM)
- 30: D.Min. Summer 2017 term grades due

## November

- 4: (End of 10<sup>th</sup> week of classes) Last day to withdraw from course without “F”
- 14: Window On Wesley: Exploration and Discernment for Prospective Students (9:00 AM-3:30 PM)
- 15: Theological chapters of D.Min. project papers due for graduating students
- 20-25: Fall Break – **NO CLASSES.** Happy Thanksgiving!
- 23-24: **SEMINARY OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING**

## December

- 1: Registration opens for Spring 2018 D.Min. term  
Application deadline for Master’s degree and Non-degree students entering Spring 2018 and for early admission Fall 2018
- 11-16: Last week of classes; exams
- 19: Registration closes for Masters 2018 J-Term
- 21-Jan. 1 **SEMINARY OFFICES CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS**

## January

- 1: Federal Holiday – **NO CLASSES**
- 2: Fall 2017 semester grades due
- 2-12: **J-TERM (MASTERS); JANUARY INTENSIVE (D.MIN.)**
- 15: MLK Jr. Day – **NO CLASSES; SEMINARY OFFICES CLOSED**  
First full draft of D.Min. projects due to reader
- 17: Academic Planning for Entering Students 9:00 AM;  
**SPRING SEMESTER MASTERS CLASSES BEGIN AT 1:00 PM**
- 19: Orientation for Entering Students in Spring 2018
- 24: Masters 2018 J-Term grades due

- 27: (End of the first full week of classes) Last day to add course online and without instructor signature

## February

- 1: Applications due for scholarship consideration for Fall 2018, including merit based aid, Student Pastors, & Fellows
- 3: (End of second full week of classes) **LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION PERIOD:** Last day to add course with instructor’s signature; change course from credit to audit; drop course without a “W”; drop course with full refund
- 6: Window On Wesley: Exploration and Discernment for Prospective Students (9:00 AM-3:30 PM)
- 10: (End of third full week of classes) Last day to withdraw from course with 75% refund
- 16: D.Min. reader edits due to graduating students
- 17: (End of fourth full week of classes) Last day to withdraw from course with 50% refund
- 19: Welcome Table: Exploration and Discernment for Prospective Students (4:00 PM-6:30 PM)
- 24: (End of fifth full week of classes) Last day to change from letter grade to P/F; withdraw from course with 25% refund.  
D.Min. Winter 2017-18 term intensive courses papers due.  
Application deadline for 2018 International (F-1) students

## March

- 1: Registration opens for D.Min. Summer 2018 term
- 1-31: Public presentation of D.Min. projects
- 2: D.Min. Fall 2017 term grades due
- 5-10: Reading Week – **NO CLASSES**
- 12: Registration opens for Masters Summer 2018 term
- 23: D.Min. Winter 2017-18 term intensive courses grades due
- 27: Window On Wesley: Exploration and Discernment for Prospective Students (5:00 PM-9:30 PM)
- 28: Easter Recess begins at 12:00 noon, **NO AFTERNOON OR EVENING CLASSES**
- 28-31: Easter Recess – **NO CLASSES**
- 30-31: **SEMINARY OFFICES CLOSED FOR EASTER**
- 31: (End of tenth full week of classes) Last day to withdraw from course without “F”

## April

- 2: Registration opens for Masters Fall 2017 semester. Limited enrollment period first two weeks of registration;  
M.T.S. Paper submission deadline;  
Final copies of D.Min. project papers due (uploaded onto Blackboard)
- 5: Welcome Table: Exploration and Discernment for Prospective Students (4:00 PM-6:30 PM)
- 21: Window on Wesley: Exploration and Discernment for Prospective Students (9:00 AM-1:00 PM)
- 29-May 4 Last week of classes; exams.

## May

- 1: Deadline for submitted Need-Based Financial Aid Requests
- 2: Spring 2018 semester grades for graduating students due
- 7: **COMMENCEMENT**
- 8-18: D.Min. Spring 2018 intensive term
- 16: Spring 2018 semester grades for continuing students due
- 21 - August 3: Masters Summer 2018 term

## June

- 1: Registration opens for D.Min. Fall 2018 term
- 9: PMM I General Orientation
- 13: Window On Wesley: Exploration and Discernment for Prospective Students (9:00 AM-3:30 PM)
- 18-29: D.Min. Global Asian intensive Term
- 29: D.Min. Spring 2018 term papers due

## July

- 1: Application deadline for Master’s students for Fall 2018
- 9-August 2: 2018 Intensive Course of Study School
- 21: PMM I General Orientation
- 27: D.Min. Spring 2018 term intensive courses grades due

# Important Dates 2018-19

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## August

- 1: Application deadline for Non-Degree students entering Fall 2018
- 21: SPP Orientation
- 25: PMM I General Orientation
- 27: Fall Masters semester classes begin

## September

- 1: Registration opens for D.Min. Winter 2018-19 term
- 3: Labor Day Holiday – **NO CLASSES**

## October

- 8-13: Reading Week – **NO CLASSES**
- 15: Registration opens for Masters J-Term/Spring 2019 semester

## November

- 19-24: Fall Break – **NO CLASSES**

## December

- 10-15: Last week of classes; exams

## January

- 7-18: January Term/D.Min. January Intensives

- 23: Masters Spring 2019 semester classes begin at 1:00 PM

## March

- 11-16: Reading Week – **NO CLASSES**
- 18: Registration opens for Summer 2019

## April

- 8: Registration opens for Masters Fall 2019 semester
- 17: Easter Recess begins 12:00 PM – **NO P.M. CLASSES**
- 17-20: Easter Recess – **NO CLASSES**

## May

- 6-11: Last week of classes; exams
- 13: Commencement
- 14-24: D.Min. Spring 2019 Intensives
- 20-August 2: Masters Summer 2019 Term

## June

- 17-28: D.Min. Global Asian intensive term

## July

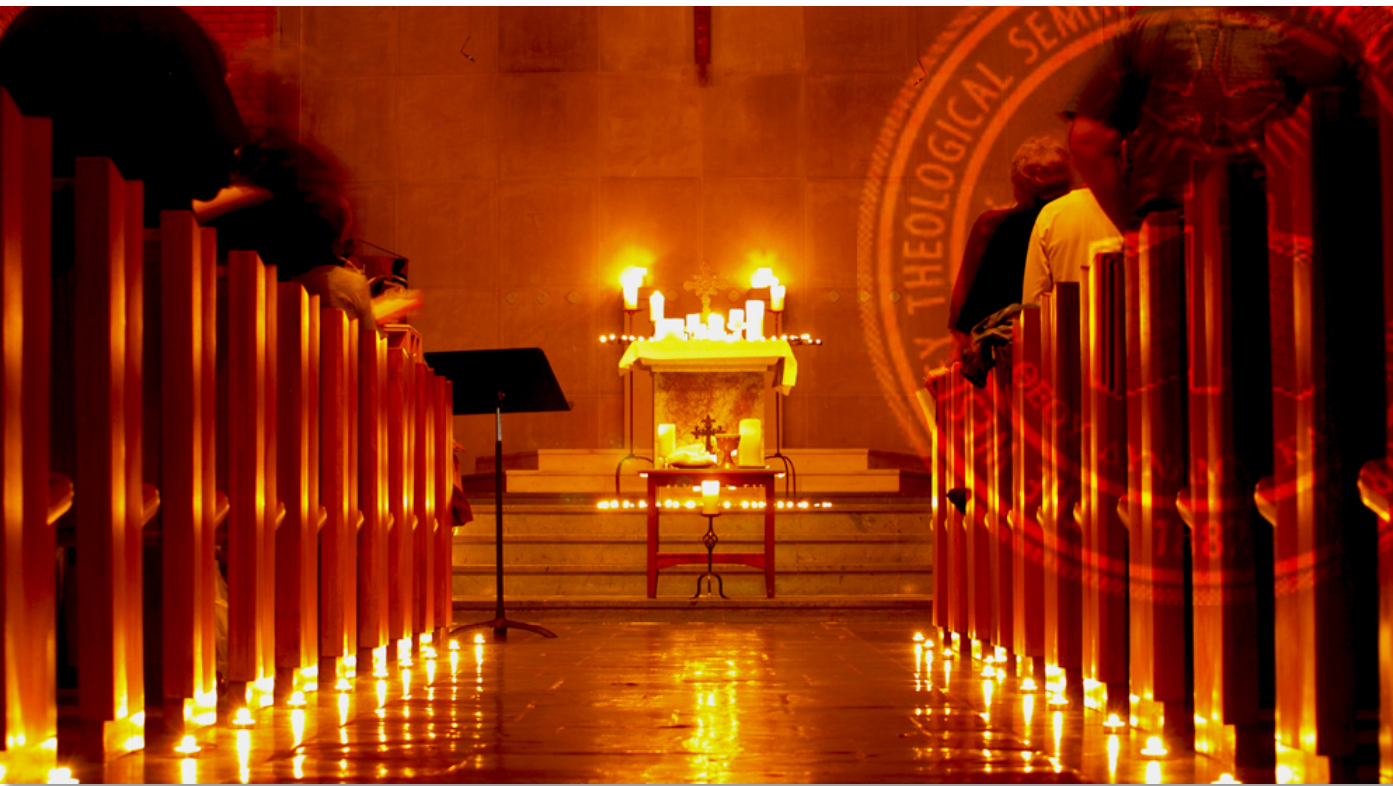
- 8-August 3: Course of Study School

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# Introduction

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## Welcome from the President

Here's a way I understand the goal of seminary education. It comes from Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., Justice of the Supreme Court in the early 20th century. He said: "I would not give a fig for the simplicity on this side of complexity. But I would give my life for the simplicity on the other side of complexity."

Here's my image of that journey: A river starts in the high mountains where it is new and confident; but then it flows into the lowlands, the delta region. Think of the Green Delta of the Ganges or the Mississippi Delta or where the Tigris meets the Euphrates. It's where the river breaks up and seems to be lost. It's where floods happen. But it is also where the fertile soil and abundant life can be found; it's where civilizations are born. And then beyond, the river returns to the sea, finding its true source.

Going to seminary is like arriving in an intellectual and spiritual delta region: you can feel like you are swamped and have lost your way. Yet we are here because we believe that somewhere in front of all our words is the source of the Word itself, where Alpha and Omega meet. There are some things I keep in mind myself on this journey.

The first is that talking about the Christian faith is like singing a love song about Jesus Christ. Don't let Jesus be only your first crush or your college romance. Use your time now in

seminary getting to know who this really is so that you can sing a love song that's really about him and about what he hopes for.

I also try to remember that I must be like the Apostle Paul. He had to say things about God to people who weren't his people. Like him, we don't get to preach only to the choir and the already convinced. Like Paul, I have to make a good case so that what I believe is believable.

And we should beware of hypocrisy. I hope we send you from this place prepared to say things about God in your own words. But I also hope we send you out to mean what you say and lead the church on a true course to be a blessing to the world. If I am at a loss for words, or find myself saying things that don't really matter, I think about the words Jesus used for his first sermon. He emerged from his own delta region in the wilderness of Judea. And he walked into his home synagogue and opened the scripture and said: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release





to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”

In the library and the classroom, you will experience the thoughts of generations of Christians who have struggled like you to be faithful. Rely upon the faculty and staff. They are righteous people. They are answering a call to ministry and they rejoice at your decision to answer yours. And know that the Board of Governors, the alumni and the friends of this Seminary pray for your success. Immerse yourself in the rich diversity of people you find here. It

may sometimes feel like the collapse of the tower of Babel – all those different voices – but it is really more like an experience of the Pentecost community. All of it is designed to help you speak in your own words about God in ways that will be more eloquent and closer to the truth.

*Prof McAllister - Wilson*



## Mission and Ministry

The mission of Wesley Theological Seminary is to equip persons for Christian ministry and leadership in the church and the world, to advance theological scholarship, and to model a prophetic voice in the public square.

Wesley is a graduate theological school of The United Methodist Church and a member of the Washington Theological Consortium, and theological education at Wesley reflects our joint commitments to our Methodist heritage and to the ecumenical movement. At the beginning of the 21st century, Wesley Theological Seminary embraces a renewed global vision of ministry, as we learn from the experiences of Christians in other lands. We are open to dialogue with all the world's varied communities, and welcome cooperation with all who work for peace and justice.

At Wesley Theological Seminary, we seek to ground learning in the scripture and traditions that provide the church's identity in the gospel, and to prepare students for the practice of ministry. Therefore, every part of the curriculum is theological in character, and practically related to the church's life. The educational process is designed to bring classroom and field learning into complementary relationship. To accomplish this, the Seminary actively collaborates with local churches, hospitals and agencies to provide contexts for the practice of ministry. Church officials, pastors, and laity help in the training, supervision, and evaluation of Wesley students.

Since the whole church is called to be in ministry that engages the gifts and

talents of lay and clergy alike, our degree programs are tailored to fit varying vocational goals. All reflect an emphasis on preparing those called to leadership in the church. The range of educational programs at Wesley displays our understanding that all ministers—elder and deacon, lay and ordained, professional and nonprofessional—are called to proclaim the reconciling and liberating gospel of Jesus Christ to a broken world. Beyond our degree programs, the Seminary's work of preparing persons for ministry is carried out in programs of continuing education for pastors, in lay certification programs, and through educational programs offered to the community at large. Wesley's commitment is to equip the whole people of God for the work of ministry.

## Accreditation

Accreditation is a voluntary, non-governmental process that gives public recognition to institutions that meet published standards of academic and administrative quality. The purpose of accreditation is to assure the public of the quality of an institution and its dedication to high standards, as well as its commitment to continuous improvement.

The U.S. Department of Education formally recognizes accrediting commissions that meet all federal standards. Further, the [Council on Higher Education Accreditation](#) (CHEA) extends recognition to accrediting bodies and their institutions that meet established quality standards.



Wesley Theological Seminary and its degree programs (M.Div., M.A., M.T.S., and D.Min.) are accredited by the following professional, regional, and religious organizations:

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 412-788-6510 *fax*  
[www.ats.edu](http://www.ats.edu)

Commission on Higher Education of The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools  
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 Philadelphia, PA 19104  
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The University Senate of The United Methodist Church – General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM)  
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 Washington, DC 20001  
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As an accredited institution, Wesley is eligible to participate in federal educational entitlement programs such as Title IV financial aid including Pell

Grants, military tuition assistance, government tuition reimbursement programs, the Department of Veterans Affairs' GI Bill and Yellow Ribbon programs, and many corporate education assistance programs. The Seminary is an employer supporter of the National Guard and Reserve and is a member of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. Credits and degrees earned through Wesley are recognized for promotion, assignment, and position qualification standards within the military and federal government.

### Location

The city of Washington generates a multitude of opportunities for engagement at local, national and global levels. As the seat of national government, Washington offers the intrigues of Capitol Hill and the embassies of dozens of countries, where national and international politics are played out daily. A city struggling with its identity and economy, Washington provides opportunities for student education and ministry in inner city neighborhoods and neighborhoods in transition, as well as in affluent suburbs, open country, and rural villages. Additional educational enrichment is provided by six major universities, more than a dozen smaller colleges and universities within a twenty mile radius, and the riches of the Library of Congress. Centers for the arts and entertainment include the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Galleries, and a host of private galleries, theaters, museums and performing organizations.



Religious traditions of all kinds find expression in Washington. Nearly every religious body in the United States has a congregation here, many with nationally recognized centers such as the National Cathedral of the Episcopal Church, the Greek Orthodox Cathedral, the Russian Orthodox Cathedral, the Islamic Center Mosque and centers of the United Methodist, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic churches.

### History

Wesley Theological Seminary enjoys a vigorous and healthy life, rooted in a proud tradition and looking to a future of challenge and excellence. Our origin was in the 1881 meeting of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. Enabling legislation of that year led to a charter on the campus of Western Maryland College in Westminster, Maryland. For more than half a century the Seminary thrived there as the training center for ministers of the Methodist Protestant Church.

In 1939, with the union of the three major branches of Methodism, Westminster Seminary became one of ten schools of theology of the new Methodist Church. The new union enhanced the Seminary's growth and helped it define a role of service to both the Methodist Church and the broader Christian communion. After careful study of many pertinent factors, it was decided in 1955 that the Seminary should move from Westminster to the present site in Washington, D.C. In 1958, the Seminary took up residence at its new campus and was renamed Wesley Theological Seminary.

In 1968 the Methodist Church merged with the Evangelical United Brethren Church to form The United Methodist Church. Simultaneously, Wesley Theological Seminary became one of thirteen seminaries of the new United Methodist Church.

Wesley continues to celebrate its move to the city of Washington through these early years of the new millennium. In 2009 a new downtown presence and center of faithful learning opened with Wesley Downtown at 908 Massachusetts Ave NW. At the 4500 Massachusetts Avenue campus, the revitalization of Oxnam Chapel in 2010 signaled the merging of traditional and contemporary liturgical space in an educational setting. Across the courtyard, the Library underwent major renovation in 2011. In the same year, the Board of Governors affirmed the Seminary's decision to build a brand new dormitory on-campus. This new residence hall opened in time for the Fall 2013 semester. The Seminary continues to secure its foothold in the restoration of the Church through its varied strategic initiatives, taking advantage of both its location in Washington, D.C. and its connections across the globe.

Since its founding in 1882 the Seminary has had nine presidents: Thomas Hamilton Lewis (1882-1886); James Thomas Ward (1886-1897); Hugh Latimer Elderdice (1897-1933); Fred Garrigus Holloway (1933-1935); Charles Edward Forlines (1935-1943); Lester Allen Welliver (1943-1955); Norman L. Trott (1955-1967); John L. Knight (1967-1982); G. Douglass Lewis (1982-2002); and David F. McAllister-Wilson, who was installed in October 2002.



Deans of the Seminary have included Harold DeWolf (1965-1972); J. Philip Wogaman (1972-1983); Marjorie Suchocki (1984-1990); M. Douglas Meeks (1990-1998); Amy G. Oden, (2009-2012); and Robert K. Martin (2013-2017); and Bruce C. Birch (1998-2009; 2012-13; 2017-present);

## The Wesley Campus

The academic and administrative buildings on Wesley’s campus were constructed between 1956 and 1963. Recent renovations have brought new technology into every classroom, the Library and Oxnam Chapel, as well as enabling the Seminary to meet new instructional technology demands for distance learning.

**Kresge Academic Center** includes classrooms, faculty and staff offices, a campus dining room (the Refectory), a student lounge and locker room, a mailroom and student copy center, Elderdice Hall, the Smith Board Room, an open studio for visual arts, the Dadian Art Gallery, and the offices of the G. Douglass Lewis Center for Church Leadership and the Henry Luce III Center for the Arts and Religion.

**The Norman L. Trott Administration Building** houses the G. Bromley Oxnam Memorial Chapel, administrative offices, and classrooms.

**The Library** contains a collection of over 190,000 items in addition to study space and ever-expanding research facilities. (Read more about the Library below.)

**Straughn Dormitory\*** is a coeducational residence hall with dormitory accommodations for men and

women. It also houses the Welliver Community Lounge, a student computer lab, and the Bishop W. Earl Ledden Prayer Room. Some faculty offices and staff are also located in Straughn Dormitory.

**Carroll Apartments\*** is a residence building with 43 apartments for students with or without families.

**The New Residence Hall\***, opened in Fall of 2013, is a newly-constructed LEED-Certified Green building with 76 beds in either double or single occupancy dormitory style rooms with semi-private baths. Each floor offers community kitchens and lounge areas and six study/ worship spaces.

Our landmark **Clarence Elderkin Bell Tower** is a campanile-type structure rising 95 feet above the campus, topped with four bells and overlooking the **Barbara Milton Kettler Court** and the **Wesley Hill**, site of the life-sized statue of John Wesley atop a horse – a popular location for student and staff gatherings during the warmer months.

At the opposite end of Massachusetts Avenue lies the **Wesley Downtown** building, Wesley’s downtown presence in partnership with Mt. Vernon Place and Asbury United Methodist Churches. This location includes classrooms and faculty offices, an **Atrium** and **Theater** for both meetings and performing arts, and **Birch Hall\***, a suite of apartments and dorm-style housing and the current location of Wesley’s **intentional community** of students.

*\* More information about campus housing, including price schedules and descriptions of the accommodations, can*



*be found in the Finances section of the Catalog.*

## The Library

Wesley's Library serves the research, teaching, and learning needs of the Seminary's students, faculty, and administration. Services are provided throughout the full year; operating hours vary based on class schedules. User services (including research consultation) are delivered in-person, over the telephone, and via email.

The Library's main collections include over 130,000 print volumes and subscriptions to approximately 300 periodicals, as well as access to over 130,000 e-books. The Library's resources are ecumenical in scope and demonstrate a commitment to the breadth and depth of theological scholarship. Library holdings are particularly strong in practical theological disciplines, Biblical studies, Wesleyan theology, and Methodist history. The Library's collections are supplemented by millions of resources available through the Bender Library at neighboring American University, the libraries of the Washington Theological Consortium, and local institutions that provide cooperative borrowing privileges for Wesley students, staff, and faculty. The Library also participates in an active national interlibrary loan network allowing students and faculty to borrow materials from libraries all over the country.

In addition to the main collections, the Library's Special Collections include the John Godsey Collection with books focusing on the German church struggle, 19th and 20th century German theology,

Karl Barth, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer; the Faculty Author's Collection featuring books by current and former Wesley faculty members; the Rare Book Room, which contains rare bibles, hymnals, and publications of certain historical figures such as John Wesley; and Methodist history materials such as journals, conference proceedings, and other Methodist historical records.

A growing collection of electronic resources are available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week through the internet. Electronic resources include e-journals, e-books, D.Min. project papers, and a diverse selection of research databases, including ATLAS, Religion and Philosophy Collection, and JSTOR (Arts & Sciences Collection III).

The Library building is a three-floor structure with a fantastic view of the campus courtyard. Renovated in 2011, the first floor Learning Commons provides public access terminals and a printer network for a wide range of computing needs (e.g., access to the Library's electronic resources and word-processing). It also offers a lounge, study rooms, and comfortable seating for both individual and group study.

The Library director and staff work actively with faculty and students to understand community research and study needs. The Library is committed to developing an information literacy program that cultivates effective research skills for seminarians working in a constantly changing information environment. We take seriously the mandate to teach and form a seminary community that integrates faith and scholarship in theological education.



More information about the library and library services is available at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/library](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/library).

## The Seminary Community

Preparation for ministry mandates a community life that is worthy of the gospel. As a community of learners, our seminarians and faculty alike seek to center their rigorous intellectual pursuits in active and creative worship of God, creating caring relationships within this community while developing informed concern for the world community. Wesley is a spiritual learning community that deeply engages the whole of the person.

We are committed to the removal of barriers to human fellowship. We affirm the dignity and worth of every human being. We are committed to inclusiveness of race, gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, nationality, economic status, and age. We are committed to working toward a barrier-free environment with adequate facilities for persons with handicapping conditions.

*For the full text of Wesley's Commitment to Diversity statement, see the Appendix.*

Bearing in mind that language reflects, reinforces, and creates social reality, the Seminary expects class conversation and written work to employ language that respects the equal dignity and worth of all human beings. In particular, linguistic sexism and racism are to be avoided. This Inclusive Language Policy has been affirmed by the entire Wesley faculty.

*Other policies that govern the academic community of Wesley Theological Seminary may be found in the Appendix.*

Recent student enrollment included nearly 600 credit-seeking students from 40 states and the District of Columbia, along with students representing 32 other countries. The Seminary's faculty of 20 full-time and over 30 part-time teachers, as well as our staff of over 30, consist of women and men from a variety of disciplines, denominations and racial/ethnic backgrounds. More than one-third of our community consists of people of color, and people of all ages are represented.

A Student Council is elected annually. All matters of general Seminary interest, as well as issues of particular interest for students, are considered in this representative forum. This Council also sponsors liaison activities with seminarians across the country, promotes gender and racial inclusivity, and sponsors community-building events throughout the year.

Several organizations that consider issues related to specific constituencies are currently active on our campus. For more information on these organizations, including contact persons, visit <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/student-council>.

ASAH • Association of Black Seminarians • Korean Student Association • Literally Active • Of Sacred Worth • Plumblin • Wesley Fellowship





# Academic Offerings at Wesley: A Brief Overview

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## Programs of Study

Wesley's academic offerings consist of three Master's level degrees, one Doctoral level degree, non-degree student status, certificates, specializations, and a wide array of credit and non-credit programs for church leaders and laity alike. Across the broad spectrum of the Seminary curriculum, Wesley's aim is to nourish a critical understanding of Christian faith, cultivate disciplined spiritual lives, and promote a just and compassionate engagement in the mission of the church in the world.

### Degree Programs

The **Master of Divinity (M.Div.)** is the degree most closely tied to a call toward ordained leadership within most mainline Christian denominations. Wesley's M.Div. helps prepare students for a lifetime of fruitful leadership whether called to parish ministry, a specialized chaplaincy or a ministry beyond the local pastorate.

M.Div. students may choose to specialize in one of the following program areas: **African American Church Studies (AACS)**, **Urban Ministry (UMP)**, the **Missional Church (MCP)** or **Public Theology (PTP)**. Wesley also offers a structured M.Div. curriculum design tailored for those serving in pastoral ministry while studying, known as the **Student Pastor Program (SPP)**.

Additionally there are two fellowship programs intended to support M.Div.

students seeking deep engagement in praxis and theology. **Urban Ministry Fellows** engage in a program of community-based, research-oriented three year examination of the forces affecting social justice, leadership and ministry in the urban environment. **Missional Fellows** participate in an intensive service-learning experience that connects the Fellows with missional church congregations and includes a self-designed ministry project. Each of these fellowship programs has specific and competitive admissions criteria.

For students seeking focused academic study, the **Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.)** offers the most flexibility for completing research across the spectrum of Wesley's curriculum. A non-professional degree, the M.T.S. may lead to further Doctoral level academic study or any number of non-ordained occupations.



The **Master of Arts (M.A.)** provides the most flexible program design and the fewest number of credit hours intended to support working professionals and others who are seeking a theological grounding. The M.A. is structured for those pursuing non-ordained ministries, whether that be a call to lay leadership, social justice activism, or other service in the world. M.A. students may pursue certain specializations (listed above) or certifications (listed below) or structure their M.A. program in order to pursue United Methodist Deacon's orders. However, pursuing a specialization may necessitate added hours of study beyond the required hours of the M.A. degree. Please note that students are not eligible for federal financial aid beyond the 36 hours of the degree. Additionally F-1 students must complete their degree within the 36 hour framework to remain in status.

Certificate programs available to any Master's degree student allow for more rigorous study within specific disciplines. These include the **Certificate in Theology and the Arts**, which focuses on bridging the gap between the conceptual and practical realms of art and theology and the **National Capital Semester for Seminarians (NCSS)**, a semester-long intensive study of ethics, public theology and the political process.

Master's level students may also pursue a **dual degree**, combining the requirements of two or more full degree programs into one path through Seminary. Students who opt for this outcome are permitted to share a limited number of credits between their degree programs, reducing the overall number

of credit hours required to complete each degree.

Wesley also has an affiliation with The American University, whose main campus is next door at 4400 Massachusetts Avenue. This relationship sparked two dual degree programs intended to further equip students to serve the global church. The **M.T.S.-M.A. in International Development (ID)** and the **M.T.S.-M.A. in International Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR)** allow students to pursue Master's level religious studies while obtaining a world-class education at AU's highly ranked School of International Service. Graduate certificates through the School of International Service may also be pursued by Wesley students.

The **Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.)** is the advanced professional degree intended for practicing ordained ministers and clergy in the mainline church who have already earned an M.Div. degree. D.Min. candidates apply for a specific track and participate in intensive terms held twice a year on Wesley's campus. In addition to the traditional intensive D.Min. terms held in January and May there are also online courses, faculty-led immersive study trips and electives offered throughout the year. Please note: pre- and post-course work is required for all courses.

The M.Div. and the D.Min. degree curricula have been implemented by Wesley as "professional degrees" in accordance with the standards of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS).



Masters students considering a **transfer** to Wesley from another seminary or theological school may have their current transcripts evaluated for potential waivers of core requirements and a transfer of credit hours.

For prospective students seeking to further discern their path to answer God's call, Wesley admits **Non-Degree Students** to complete courses for credit while deciding whether to apply for a full degree program.

## Other Academic Programs

### *Course of Study School*

The **Course of Study Program (COS)** is a year-round experiential and classroom learning process for licensed United Methodist Local Pastors. The five-year program meets in the summer and consists of two terms of two weeks each, with two classes taken per term. Course instructors include both full-time and adjunct faculty of Wesley Theological Seminary as well as clergy from the surrounding area. Wesley is the Regional School for the Northeast Jurisdiction for the General Board of Higher Education & Ministry of the United Methodist Church.

**Weekend Course of Study** is offered to assist part-time United Methodist Local Pastors in fulfilling their educational requirements. Classes are held Friday afternoons and evenings and Saturday morning over two weekends, allowing students to return to their congregations for Sunday morning services.

**Satellite Course of Study Schools** have been established by Wesley in the New England Conference and the Eastern

Pennsylvania Conference to assist Local Pastors in the more rural areas of the Northeast in meeting the disciplinary educational requirements. Classes are held Friday afternoons and evenings and Saturday mornings over two weekends.

### *Certificate in Christian Studies*

The **Certificate in Christian Studies** program is geared toward both United Methodist and non-UM students who desire either theological enrichment or equipping for a particular ministry. Interested individuals are encouraged to enroll in non-credit courses in biblical studies, church history, theology and practical ministry. Students who complete six (6) courses may receive a Certificate in Christian Studies. This certificate is also ideal for pastors serving congregations that do not require a Master of Divinity degree to practice ministry. Course sessions will be held at Wesley's campus, from Friday afternoon through Saturday afternoon. Each course is comprised of two weekend sessions scheduled approximately one month apart and are taken in conjunction with Wesley's weekend Course of Study program.

*Please note: Courses in the Certificate in Christian Studies Program will not earn graduate-level credit and cannot be transferred to a Wesley degree program.*



### *Deacon Education*

Wesley has partnered with Pfeiffer University in North Carolina to provide deacon education and ordination for people of The United Methodist Church in the Southeast Jurisdiction via the **Center for Deacon Education**. This unique program focuses on deacon ordination, covering all of the **Basic Graduate Theological Studies** courses during a two-year cycle. Courses are taught during the Fall and Spring semesters, as well as during January and May intensive terms, at the Pfeiffer campus in Charlotte, NC. Students admitted to the Center for Deacon Education are considered non-degree students in full standing and may take any Master's level course at Wesley's Washington, D.C. campus or online offerings for credit.

### *Heal the Sick Program*

Through the Heal the Sick program, based out of Wesley's Institute for Community Engagement (ICE) at 900 Massachusetts Ave NW, Wesley prepares clergy and lay leaders to support their congregations in the development of health ministries. These healing ministries are conceived holistically to include body, mind and soul. We believe that congregations are called to such vital, missional ministries, which include care and support for their members' overall well-being, as well as care for their neighbors. For more information about the Heal the Sick program please visit

<https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/ice/programs/heal-the-sick/>

### *Theological Studies in U.S. Contexts Certificate*

The **Theological Studies in U.S. Contexts Certificate** provides students from outside the United States with an immersion in theological studies in U.S. contexts. Students are recommended for participation by the Dean or President of their home seminary and must enroll in a full-time semester load while in residence at Wesley to complete the certificate and to be compliant with F-1 visa regulations. This program brings students from Africa, Europe and Asia to the United States for a single semester of study.

### *United Methodist Studies*

Wesley offers **United Methodist (UM) Studies** to students at other seminaries throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. Master's level courses in Bible, church history, mission, theology, worship, UM polity, history, doctrine and evangelism are required for ordination and must be taken at a seminary approved by the United Methodist Senate. Through several partnerships with non-UM seminaries including those listed in the next section, Wesley's curriculum is available to United Methodist students on a non-degree basis.

### **Institutional Affiliations**

Important to the life and growth of Wesley Theological Seminary's core mission is its affiliation with other theological and academic institutions. By forming these relationships, Wesley encourages its students to experience different educational locations, thereby promoting new contexts and methods of pedagogical inquiry.



### *The American University*

Wesley enjoys a special relationship with its neighbor, **American University (AU)**. Wesley students who had a “B” average in college or who have satisfactorily completed twenty-four credit hours of theological studies are permitted to take graduate courses at AU while paying the Seminary’s hourly tuition rate. AU undergraduate and graduate students are permitted to register for Seminary courses on a comparable basis. This cooperative registration agreement provides for a widening of perspective and general enrichment in both Seminary and University classrooms. Additionally, Wesley students have access to certain American University resources, such as its libraries and the fitness center. Please note that students enrolled in one of the dual degrees with American University must register for their AU credits directly with AU instead of through this Consortium arrangement. More information about American University may be found at [www.american.edu](http://www.american.edu).

### *Eastern Mennonite Seminary*

Beginning in 2010, Wesley Theological Seminary began a relationship with **Eastern Mennonite University’s** Seminary in Virginia. Both EMU and WTS have agreed to allow reciprocal admission to the other seminary’s student community by offering a range of summer courses not otherwise available to students. Additionally Wesley will offer some United Methodist coursework on Eastern Mennonite’s campus. More information about Eastern Mennonite Seminary may be found at [www.emu.edu](http://www.emu.edu)

### *Moravian Theological Seminary (MTS)*

Starting in Fall of 2015, Wesley Theological Seminary will be partnering with Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, PA to provide United Methodist students the opportunity to take United Methodist courses necessary for ordination through Wesley. More information on Moravian Theological Seminary may be found at [www.moravianseminary.edu](http://www.moravianseminary.edu)

### *National Capital Semester for Seminarians (NCSS)*

Through the **National Capital Semester for Seminarians** program, Wesley and non-Wesley students participate in a semester-long, intensive program of study in ethics, theology, and public policy. The program brings together seminary students from accredited theological schools across the country for a combination of classroom experience, field visits, and internships.

The program’s core is a four credit hour seminar dealing with the intersection of faith and political life, domestic and international policy issues, and the role of the church in public life. This theoretical foundation is supplemented with field visits to an array of governmental and private offices involved in various aspects of public life. Students can combine the seminar with an internship program involving disciplined written and oral reflection on their on-site experiences. There is also a three credit hour option in independent policy research.



NCSS is open to any student who has completed at least one year of a degree program in a seminary accredited by ATS and who is recommended by their home seminary. Students from participating seminaries are charged for tuition at their home institution's regular tuition rate and pay these charges through their home seminary. They also agree to return to their own institution at the conclusion of the semester.

In addition to the institutions of the Washington Theological Consortium, the seminaries in the following list have become Participating Institutions in NCSS with a designated faculty representative:

Asbury Theological Seminary • Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries • Bangor Theological Seminary • Boston University School of Theology • Candler School of Theology, Emory University • Catholic Theological Union (Chicago) • Christian Theological Seminary (Indianapolis) • Colgate Rochester Divinity School • Columbia Theological Seminary (Georgia) • Drew University Theological School • Duke University Divinity School • Earlham School of Religion • Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary • Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary • Harvard University Divinity School • Iliff School of Theology • Interdenominational Theological Center (Atlanta) • Lancaster Theological Seminary • Lexington Theological Seminary • Meadville/Lombard Theological School • Methodist Theological School in Ohio • Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary • New Brunswick Theological Seminary • Northern Baptist Theological Seminary • Pacific School of Religion • Perkins School of Theology • Pittsburgh Theological Seminary • Princeton Theological Seminary • School of Theology at Claremont (California) • Southern Methodist University • Union Theological Seminary (New York) • Union Theological Seminary

(Virginia) • United Theological Seminary (Dayton, Ohio) • United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities • University of Dubuque Theological Seminary • Vanderbilt University Divinity School

### *Northeastern Seminary (NES)*

Since 2017, Wesley Theological Seminary has enjoyed a relationship with **Northeastern Seminary at Roberts Wesleyan College** in Rochester, New York whereby United Methodist students are able to take United Methodist courses necessary for ordination through Wesley. Wesley offers its United Methodist Studies courses online and on location as part of this agreement. More information on Northeastern Seminary may be found at [www.nes.edu](http://www.nes.edu).

### *Pfeiffer University*

Wesley's relationship with **Pfeiffer University** in North Carolina continues to permit students an opportunity for cross-registration at either institution, as detailed in the section above. More information is available on Pfeiffer's Center for Deacon Education website at [www.pfeiffer.edu/university/centers-and-institutes/center-for-deacon-education](http://www.pfeiffer.edu/university/centers-and-institutes/center-for-deacon-education)

### *Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (PTS)*

Since 2011, Wesley Theological Seminary has enjoyed a relationship with **Pittsburgh Theological Seminary** in Pennsylvania whereby United Methodist students are able to take United Methodist courses necessary for ordination through Wesley. Wesley offers its United Methodist Studies courses on location at PTS as part of this agreement. More information on



Pittsburgh Theological Seminary may be found at [www.pts.edu](http://www.pts.edu).

### *Princeton Theological Seminary (PTS)*

Beginning in Fall of 2015, Wesley Theological Seminary partnered with Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ to provide United Methodist students the opportunity to take United Methodist courses necessary for ordination through Wesley. More information on Princeton Theological Seminary may be found at [www.ptsem.edu](http://www.ptsem.edu)

### *Stockholm School of Theology*

Starting in 2011, Wesley Theological Seminary began a relationship with **Stockholm School of Theology** in Sweden. This unique partnership includes a student exchange program each spring; one Wesley student will spend a full-time semester studying in Sweden, while one Stockholm student lives on Wesley's campus and enrolls in courses here. For more information on this program please consult with the Registrar's Office.

### *Southwestern College*

Beginning in 2017, Wesley Theological Seminary began a relationship with the Richard and Julia Wilke Institute for Discipleship at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas. The Institute for Discipleship at Southwestern College, partners with Wesley in several ways. In 2017, the institutions created the Wesley Theological Seminary Lay Academy, featuring a series of guided, online courses that lay learners can take to complete a certificate program. IFD and

Wesley also partner in offering online master's-level youth ministry courses.

### *Union Presbyterian Seminary (UPSem)*

Beginning in 2011, Wesley Theological Seminary began a relationship with **Union Presbyterian Seminary** in Richmond, VA. Both UPSem and WTS have agreed to allow reciprocal admission to the other seminary's student community by offering a range of courses not otherwise available to students. In addition, Wesley will offer its United Methodist Studies courses at Union for the benefit of UM students there. More information on Union Presbyterian may be found at [www.upsem.edu](http://www.upsem.edu).

### *Washington Theological Consortium (WTC)*

Wesley is a full member institution in the **Washington Theological Consortium**, a group of seminaries and schools of theology in the greater Washington, D.C. area. The Consortium affords our students a rich array of opportunities through connection with these other full member institutions:

The School of Religious Studies at The Catholic University of America • Howard University School of Divinity • John Leland Center for Theological Studies • Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg • The Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception at the Dominican House of Studies • Reformed Theological Seminary • Virginia Theological Seminary • The Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University



Additionally, the Consortium includes the following associate and affiliated members:

The Graduate School of Islamic and Social Sciences • InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington • St. Paul's College • Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation • Woodstock Theological Center

The Consortium offers its own Certifications in Ecumenism, Muslim-Christian Studies, and Ecology and Theology which can be pursued through taking courses at a variety of Consortium schools, including Wesley. More information on the required coursework for the certificates please visit the Consortium's website at <http://washtheocon.org/for-students/consortium-certificates/>

The Consortium also offers special courses and seminars organized on an inter-seminary basis with cooperating faculty drawn from different institutions. These arrangements make dozens of additional, unique courses available to all theological students within the Consortium. Additionally, Wesley students have direct access to all Consortium member institution's libraries, containing more than one million volumes in theology and related disciplines. More information about the Washington Theological Consortium may be found at their website, [www.washtheocon.org](http://www.washtheocon.org).

## Wesley's Centers

### *G. Douglass Lewis Center for Church Leadership (LCCL)*

In support of the mission of Wesley as a church-based seminary, the **Lewis Center** seeks to advance the theological understanding and leadership practices of Christian leaders for their faithful service in the church and in society. The Center seeks to bring together theology and management, scholars and practitioners, research and application.

The G. Douglass Lewis Center for Church Leadership is building a new vision for church leadership grounded in faith, informed by knowledge, and exercised in effective practice.

Theological students and congregational and denominational leaders benefit from the teaching, research, publications and resources provided by the Lewis Center on their journey to becoming visionary spiritual leaders. For Wesley students, the Center enhances the Seminary's capacity to provide a foundation in church leadership of the highest quality. For congregational and denominational leaders, the Center addresses those key leadership issues so crucial to the church's faithful witness through seminars, publications, research, and fellowships.

*For more information on the Lewis Center, visit their website at [www.churchleadership.com](http://www.churchleadership.com).*

### *Henry Luce III Center for the Arts and Religion (LCAR)*

The arts offer rich opportunities for exploration of difficult questions,





creative expressions in worship, and the spiritual formation of students. LCAR merges the transformative power of the arts as praxis and aesthetic theory with the rest of Wesley's curriculum while offering opportunities to engage the arts in a variety of ministry settings and contexts. LCAR's faculty are experts in music, drama, liturgical dance, literature and the visual arts. LCAR's on-campus facilities include a visual arts studio for the Seminary community's use, and the Dadian Gallery, which is open to the public throughout the year.

In addition to incorporating the arts in the Seminary's curriculum, the Center faculty place special emphasis on the practice aspects of incorporating the arts into the lives of worshipping communities.

To increase public understanding of the relationship between art and the religious enterprise, the Center sponsors residencies for artists in a wide array of mediums, dialogues between artists and theologians, and regularly scheduled exhibits in the Dadian Gallery.

*For more information on the Luce Center, visit*  
<http://luceartsandreligion.org/>.

*Institute for Community Engagement (ICE) at Wesley Downtown*

The Institute for Community Engagement leverages Wesley's unique location in the nation's capital to better equip those dealing with vital issues in the public arena. ICE is at the forefront of theological education, strengthening the intersection of engaging secular and

faith leaders around the meaning and shape of community.

The Institute for Community Engagement is headquartered at Wesley Downtown at 900 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, D.C., at the crossroads of many influences, from the powerful to the marginalized.

The Institute for Community Engagement is home to Wesley's Missional Church Program, Urban Ministry Program, and the Center for Public Theology, which includes the National Capital Semester for Seminarians program.

*For more information on the Institute for Community Engagement, visit their website at*  
<https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/ice/about-us/overview-2/>.

## Special Opportunities

Additional alternative non-institutional relationships allow Wesley students to enhance their studies while at Seminary.

*Appalachian Ministries Educational Resource Center (AMERC)*

Wesley participates in the **Appalachian Ministries Educational Resource Center (AMERC)** consortium, providing students an opportunity for specialized preparation for ministry in the Appalachian churches and other missionary settings, with particular attention to small-town and rural congregations. AMERC currently makes grants to consortium member seminaries that sponsor and run travel seminars in Appalachian settings. These seminars are open to Wesley students.



Information on seminars can be obtained from the Wesley PMM Office or from the AMERC office, 300 Harrison Road, Berea, KY 40403 or its website, [www.amerc.org](http://www.amerc.org).

### *Denominational Studies*

Wesley Theological Seminary seeks to meet the specific educational needs of students from different denominations and to cooperate fully with denominational judicatories represented by students. Those enrolled in a degree program at Wesley may expect to complete their **Denominational Studies** via the available curriculum. In addition, the Seminary's advising practices are designed to help students fulfill all denominational requirements using elective credit. In some cases, certain core requirements may even be fulfilled at other denominationally-affiliated seminaries.

The Master of Divinity degree program is a professional degree. It is designed so that students will take the full range of required courses for certification as a United Methodist Elder or Deacon. Some annual conferences of the United Methodist Church have established additional requirements that the Seminary's curriculum also meets.

Courses in non-UM history, polity and theology, as required of students in other denominations, are offered on a regular cycle on behalf of the other religious communities served by Wesley. Polity courses and other independent directed studies are available for students from the African Methodist Episcopal Church, United Church of Christ, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Baptist Church, and the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Theology courses in the Reformed tradition are also offered. Courses are regularly offered as needed, depending on enrollment of students seeking ordination. Those requiring such courses should contact the Office of the Registrar.

### *Hispanic Summer Program*

During two weeks of every summer, Wesley co-sponsors a **Hispanic Summer Program** at a site in the continental United States or Puerto Rico. Hispanic students and others who are bilingual and interested in Hispanic ministries may attend this academic program and take a maximum of two courses for two credits each. Courses cover a wide range in the theological curriculum, and are taught with the Latino church in mind. M.Div. students who participate in this program may have the Consortium requirement waived. For more information about this program, contact the Office of the Dean.

### *Partner Churches*

As a church-based Seminary, Wesley is directly involved in preparing leaders to serve in ordained ministry throughout the Washington metropolitan region and beyond. Through the Seminary's Contextual Education program, many **Partner Churches** host degree candidates for one- or two-year field internships across a wide variety of denominations. Additionally, Wesley's neighbors include congregations and organizations near the main campus and at the **Institute for Community Engagement**. These churches and centers provide a specific and continual learning foundation upon which the



Seminary can advance its mission. Such congregations include:

Asbury UMC • Calvary Baptist Church •  
Downtown Cluster of Congregations •  
Emory UMC • Martha's Table •  
Metropolitan Memorial UMC • Mount  
Vernon Place UMC

*For more information on Wesley's church partners, visit our website at <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/practice-in-ministry/churches-and-agencies>.*

Wesley is also active in worldwide mission and accordingly, the Seminary has developed partnerships and created learning opportunities for students in the following countries:

Australia • Bangladesh • Brazil •  
Cambodia • Chile • China • Dominican Republic • England • Germany • Ghana • Hungary • India • Indonesia • Korea • Liberia • Mexico • Philippines • Russia • Sweden • Thailand • Zimbabwe

### *Placement of Graduates*

The Seminary cooperates fully with representatives of denominational bodies as they visit campus to meet with students concerning **employment upon graduation**. Most M.Div. graduates are placed in entry level positions as local church pastors or education directors. Those students who identify an occupational call other than to ordained ministry are encouraged to use their faculty advisor as a mentor in enlarging their pool of prospective employment opportunities.





# Admissions

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## Welcome to Wesley Theological Seminary!

We recognize that applying to a graduate theological degree program is often the result of a prayerful examination of your call to ministry. We are pleased that you are considering Wesley to further explore and prepare for the realization of that call. We look forward to joining with you to provide a spiritually enriching and professionally fruitful seminary experience.

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Gender, racial, ethnic, generational, and denominational diversity give the Seminary the texture and depth of a rich tapestry. Differences are celebrated here, as they lead to lively discussion and important intercultural understanding. Worship and community life are just as important as the faculty and curriculum in your education at Wesley. Wesley is committed to supporting all students in their theological education and encourages applications from underrepresented groups as we strive to help make ministry more reflective of the world today. Our student body comprises more than 30 denominations in addition to United Methodist, as well as a wide range of physical abilities. We are well on our way to creating an environment that is truly barrier-free in attitude as well as physical design.

The Wesley Admissions staff are your guides as you navigate the admissions and enrollment process. We can provide information on academic programs, spiritual formation, housing, financial assistance, and campus visits. We can also help you decide how best to meet

any specific denominational academic requirements. Please feel free to contact us:

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# Master's Degrees

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## Master of Divinity

## Master of Arts

## Master of Theological Studies

### *Pre-Seminary Studies*

Wesley follows the recommendation of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, which states that undergraduate education should provide

- the ability to write and speak English clearly and correctly
- the ability to think clearly
- an acquaintance with the world of persons and ideas, the world of nature, and the world of human affairs.

Accordingly, the faculty have adopted the following policy concerning pre-seminary studies:

Education for ministry neither begins nor ends with seminary. The faculty of Wesley Theological Seminary believe that an undergraduate education rich in the liberal arts is essential to a full ministry in the contemporary world, and is the most desirable preparation for seminary study. Intellectual curiosity and an active growing mind are essential qualities in a prospective student.

Recognizing the diversity of undergraduate curricula from which our students come, the seminary normally

expects that whatever the undergraduate major, preparation for theological study should include foundations in the following areas: language and literature; American and World history; social sciences; psychology; philosophy; natural sciences; and the arts and music.

Where an applicant's academic background appears significantly lacking, the Admissions Committee may prescribe additional preparatory work. Undergraduate deficiencies identified at the time of admission must be cleared prior to completion of the first third of a student's Master's degree program if the student is to continue.

If you have any questions about your particular pattern of preparation, please consult the Associate Dean of Admissions.

### *Admission Criteria*

Admission to any Wesley degree program requires a bachelor's degree or equivalent from a regionally accredited college. Admission is based on academic achievement and the seminary's ability to meet your goals. In addition, M.Div. applicants will be assessed on your personal and professional qualifications for Christian ministry.

Your academic record should reflect a grade point average of at least 2.70 at the undergraduate level. If you do not meet this criterion, you may still be accepted conditionally and you will have a trial period where you must successfully complete all coursework with a B- or better and complete Graduate Foundations.



## Writing and Speech Assessments

Proficiency in written and spoken English is expected of all Master's degree candidates. If your written work reveals a deficiency in writing for ministry or academic purposes, you may wish to consult with the Writing Center. Some students will be required to work with the Writing Center to strengthen their writing skills. Those students who would benefit from focused, practical study on preparation and speaking in ministry may wish to, or be directed to, register for courses in Biblical storytelling or liturgical performance.

## Applying for Admission

Please complete *all* of the following steps to apply for admission at Wesley:

- Complete the online application form and submit the \$60 fee via credit card payment.
- Write a short essay of 400-500 words, discussing the formative elements in your background, focusing especially on what you believe to be the most significant people and events in shaping your identity as a person; your sense of vocational call and professional objective; and your reasons for wanting to pursue your theological education at Wesley.
- Request that official transcripts from all junior colleges, colleges, universities, or seminaries you have attended be sent directly to the Office of Admissions. E-transcripts can be sent to the Director of Enrollment at [jparks@wesleyseminary.edu](mailto:jparks@wesleyseminary.edu).
- Send the Recommendation Form to your four recommenders. This form is available online or can be

completed electronically when using the online application.

## Admission Timeline for Masters degree applicants

<b>For Fall 2018 entering degree students</b>	
November 1, 2017	Application Deadline for Early Acceptance*
February 1, 2018	Application Deadline for Merit Scholarship and Urban Ministry or Missional Fellows Consideration or if requesting Student Pastor Program Placement
March 1, 2018	Application Deadline for F-1 (International) Degree Students
May 1, 2018	Requests for On-Campus Housing and Need-Based Financial Aid Due
May 15, 2018	Online registration materials for entering students distributed
May 21, 2018	Summer Term begins (admitted students for Fall 2018 may register for summer courses)
July 1, 2018	Final Application Deadline for Fall Master's Degree Students
June 18, 2018	Academic Planning Session (in the evening)
August 1, 2018	Final Application Deadline for Fall Non-Degree Students
<b>For Spring 2019 entering students:</b>	
December 1, 2017	Application Deadline for Master's Degree or Non-Degree Students to begin January 2018

\* *Fall Master's degree completed applications submitted by December 1 will receive priority review, with an*



*admissions decision made no later than December 20.*

### *Application Review*

When your application file is complete, it will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee, whose members make final decisions on the basis of your entire set of credentials, including transcript(s), recommendations, and your personal statement. Submitting your application in a complete and timely manner allows us to review and process it thoughtfully and may give you greater consideration for merit scholarship funds if applicable. Once your completed application is submitted, you should receive a decision within 3-5 business days.

### *Conditional Admission*

If you are applying to a Master's program and appear to be qualified, but your preparation is difficult to appraise, you may be admitted conditionally. Students admitted conditionally will be monitored and resourced for academic success. Monitoring may include attending programming (workshops, seminars, etc) that will require students to address common challenges related to academic performance. This programming may focus on writing, critical thinking, and dealing well with difference and diversity. You will remain in this status until you have successfully completed 15 credit hours of academic work as a Wesley student. At that time, your student record will be reassessed and you will be admitted or dismissed from additional programming. As a conditional student, you must take a minimum of six credit hours per semester and are expected to earn at least a 2.70 GPA in those courses. A

failure in any course will result in dismissal. Courses, except those offered only on a Pass/Fail basis, must be completed for a conventional letter grade.

### *Philosophy Requirement*

Masters students with no undergraduate philosophy course (graded "B-" or above) must complete ST-180 Philosophy for Theology, ST-181 Philosophical Backgrounds, or an equivalent before they may register for Systematics (ST-305) or any 300-level Ethics (ES) course.

### *Academic Planning and Community Life Orientation for New Students*

An academic planning session and community life orientation program for all Master's degree candidates precedes the beginning of each semester and introduces you to the traditions, ideals, and standards of Wesley. The orientation includes academic and community life forums, group discussions, tours, worship, and fellowship with other students and faculty members. Participation in both academic planning and orientation is a requirement of the degree programs and must be completed within the first third of a student's degree program. International students have an additional orientation with the Director of International Students Services.

Students will be assigned a faculty advisor by the beginning of their first semester. All core faculty share responsibility for advising degree candidates at Wesley. The Director of the M.T.S. Program advises all M.T.S. candidates and the Director of the M.A. Program advises all M.A. candidates.





# Wesley Dual Master's Degree

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Students seeking more than one Master's level degree within Wesley should indicate this on their application. The personal statement should elaborate on why the student feels called to complete more than one degree. No additional application requirements are necessary.

Students who wish to do a dual M.Div. – M.T.S. are required to complete 111 credit hours and the course requirements of both degrees.

Students wishing to do the dual M.Div. – M.A. degree are also required to complete 111 credit hours and the course requirements of both degrees.

Students wishing to do the dual M.A. – M.T.S. are required to complete 90 hours and the course requirements of both degrees.

Students who wish to add an additional Master's degree while in progress toward completion of a degree at Wesley should use the Degree Change Request Form available in the Registrar's Office or at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms) to apply for the additional degree. This request will be assessed by the staff of the Dean's Office and the Registrar's Office.



# Dual Degrees with American University

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## **M.T.S. in Conjunction with M.A. in International Peace and Conflict Resolution**

## **M.T.S. in Conjunction with M.A. in International Development**

Wesley currently offers two dual M.T.S. – M.A. degree programs through our partnership with American University’s School of International Service.

Those who wish to apply for the dual degree must be admitted separately to each program.

To be considered for the Master of Theological Studies at Wesley, the student must submit an application, a personal statement, academic transcripts, references, and an application fee as described above in the section on Master’s applications.

To be considered for the Master of Arts at American University’s School of International Service (SIS), the interested student should visit American University’s Admissions page at <http://www.american.edu/admissions/apply/index.cfm>.

AU’s SIS requires applicants to submit an application, academic transcripts, letters of recommendation, Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores, and an application fee. Please visit their website for complete details.



# Certificates, Specializations and Academic Programs

Degree candidates in a Master's program at Wesley must complete the general requirements for their degree as outlined in the Curriculum section of this Catalog. Students also have the option of completing a certificate program or specialization within the degree. Generally, students may only pursue one specialization. Additionally, students may apply to one of the competitive fellowship programs, described below, during the admissions process.

## **Specializations: African-American Church Studies, Missional Church, Urban Ministry and Public Theology**

Applicants who meet the overall admission standards for the Master's programs are eligible to apply for a specialization in African-American Church Studies (AACS), Missional Church (MCP), Urban Ministry (UMP), or Public Theology (PTH). The requirements to complete a specialization are *in addition to* the standard degree requirements and are generally made up of extra elective courses. Students who apply for the AACS, MCP, UMP, or PT specializations require no additional experience other

than an interest in the field and a desire to pursue one of these ministries as they continue to discern their call. Students who add a specialization to their degree program will be assigned a specific faculty advisor. The Practice of Ministry and Mission (PMM) Office will work with M.Div. students to secure a field placement in the specified context. M.A. or M.T.S. students who are interested in any of these specializations should be in touch with their academic advisor.

### *Declaring Intent to Specialize*

M.Div. and M.T.S. students may declare a specialization at any time prior to the completion of the first third of their degree program. M.A. students wishing to specialize must declare their intent at the time of admission to ensure timely completion of requirements. In consultation with your faculty advisor, complete the relevant specialization declaration form, available online at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms) or in the Registrar's Office, to declare your intent to specialize.

Students joining one of the specializations will immediately be considered active in the specialization once the paperwork has been processed by the Registrar's Office. At this time the Registrar's Office will assign and notify you of your new faculty advisor.

### **Fellowships: Community Engagement Fellows (CEF)**

The Community Engagement Fellows program allow students to focus in and deeply engage in theological reflection, research, and praxis along with a cohort of peers. Unlike the specializations,



admission to these fellowship programs is competitive and students must apply and gain acceptance concurrent with their entry into the degree program.

Community Engagement Fellows are required to be full-time M.Div. students taking a minimum of 9 credit hours each semester. Community Engagement Fellows specialize within one of the following programs: Missional Church, Public Theology, or Urban Ministry.

*CEF Specializing in Missional Church: Admission Information*

Students who are interested in the CEF Missional Church program are encouraged to apply as part of their admissions process. Alumni of volunteer service corps experiences such as Peace Corps, United Methodist US-2, Teach for America, Presbyterian Young Adult Volunteers, or Mennonite Voluntary Service programs are particularly encouraged to apply. Applicants must submit to the Admissions office along with their application an essay of no more than 1,500 words addressing the following questions:

- How have you experienced a call to mission and service?
- What qualifications or experiences support your calling (including service hours, social justice / mercy ministry experiences, etc.)
- In what type of ministry setting do you see yourself serving in the future?

Essays and an interview with Missional Church faculty help to determine acceptance into the CEF Missional Church program.

*CEF Specializing in Public Theology: Admission Information*

Students who are interested in the CEF Public Theology program are encouraged to apply as part of their admissions process. Along with the standard applications, applicants must submit to the Admissions Office an essay of no more than 1,500 words addressing the following questions:

- How have you experienced a call to public theology?
- What qualifications or experiences support your calling?
- In what type of ministry setting do you see yourself serving in the future?

Essays and an interview with Public Theology faculty help to determine acceptance into the CEF Public Theology program.

*CEF Specializing in Urban Ministry: Admission Information*

The CEF Urban Ministry program is designed for students seeking a more robust immersive experience within the Urban Ministry program. Admission to this program is highly selective among prospective students with excellent academic qualifications who have demonstrated gifts for urban ministry. Upon acceptance, students will be assigned an advisor from the Urban Ministry faculty.

Applicants must submit to the Admissions office, along with their application, an essay of no more than 1,500 words addressing the following questions:



- How have you experienced a call to urban ministry?
- What qualifications or experiences support your urban ministry calling?
- In what type of ministry setting do you see yourself serving in the future?

Essays and an interview with the Urban Ministry faculty committee help to determine acceptance into the CEF Urban Ministry program.

*Fellowship Deadlines*

All application materials and Community Engagement Fellows essays must be received by February 1, 2018 for priority consideration with the Fall 2018 entering cohort.

**Certificate Programs:  
National Capital Semester for  
Seminarists , Theology and  
the Arts , and Faith and Public  
Life**

Certification programs at Wesley allow students to focus their interests and deepen their understanding of specific disciplines.

**National Capital Semester for  
Seminarists (NCSS) Certificate**

*Admission Criteria*

NCSS is open to any student who has completed at least one year of a degree program in a seminary accredited by ATS and who is recommended by their home seminary. Students from non-participating seminaries may also be eligible.

*Applying for Admission*

Students should contact the National Capital Semester faculty liaison at their own seminary. Students from non-participating seminaries should contact Wesley’s Admissions Office directly at [admissions@wesleyseminary.edu](mailto:admissions@wesleyseminary.edu)

*Admission Timeline*

Students should apply using the same timeline as other Spring entering students. The deadline for Master’s applications to Wesley for Spring 2018 is December 1, 2017.

**Certificate in Theology and the Arts**

*Admission Criteria*

Applicants who meet the overall admission standards for any Master’s level program are eligible to apply for the Certificate in Theology and the Arts. Students who apply for the Certificate should have some expertise or experience in one of the artistic disciplines, as demonstrated to a committee of Religion and Arts faculty through the presentation of a portfolio, DVD, audition, or other means appropriate to the discipline. Upon acceptance, students will be assigned an advisor from the Religion and the Arts (RA) faculty.

*Applying for Admission*

Complete the form available in the Office of the Registrar or online at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms) and submit it with your portfolio and supporting materials to the Deborah



Sokolove, Director of the Center for the Arts and Religion. Admitted M.Div. and M.T.S. degree students may submit the application at any time prior to completion of the first third of their degree program. Non-degree and M.A. students wishing to specialize must declare their intent at the time of admission.

## Certificate in Faith and Public Life

### Admission Criteria

Non-degree applicants who meet the overall admission standards for any Master’s level program are eligible to apply for the Certificate in Faith and Public Life. This certificate is not open to degree-seeking students.

### Applying for Admission

Complete the Certificate in Faith and Public Life declaration form available in the Office of the Registrar or online at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms). Non-degree students wishing to pursue this certificate must declare their intent at the time of admission.

## Academic Programs: Student Pastor Program (SPP)

### Admission Criteria

The Student Pastor Program is an option within the M.Div. program that integrates student pastorates into the educational design of the regular M.Div. curriculum. This program maximizes the opportunity to relate academic studies to the practice of ministry. Student pastors

are usually appointed by United Methodist Conferences to serve as sole pastor to one or more teaching congregations, though this program is also open to non-UMC students under similar circumstances. Additionally, some limited opportunities to serve as an assistant pastor in large-member churches are available and offer a full range of pastoral duties. Qualified students typically enter the Student Pastor Program at the time of their admission to the M.Div. program at Wesley. Students who become appointed student pastors later in their seminary career are normally not eligible for this program.

Pastor appointments most often are certified United Methodist candidates for ordained ministry and have completed License to Preach school by the beginning of the July 1 appointment. Staff positions in the local church which encompass a full slate of pastoral responsibilities or non-United Methodist pastoral candidates may also qualify.

For consideration of a Student Pastor appointment, one must be currently under a pastoral appointment (in any denomination) or awaiting a new appointment that will begin prior to Wesley’s Fall semester. United Methodist applicants seeking a Student Pastor appointment must be certified candidates for ordained ministry and have completed License to Preach school by the beginning of the July 1 appointment. Upon acceptance, students will be assigned an advisor from the Practice in Ministry and Mission faculty.



### *Applying for Admission*

Prospective SPP students should use the same instructions as all other M.Div. candidates in applying through normal admissions procedures. Questions about pastoral placements should be directed to the appropriate church officials for your denomination. In the case of United Methodist students these would include the District Superintendent and the Board of Ordained Ministry for your annual conference.

### *Admission Timeline*

Student Pastors are generally admitted with each Fall entering class. If you are interested in participating in the Student Pastor Program, your application must be received no later than February 1. Student pastorates begin July 1.



# Doctoral Degree

## Doctor of Ministry

### Admission Criteria

Admission to any Wesley degree program requires a bachelor's degree or equivalent from a regionally accredited college. In addition, applicants for the Doctor of Ministry program must hold a Master of Divinity or equivalent from a seminary accredited by the Association of Theological Schools, and must have completed three years of ministry experience prior to entering Wesley's D.Min. degree program.

Admission is based on academic achievement and the Seminary's ability to meet your goals, as well as on your personal and professional qualifications for Christian ministry. Previous academic achievement should reflect a grade point average of at least 3.00 at the graduate level.

### Applying for Admission

Please complete *all* of the following steps to apply for admission at Wesley:

- Complete the application form in full detail and submit the \$60 fee.
- Submit the following:
  - a brief biographical statement that describes your career in ministry in chronological order;

- a personal evaluation of your professional competence;
- a statement on how you use your seminary education in the practice of ministry, especially studies in Bible, theology, and church history; and
- your reason for pursuing a D.Min. at Wesley.
- Have official transcripts from all junior colleges, colleges, universities, or seminaries you have attended sent directly to the Office of Admissions.
- List names, complete mailing addresses, and email address of references.
- Send the Recommendation Form to your four recommenders. This form is available online or can be completed electronically if using the online application. Hard copies can be downloaded from the application page at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/apply](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/apply).

### Admission Timeline

October 15	Deadline for tracks beginning in the Winter
February 15	Deadline for other tracks beginning in the Spring

Information on upcoming D.Min. tracks is available on our website at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/doctorofministry](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/doctorofministry).

*Note: Most D.Min. tracks are limited to 20 candidates and often fill completely. Therefore you are encouraged to apply well in advance of the deadline.*





# Non-Degree Students

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## Master's Non-Degree

### *Admission Criteria*

If you meet the academic prerequisites for admission at the Master's level and wish to take courses at the seminary for academic credit without applying them toward a degree, you may do so in the non-degree student status. You will be expected to fulfill the same academic requirements as degree candidates enrolled in these courses.

### *Applying for Admission*

To be admitted as a non-degree student at the Master's level, you must be a graduate of a regionally accredited college, and must present to the Admissions Office a completed application form. Additionally, an official transcript must be sent directly from the undergraduate college to the Admissions Office. Non-degree students are not eligible for financial assistance or campus housing.

F-2 visa holders (spouses of F-1 international students) interested in applying as non-degree students are governed by the admissions requirements as detailed in the "International Student" section.

## Additional Non-Degree Statuses

### *Auditors*

Prospective students wishing only to audit courses may apply as a Non-Degree Auditor by following the same process outlined in this section.

### *Advanced Course of Study*

Course of Study graduates wishing to take Master's level courses for credit may use the same process to apply for the Advanced Course of Study, with the same privileges and policies applicable to non-degree students.

### *Center for Deacon Education at Pfeiffer University*

Students in the Center for Deacon Education at Pfeiffer University in North Carolina must be admitted as a non-degree student at Wesley prior to beginning courses toward Basic Graduate Theological Studies.

### *Certificate in Christian Studies*

Wesley invites interested participants who desire theological enrichment and equipping for a particular ministry to enroll in non-credit courses in biblical studies, church history, theology and practical ministry. Students who complete six (6) courses may receive a "Certificate in Christian Studies" from Wesley Theological Seminary.

Course sessions will be held at Wesley's campus, on selected weekends, from 1pm - 9pm on Friday and 9am - 1pm on Saturday. Each course is comprised of



two weekend sessions scheduled approximately one month apart and are taken in conjunction with Wesley's weekend Course of Study program.

Interested individuals should contact the Admissions Office for more information.

***Please note: Courses in the Certificate in Christian Studies Program will not earn graduate-level credit and cannot be transferred to a degree program.***

### *Faith Community Nursing Certificate*

Licensed Registered Nurses may pursue the specialty nursing certificate of a Faith Community Nurse offered through the Heal the Sick Program. The Faith Community Nurse (FCN) Certificate has a standard curriculum and is based on the American Nurses Association's (ANA) Scope and Standards for Faith Community Nursing in consultation with the Health Ministries Association, the professional organization for FCNs. The ANA standards for FCNs state that 34 credit hours must be completed in order to become a FCN.

Wesley Seminary's FCN Certificate uses the International Parish Nurse Resource Center's curriculum as a foundational base for its certificate program. International Parish Nurse Resource Center's curriculum is one of many used in teaching FCNs. This curriculum is peer reviewed periodically by faculty teaching the FCN course throughout the United States. This provides a standard for knowledge and competency locally, regionally, and nationally.

### *Health Minister Certificate*

Members of local faith communities, lay volunteers, clergy, seminarians, and allied healthcare professionals may be interested in the health minister certificate offered through the Heal the Sick Program. The Health Minister Certificate provides an introductory, educational foundation for individuals desiring core competency to serve as health ministers in a faith community setting. The main goal of the health ministry certificate is to equip various audiences with practical ministerial skills such as active listening, theological reflection, and connector to community resources.

***Please note: Courses in the Faith Community Nursing Certificate and the Health Minister Certificate will not earn graduate-level credit and cannot be transferred to a degree program.***

*United Methodist Studies for Partner School Students: Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, Moravian Theological Seminary, Northeastern Seminary*

Students from other seminaries with whom Wesley is partnered, who wish to take specific courses toward United Methodist ordination requirements at Wesley, should apply directly for admission as a non-degree student. In lieu of previous academic transcripts, these students may submit a "Letter of Good Standing" from the partner school Registrar to verify their academic



standing and matriculation status. The application fee will not apply, however, the student will need to contact the Admissions Office for the special code to use in the online application so that this fee is waived.

### *Washington Theological Consortium Students*

Seminarians at a Washington Theological Consortium member institution may need to apply directly for admission to Wesley as a non-degree student if their home school does not participate in the Consortium during the J-Term or Summer Term. In lieu of previous academic transcripts, these students may submit a “Letter of Good Standing” from their home school Registrar to verify their academic standing and matriculation status.

### **Transfer to a Degree Program**

Non-degree Masters students taking credit-bearing coursework may later choose to apply for entry into the M.Div., M.A., or M.T.S. degree program by completing the application. If accepted, in most cases you may only apply a maximum of nine credit hours taken while a non-degree student toward the degree. Non-degree students should be aware of these limits when considering whether to transfer to a degree program, and should apply in a timely manner to avoid losing credits.

In most cases, non-degree D.Min. coursework will not transfer into Wesley’s D.Min. program.

### *Admission Timeline*

<b><i>For entering Non-Degree Students:</i></b>	
January 1, 2018	Deadline for application and transcripts of students entering in Spring 2018 semester
August 1, 2018	Deadline for application and transcripts of students entering in Fall 2018 semester



# International Students

Wesley Theological Seminary welcomes students from around the world. Wesley is authorized by the federal government to admit international students to study in degree programs under an F-1 visa.

## Admission Criteria

International applicants for Master's degree programs must present evidence of academic preparation equivalent to a bachelor's degree and of such quality as to indicate an ability to complete graduate studies. Official transcripts must be sent directly to the Wesley Admissions Office from previously enrolled colleges or universities. Applicants may also be required to send copies of transcripts, along with the appropriate fees, for evaluation by World Education Services. Details of this process are at [www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org). This evaluation is the applicant's responsibility and must be completed before the file can be reviewed.

International applicants for the D.Min. program must present evidence of academic preparation equivalent to a bachelor's degree and a Master of Divinity degree in addition to the other requirements, described above.

International applicants interested in the Residential Doctor of Ministry Program for International Students must provide the evidence of academic preparation and language ability described in this section, and must also:

- Have three years of pastoral experience;
- Secure a ministry placement site in the DC metro region and gain approval for that ministry setting from the D.Min. director prior to beginning the program.

The Residential Doctor of Ministry program is specifically designed to serve international students who may desire an accelerated and intensive Doctor of Ministry experience while maintaining residency in the United States.

*Please note: the Residential Doctor of Ministry program requires immediate participation in an internship necessitating authorization for Curricular Practical Training (CPT). Students on the F-1 visa must not begin work at their placement sites until after they have been approved for Curricular Practical Training (CPT) work authorization by the Director of International Student Services, and received their CPT I-20. Doing so could result in the loss of immigration status. For more information on CPT authorizations, please consult with the Office of International Student Services (ISS).*

## English Language Requirements

A certification of knowledge of the English language based on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is required.

### TOEFL

A minimum score of 80 on the Internet-based test, a computer-based score of 213, or a paper-based score of 550 is required for admission to Wesley. The



TOEFL is administered in centers throughout the world.

Students may register online for the exam at [www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl). Wesley's TOEFL code is 5899.

### ***IELTS***

A minimum IELTS score of 6.5 is required for admission to Wesley. For more information on IELTS testing, contact the Admissions Office and see [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org).

### ***Language Waiver***

International applicants who have completed one semester of graduate study at an ATS accredited school may qualify for a waiver from the TOEFL/IELTS requirement. Additionally international applicants who have completed a degree in English from a regionally accredited institution in the United States may also qualify for a TOEFL/IELTS waiver for admission.

In addition, students currently studying at institutions outside of the United States whose degree was taught in English may qualify for a waiver from the TOEFL/IELTS requirement.

*Note: Additional language assessment may be required to determine if you are eligible for the waiver.*

### ***Conditional Admission***

Applicants who are unable to present certification of knowledge of the English language at the required level, but who meet all other admissions requirements, may be offered conditional admission. Invitation to be considered for this option is at the seminary's discretion. Conditional Admission requires

intensive English study at a Seminary approved U.S.-based study facility in Washington, D.C. during the summer or the semester prior to beginning study at Wesley.

Currently, Wesley has approved LADO ([www.lado.org](http://www.lado.org)) and ELS ([www.els.edu](http://www.els.edu)) as study facilities for students granted conditional admission. The I-20 for those students will be issued by the language institute. The student must successfully complete Level 10 at LADO or Level 12 at ESL.

Students at Wesley with conditional admission must meet the language study requirement by the end of their second semester of study. At the point when the student has successfully completed Level 8 at LADO and Level at 9 at ELS, he or she may register for part-time study at Wesley (maximum of five credit hours) while currently enrolled and studying at the English language institute. The student must continue to maintain an I-20 at the English language study location.

### ***Applying for Admission***

As an international student, you must follow the same application procedures specified for your desired degree program. In addition, please satisfy these requirements for consideration:

- Include in your personal statement plans for returning to your home country upon completion of study.
- Submit a recommendation from a church leader in your native country.
- Show proof of having arranged a ministry placement setting in the



DC metro-area (*Residential Doctor of Ministry Program students only*).

### *Admission Timeline*

Please apply at least six months (preferably one year) prior to the start of the fall semester when you want to begin. International applications will not be accepted after March 1.

### *I-20 and Visa Process*

Once you have met admissions requirements, and before the I-20 is issued, you must provide evidence of an ability to finance the complete degree program. Proof of financial support must be shown to cover tuition and living expenses for you and any family members who may accompany you. Sufficient funds for housing, schooling, and transportation must be shown. In addition, it is strongly encouraged that students budget for the purchase of a health insurance plan to cover the student and all dependents during your program. Healthcare in the United States can be prohibitively expensive. For more information on healthcare, please refer to the “Health Insurance Benefit” section of this catalog. Additional counseling on health insurance will be provided during International Student Orientation.

### *Transfer I-20*

International students already studying in the United States are required to complete an I-20 transfer form and request transfer from their current school.

Those students with conditional admission, studying on an I-20 issued by an approved English-language provider, must also complete the I-20 transfer

form and request transfer from the language center to Wesley.

All transfer students should contact Wesley’s PDSO (the Director of International Student Services) immediately upon acceptance (conditional or full) by Admissions. Advanced communication will allow for the coordination of an I-20 transfer date between the DSOs at both institutions. It will also ensure that the student maintains their immigration status during the course of the transfer. All transfers should be requested a minimum of a month prior to anticipated start date at Wesley.

### *Deposit*

F-1 students who have been admitted and submitted proof of financial support must place a deposit on account with the Business Office. We must receive your deposit (\$500 for a single student and \$1,000 for a student coming with family) before the I-20 is issued. This deposit will be held as an emergency fund while you are enrolled in the seminary. The deposit may be used for emergencies such as medical expenses, a death in the family, and so forth, but it must be maintained at the required level throughout your study at Wesley. The money will be refunded to you once you complete your degree or officially withdraw from the seminary.

### *Student Exchange and Visitor Information System (SEVIS) I-901 Fee*

When you have been admitted, submitted proof of adequate financial support for studies, and placed the deposit with the Business Office, the I-20 will be mailed to you. You must pay the SEVIS I-901 fee prior to setting up an interview with the U.S. Embassy in your



home country. (Information regarding this fee will be sent with the I-20.) Once the fee is paid, you will receive an F-1 visa from the U.S. Embassy. Be sure to retain your SEVIS I-901 fee receipt as you may need to show proof of payment to Customs and Border Patrol upon entry into the United States.

### *Admitted International Students*

Once successfully admitted to Wesley, international students will report to the Office of International Student Services for future I-20 and immigration support needs.

### ***About the Office of International Student Services***

The Office of International Student Services (ISS) provides specialized immigration support services to the international student community. The Director of ISS serves as a secondary advisor to all international students, providing advisement on academic, immigration, cross-cultural, and social issues. ISS administers the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), and ensures that Wesley's international student procedures are in-line with federal F-1 visa regulations. To support international students, ISS offers pre- and post-arrival orientation programs, ongoing regulatory workshops (including those focused on employment, taxes, and maintaining status), and campus-wide programming focused on cultural and social issues. ISS is a part of the Office of Community Life, supporting all student needs for a successful career at Wesley and beyond.

### ***Maintaining Legal Status***

International students must maintain compliance with all F-1 visa regulations

during the course of their program. Students will be informed of these requirements through International Student Orientation, ongoing workshops on immigration topics, the International Student Handbook, and direct communication.

One primary regulation for maintaining F-1 visa status is that International students in F-1 status are required to register full-time (at least 9 credit hours for Masters level students, and 6 credit hours for Doctoral level students) each semester. F-1 international students who intend to register for less than full-time credit hours should consult with International Student Services prior to registration. Based on F-1 visa regulations, those students who register for less than a full course of study each semester are required to obtain written permission from International Student Service prior to the start of the semester. Failure to do so may result in the loss of immigration status.

For full information on F-1 visa regulations, please contact International Student Services (ISS), in person at Straughn 134, or via telephone at 202-885-6069.



# Theological Studies in U.S. Contexts Certificate

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## *Admission Criteria*

The Theological Studies in U.S. Contexts Certificate provides students from outside the United States with an immersion in theological studies in U.S. contexts.

Participants in this program must be current degree candidates in non-U.S. seminaries that have an established partnership (i.e. a Memorandum of Understanding) with Wesley Theological Seminary. Candidates are selected and nominated by the Dean or President of their home seminary. Graduates of non-U.S. seminaries may be nominated for this program by the episcopal leaders of their region, or other regional leaders. Candidates must supply all necessary paperwork for the I-20 in application for a visa as required by U.S. SEVIS regulations.

## *Applying for Admission*

- Complete the non-degree application
- Have official transcripts from all junior colleges, colleges, universities, or seminaries you have attended sent directly to the Admissions Office

- Submit a letter of nomination from the Dean of your home seminary
- Provide TOEFL or IELTS scores. *See International Admissions information in the section above.*

## *Admission Timeline*

Prospective U.S. Contexts Certificate students must follow the same timeline and adhere to the same deadlines as all International degree applicants.





# Transfer Admission

Wesley Theological Seminary welcomes applicants who have already completed some Master's level or Doctoral level work in another degree program. Students who have an incomplete theological degree may be eligible for transfer credit and waivers of requirements in order to complete the degree at Wesley. Students with a completed theological or non-theological degree may request Advanced Standing at Wesley in lieu of transfer.

*The information below provides a brief summary of Wesley's transfer policies for Admissions purposes for Master's Degree candidates. For Wesley's full transfer and Advanced Standing policies and related procedures, see the Academic Regulations section of the Catalog.*

## Credit Transfer and Advanced Standing

Master's degree applicants who meet the requirements for admission and have completed courses at another theological school accredited by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) may be considered for transfer admission. Those wishing to be considered for transfer equivalency should notify the Admissions Office during the application process. A written transfer evaluation will be provided.

Previous academic credit will generally be considered for transfer *only* if it meets *all* of the following criteria:

- The credit is above the Bachelor's level and is from a graduate theological school accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS).
- The grade is "B-" or higher graded on a conventional grading scale. "Pass" grades are not considered for transfer credit, although such courses may be used to waive core requirements of the Wesley degree if the original course was not eligible for a conventional (letter) grade.
- The course was completed no more than ten years prior to the date of admission to Wesley.
- The course is not thesis or writing hours.

Students may receive transfer credit in the form of credit hours and/or the waiver of certain core requirements of the Wesley degree program. The two are evaluated independently from one another, i.e. the receipt of waivers for core requirements does not guarantee a certain number of credit hours will automatically transfer. The articulation of transfer credit is made by the Registrar, often in consultation with the Dean, faculty, and applicable program Directors.





# Financial Information



## General Costs

All Wesley students receive automatic tuition assistance made possible by the Ministerial Education Fund of The United Methodist Church and by endowment income and grants. This assistance and the generous support of Wesley alumni and friends enable us to charge a tuition rate that is less than a third of the actual cost.

The financial information detailed below is for the 2017-2018 academic year. We intend to hold costs to these rates, but reserve the right to change any rates listed or to add other necessary charges.

### Tuition

To fairly account for differences in course load and academic program, tuition is charged on a semester-hour basis. The hourly tuition rates are:

Academic Credit (Degree and Non-Degree)	\$624
Audit	\$100/ Credit*
Continuing Education Units	\$100 per CEU**

*\*Current degree seeking students enrolled in other courses may audit one course each Fall or Spring semester free of charge.*

*\*\* Ordained clergy, diaconal ministers, or full-time lay denominational employees may enroll*

*in regular semester courses and receive Continuing Education Units. For billing purposes, one semester hour equals 1.5 Continuing Education Units (CEUs).*

Students in the National Capital Semester for Seminarians (NCSS) are charged different rates based on their home school's tuition. Legal spouses of degree candidates may audit one course during each semester or summer session without charge, provided they themselves are not degree candidates at Wesley. Students in the Washington Theological Consortium pay the tuition rate of their home institution.

### Fees

#### Admission Fees

Application Fee <i>Covers filing and process of transcript and recommendation. Non-refundable.</i>	\$60
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Confirmation of Admission and Orientation Fee <i>To be paid within 30 days of acceptance, as confirmation of intent to enroll. Non-refundable.</i>	\$125
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Returned Check Fee	\$30
Mailbox Key Deposit <i>Request key in mailroom</i>	\$25
Graduation Fee	\$150

### Student Fees

Per semester for all M.Div., M.A., M.T.S. and non-degree students taking five or more credit hours ( <i>includes Supplemental Health Benefit Program, 6 meal tickets, and 1 parking tag</i> )	\$592
Per semester for all M.Div., M.A., M.T.S. and non-degree students taking four or fewer credit hours	\$242
Per January or May term for D.Min. students attending courses on Wesley's campus	\$62

### Other Fees

Continuing Enrollment Fee <i>Per semester or D.Min. term when not in enrolled in credit-bearing classes</i>	\$100
Course Cancellation /Late Drop Fee <i>Summer, J-Term, and D.Min. terms</i>	\$100
Transcript Request Fee (per official transcript)	\$10
Transcript Rush Fee	\$5
Photo I.D. Replacement Fee	\$20
Diploma Replacement Fee	\$35
D.Min. Credit Transfer Fee	\$60
D.Min. Reader Fee	\$250

### ***PMM Immersion Fee***

In order to fulfill the requirement for an intercultural immersion experience in the M.Div. degree, additional costs incurred range from \$250 for some domestic immersions up to \$5,000 for some international immersions. To receive cost information on a particular immersion, please see the PMM Office.

### ***Clinical Pastoral Education Fee***

Cooperating institutions may charge a fee in addition to the regular tuition rate (depending on the level of training). Generally, Wesley pays the fees for CPE sites, up to \$1000 per unit, and the student pays Wesley the tuition rate for the number of credits sought. For more information on CPE fee payment and acceptable CPE sites please contact the Dean's Office at [deansoffice@wesleyseminary.edu](mailto:deansoffice@wesleyseminary.edu).

### ***Physical Fitness Facilities***

Wesley students are eligible for discounted membership rates at the Fitness Centers at American University. More information is available at <http://www.american.edu/recfit/> or by calling (202) 885-3000.

### **Residence Life**

Individual residential students will reside in the New Residence Hall in rooms of single or double occupancy. Beginning Fall 2017, New Residence Hall opens its doors to married students who will be housed in the apartment-style



suites. Commuter housing is available in the New Residence Hall for students who want to stay one, two, or three nights a week in double- or single-occupancy dorm rooms (as available).

Students interested in participating in intentional community may apply to the Birch Intentional Living Community, located at 908 Massachusetts Ave, NW. Dormitory rooms and apartments are available for single or married students.

Apartment units for students with families are available in Carroll Hall. Apartments are assigned in order of application and all applications must be received by June 1. Apartments are completely furnished (except linens, lamps, and dishes), carpeted, and air-conditioned.

Five efficiency apartments, twenty-five 1-bedroom apartments, six 2-bedroom apartments and three 3-bedroom apartments are available on a first come, first served basis for students with children and/or spouse. Because on-campus housing for families is very limited, students may wish to secure off-campus housing.

The Straughn Dormitory is currently being used as housing for local graduate students over the age of 21.

Cable television in dormitory rooms/apartments is not available at this time. The New Residence Hall, Straughn Dormitory, and the Birch Intentional Community have community lounges with satellite/cable television. Wireless internet access is available in all buildings.

### Rates for Dormitory Accommodations

These rates are valid from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. A separate rate structure applies to non-Wesley students seeking Wesley housing.

<b>Carroll Apartments</b> Families and Couples <i>per month</i> *	
Housing deposit	\$200
One room efficiency	\$975
One bedroom	\$1,175
Two bedroom	\$1,560
Three bedroom	\$1,840

<b>Birch Intentional Living Community</b> Individual Students and Couples <i>per month</i> †	
Housing deposit	\$200
Double occupancy	\$725
Single occupancy	\$890
One room efficiency	\$1325
Smaller One bedroom	\$1,540
Larger One bedroom	\$1,690



<b>New Residence Hall</b>	
Individual Students <i>per month †</i>	
Housing deposit	\$200
Double occupancy	\$725
Single occupancy	\$890
Apartment Suite	\$950
Commuter Students <i>per semester †</i>	
Housing deposit	\$100
Double occupancy – one night/week	\$555
Double occupancy – two nights/week	\$1110
Double occupancy – three nights/week	\$1,666
Single occupancy – one night/week	\$820
Single occupancy – two nights/week	\$1,640
Single occupancy – three nights/week	\$2,460

\* Students are billed per semester (monthly rate x 4.5 months; Birch is billed monthly rate x 5 months), and can opt to pay in the lump sum amount or enroll in an installment plan.

Please contact the Office of Residence Life at [residencelife@wesleyseminary.edu](mailto:residencelife@wesleyseminary.edu) for Summer Term dormitory information or for further information on housing in general.

## Dining Room/Refectory

Meals are served during the Masters Fall and Spring semesters in the Seminary dining room (Refectory) from Monday's lunch through Thursday's dinner. The Refectory is not open on Fridays, weekends, or during the summer. The campus meal plan includes lunch and

dinner for all weeks when classes are in session. Breakfast is not served.

Residents of the New Residence Hall must participate in the campus meal plan. The semester rate takes into account the likelihood that residents will miss some meals, thus no refunds are granted.

Cafeteria service is available to commuting students, staff, faculty, and guests on an individual meal or meal-ticket basis.

### Dining Room Charges

<i>Per semester</i>	\$1092
<i>Individual Meal Ticket</i>	\$9

This figure is assessed and adjusted if necessary at the beginning of each term to compensate for rising food costs.

## Additional Services

### Health Insurance Benefit

While Wesley does not offer health insurance and does not require students to provide proof of coverage, Wesley strongly encourages students to obtain health insurance coverage. To offset the costs associated with illness, Wesley provides a student health benefit through EIIA to all Master's degree students enrolled in five or more credits. This is one of the many benefits covered under the general student fee. Detailed information is available from the Community Life Office or online at [www.eiiastudent.org/WTS](http://www.eiiastudent.org/WTS).



All students 26 years old and younger must present documentation that verifies their current vaccination against measles, mumps, polio, and tetanus.

### *Psychotherapy or Pastoral Counseling*

Counseling is available by referral at the expense of the applicant. Some funds are available from Annual Conferences and other sources to provide psychotherapy for students who cannot afford it. Students who wish to apply for such assistance should discuss this with the Associate Dean for Community Life.

### *Textbooks*

Wesley has partnered with Cokesbury for student textbooks. You may buy your books through [Cokesbury.com](http://Cokesbury.com) or any other supplier. To access booklists for current classes, visit [WesleyWeb](http://WesleyWeb) in the course information or <https://www.cokesbury.com/forms/textbooks.aspx?lvl=Display%20Schools&schoolid=22>.

## **Payments and Refunds**

### *Payment Policy*

All tuition and fees are due the first week of classes for each semester or term. Invoices are mailed to the student's permanent legal address in advance of the semester or term start date to provide ample time for understanding the bill and paying in a timely manner. Additionally, students may also view their accounts on Wesley Web.

Payment plan agreements will be processed through Official Payments. The payment plan allows students to pay

for semester charges in 4 installments. Official Payments charges a \$35 fee per semester for this service. Students who default on payment plans are assessed additional fees and placed on the "stop list" – a financial hold that will prevent future registration. In addition, all charges must be paid in full before semester grades, transcripts, or diplomas will be issued.

*To contact Official Payments to enroll, please visit their website at <http://www.officialpayments.com/>*

Federal Stafford loans may be a part of the payment plan option, with no fee assessed, if all the paperwork is completed with the Financial Aid Office by October 1 for the fall semester, and February 1 for entering spring students.

All semester tuition and fees must be paid before students may register for the following semester. Final course grades and transcripts will be withheld for students with unpaid tuition and fees. Any outstanding balance may affect a student's ability to graduate. Students who regularly maintain a revolving balance of tuition and fees from semester to semester may be referred to the Associate Dean for Community Life for withdrawal from the Seminary.

Charges for summer school, travel seminars, and other short-term programs must be paid in full upon registration. Summer courses offered in May or June are charged at the summer session rate for the previous academic year. Summer courses that begin after July 1 are charged at the new academic year's tuition rate.



### Withdrawal Refunds

If a student withdraws from a course during a regular Fall or Spring semester, the amount of tuition refund will be prorated based on how long the classes have been in session (the actual amount is based on the applicable percentage of the number of hours dropped). Financial aid will not cover courses that are dropped prior to the end of add/drop period. The following outlines the prorated withdraw schedule:

Tuition Refunds	
During the third full week	75% refund
During the fourth full week	50% refund
During the fifth full week	25% refund
No refunds will be granted after the fifth full week.	

*The specific drop deadlines for each semester are listed in the Important Dates section of the Catalog and posted at <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/academics/academic-calendar/>.*

The only exception to this policy is in the case of courses that do not begin in the first week of a Fall or Spring semester. Such courses may be dropped with no tuition penalty through noon of the *next business day after the first class session is held*. After this deadline, the tuition refund schedule in the table above will apply to any course drop.

**Fees** will not be refunded after the final add/drop deadline (the end of the second full week of classes for Fall and Spring). This scale also applies to refunds on

tuition, fees, and housing rates for students withdrawing entirely from Seminary enrollment.

A refund schedule for **J-Term** and **Summer** sessions is available in the Business and Registrar's Offices and on the J-Term and Summer Term web pages. In general, the Registration deadline for intensive Summer and J-Term classes (Masters level) and all D.Min. intensive terms are two weeks **before** the start of class. Any student dropping after that date and up until the first day of class will be charged the \$100 cancellation / late drop fee. After the first day of class the student will be responsible for paying the **whole** tuition bill.

### Payment with Credit Cards

Students may charge their accounts to Master Card or Visa. Credit card payments are accepted in the Business Office or online through WesleyWeb or through the pay-by-phone service.

### Estimating the Cost of Attendance

#### Financial Assistance

Tuition constitutes only a small part of the actual cost of theological education. The greater part is covered by other funds from the Seminary and from the Ministerial Education Fund of The United Methodist Church. Thus, every student at Wesley Theological Seminary receives some degree of financial assistance for their theological education.





We recognize that some students will require substantial assistance in meeting the costs of preparation for ministry. Accordingly, Wesley has developed a financial assistance program consisting of internships, grants, loans, church appointments, on- and off-campus employment, and scholarships.

Scholarships are both merit-based and need-based. Through merit-based aid, Wesley seeks to give special encouragement to applicants who show high potential for ministry. Determination of merit-based aid includes a number of factors, and is not based solely on previous academic performance. We give careful consideration to each applicant's financial situation as we determine need-based aid. All financial aid recipients must be in a degree program and enrolled each semester at least half-time (5 credit hours). Students must also maintain satisfactory academic progress.

*For more information on satisfactory academic progress for financial aid, contact [financialaid@wesleyseminary.edu](mailto:financialaid@wesleyseminary.edu).*

### *Applying for Assistance*

Information about the financial aid program and applications for financial assistance are available online or from the Director of Financial Aid. In accordance with guidelines recommended by the Association of Theological Schools, financial assistance awards take into account actual living costs, available resources and a reasonable student responsibility for self-help. Where demonstrated need exists, financial aid may be granted.

Financial need is determined through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), a needs analysis service provided by the federal government ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)). The FAFSA application and a Wesley Financial Assistance Application are required for Seminary grants. The FAFSA only is required for Federal loans.

Consideration for financial assistance will be given to students whose admission applications have been submitted by February 1 and whose processed FAFSA analysis have reached the Financial Assistance Office by May 1, prior to the academic year for which aid is needed. To meet this date, the FAFSA application should also be submitted online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) by April 1.

We encourage students to seek financial assistance from as many sources as possible. Our Financial Aid Office will be glad to refer students to various sources of assistance.

D.Min. students can apply for Federal Stafford loans in the amount of expenses for each period of enrollment. Allowable costs include tuition, housing and meals, transportation, and course books.

### *Repayment of Loans*

Student enrollment is reported each semester to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC), a federally-run organization that reports student enrollment statuses to various loan granting organizations, including the Federal Stafford Loan program. Because students who do not maintain at least half-time enrollment in a compulsory semester (Fall and Spring) or D.Min. term (Winter and Spring) are no longer



eligible for deferral of their loan repayment, any student registered for a less-than-half-time load or Continuing Enrollment will be considered “withdrawn” by the Clearinghouse, which will in turn report this status to loan granting organizations seeking information on student matriculation

D.Min. students who have completed their credit requirements and are only working on their dissertation/project paper must also, by law, be reported as not carrying a credit load to the Clearinghouse.

The grace period for repayment of loans may begin as soon as the student is reported as “withdrawn” by the Clearinghouse. Students are advised to make preparations to begin repayment of loans whenever they are not enrolled for a semester or D.Min. term.

### *Self-Help Opportunities*

Before authorizing awards from scholarship funds, the Financial Aid Office explores every possible financial source, such as annual conferences and home churches. In addition, other types of financial assistance are recommended according to need, interest and promise of performance.

Campus Workshops are partial tuition grants for students who serve a limited number of hours each week in the library or administrative offices. Approximately 25 workshops are available each year.

Federal Work-Study provides federal funds for a limited number of part-time employment opportunities to students who have financial need and must earn

part of their educational expenses. The positions involve 10 to 12 hours per week. Positions are both on- and off-campus. To be eligible for federal work-study, students must file a FAFSA and show financial need.

Loans of many types are available. Through the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church, loans of \$5,000 per calendar year are available to United Methodist students. Federal Stafford Loans can be certified for degree students who show eligibility as determined by the required FAFSA.

Church Appointments may provide income. Appointments to Washington-area churches are part of the Seminary’s Contextual Education program that relates classroom learning to the work of church leadership.

Various off-campus work opportunities include part-time employment for students or full-time employment for non-student partners in government agencies, associations, and nonprofit organizations, hospitals, universities, and a host of specialty fields. Several local temporary employment agencies also provide opportunities to explore work options.

*For information on self-help opportunities in and around campus, see the Student Handbook available from the Office of Community life*  
<https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Student-Handbook-2016-2017.pdf>.



### *Endowed Scholarships*

Endowment funds provide a great deal of support for the life and mission of Wesley. Scholarship assistance is made possible by the annual gifts and permanent endowments of many individuals, foundations, churches and organizations. The entire Wesley community is grateful for the foresight and generosity of the committed people of faith who make these funds available.

### *Merit Scholarships*

Merit scholarships are based on demonstrated academic achievement and qualities of character and leadership ability that predict exceptional service in and through the church. There are six merit scholarship levels available to degree-seeking students: Bishop's, Oxnam, Governor's, President's, Dean's and Wesley Merit. Applicants for full scholarship awards and merit awards must have a degree application on file at Wesley by February 1 of the year in which they wish to enroll. Merit scholarship recipients may receive need-based loans as well, but are not eligible for need-based grants. Applicants will be considered for merit aid upon admission to the Seminary.

More information on the following scholarships is available from the Admissions Office:

#### ***Korean Endowment Scholarships and Trans-Generation (TG) Scholarships***

Every year, Korean students are selected to receive Korean Endowment Scholarships. Deadline for application is November 1.

Trans-Generation (TG) Scholarships are also available for the 1.5 or 2nd generation of Korean-American students who demonstrate ability and a strong commitment to the ministry for the next generation of Korean-American English-speaking congregations. Deadline for application is August 1.

#### ***The Ellura Harvey Winters Award***

The Ellura Harvey Winters Award is a one-year, full-tuition scholarship given in memory of a dedicated servant of the church. It is granted to an entering United Methodist student who shows the gifts and the graces to become a good scholar and a compassionate pastor. The award is granted by the president of the Seminary in consultation with the Admissions Office.

#### ***Susquehanna Annual Conference Tuition Matching Grants***

In cooperation with the Student Aid Fund of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church, Wesley Seminary provides a matching 50/50 matching grant toward tuition. A limited number of these awards are available to full-time M.Div. Students who also meet the Student Aid Fund eligibility requirements.

#### ***John Satterwhite Award***

Named to honor the memory of Dr. John H. Satterwhite, a minister of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion denomination, the first faculty member hired by President Norman Trott following the Seminary's move to Washington, D.C., in 1958 and the first African-American member of the Wesley faculty. Satterwhite award recipients must be fully admitted to master's degree study at Wesley, endorsed for this award by the pastor or bishop or his/her



church and approved by the Financial Aid Committee.

The recipient must enroll in at least 5 academic hours (half-time status) and attend two Satterwhite Scholar sessions each semester for the award to be active and must maintain a GPA of 2.75 or better to be continued in the award. The Satterwhite Scholar sessions provide ongoing support for award recipients focused on community building, curriculum integration, and vocational clarity. These scholarships are awarded during the admissions process. A recipient can begin study in either fall or spring semester - and can also use the award toward summer term study.

### *Wesley Weekend*

During the Spring semester, Wesley's Admissions Office holds an annual weekend of fellowship, activities, worship, unique Washington, D.C. experience, and faculty engagement. Students are invited by the Admissions Office to attend Wesley Weekend. Interviews are conducted for potential fellows participants. Wesley Weekend also offers admitted students an experience of the campus, community, and context of Wesley Theological Seminary as they decide whether to matriculate.

### *Veterans Administration Benefits*

Veterans of the United States military, their spouses and dependents are often eligible for educational funding through the Montgomery G.I. Bill (Chapter 30), the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill (Chapter 33), the Survivors' and Dependents' Education Assistance Bill (Chapter 35), the Reserve

Educational Assistance Program (REAP, Chapter 1607) and other programs sponsored by the Veterans Administration. Students who believe they are eligible for these benefits while a student at Wesley should contact the Office of the Registrar for more information about establishing a file and verifying their enrollment to the VA. Each eligible student must supply to the Registrar's Office a Certificate of Eligibility from the Buffalo regional VA office. For more information visit the VA's website at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).

### *Post 9/11 G.I. Bill (Chapter 33)*

Retired or non-active duty students may be eligible to receive VA benefits for tuition, fees, housing and books. Please visit [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) for more information about the available benefits. For the 2017-18 academic year, Chapter 33 students with 100% eligibility may receive up to \$22,805.34 per academic year in tuition/fees at private institutions such as Wesley. Tuition and fees are paid directly to Wesley after the Registrar's Office certifies the student's enrollment status each semester.\* Applicable housing, books, and supplies stipends are paid directly to the student.

Tuition and fees for **active duty** military are paid at the 100% tuition rate only after accruing 36 months of service. Those with less than this threshold will receive a pro-rated amount of tuition and fees.\* As of October 1, 2011, active duty students are also eligible for the Books & Supplies Stipend, which is paid directly to the student and is calculated based on Wesley's location.

### *Yellow Ribbon Program*

Wesley is proud to participate in the Yellow Ribbon program under the Post-



9/11 G.I. Bill (Chapter 33) program. Through this program, Wesley in concert with the VA make up any remaining balance in tuition or fees that Chapter 33 funds have not already covered, ensuring that eligible students receive 100% coverage of all tuition/fees. This provision is only available to retired and non-active duty students with 100% eligibility as determined by the VA. Active duty military are not eligible for the Yellow Ribbon subsidy.

Additional funds for living and academic expenses are provided to Yellow Ribbon eligible students via the Housing and Books & Supplies Stipends. The VA pays Yellow Ribbon students directly for eligible expenses; this reimbursement is calculated based on Wesley's location and differs by the veteran's rank and service length entitlement.

A limited number of Yellow Ribbon spaces are available to Wesley students each academic year. Presently there are 40 spaces authorized, divided evenly between Master's level and D.Min. students. To check your eligibility for Yellow Ribbon funds after establishing a VA file with Wesley, contact the Office of the Registrar at (202) 885-8650 or [registrar@wesleyseminary.edu](mailto:registrar@wesleyseminary.edu).

*\* Please note that according to the Veteran's Administration their payment of "fees" does not include any punitive fees levied by the institution (such as Late Registration Cancellation fees), nor does it include one-time fees such as Graduation fees or transcript order fees. Additionally, the VA requires that institutions certify an eligible student's tuition and fees less the amount of scholarships received.*





# Curriculum

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## Masters Degrees

*Master of Arts (M.A.)*

*Master of Divinity (M.Div.)*

*Master of Theological Studies  
(M.T.S.)*

## Dual Masters Degrees

*M.A. or M.T.S. in conjunction with  
M.Div.*

*Completion of an M.A. or M.T.S. degree  
in conjunction with an M.Div. requires a  
minimum of III credit hours and  
completion of all requirements for both  
degrees.*

*M.A. in conjunction with M.T.S.*

*Completion of an M.A. degree in  
conjunction with an M.T.S. degree  
requires a minimum of 90 credit hours  
and completion of all requirements for  
both degrees.*

*M.T.S. with M.A. in International  
Peace and Conflict Resolution at AU  
Offered in cooperation with The  
American University's School of  
International Service*

*M.T.S. with M.A. in International  
Development at AU  
Offered in cooperation with The  
American University's School of  
International Service*

## Doctoral Degree

*Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.)*

## Overview of Professional Degree Programs

The central aim of each of our professional degree programs (M.Div., D.Min.) is to equip people for effective leadership and service through the various full-time vocations of the church, ordained and non-ordained. Because ministry is a profession practiced in community, preparation at Wesley occurs not only in the classroom, but also in contexts provided by various communities of faith.

People engaged in professional service to the church need the gift of maturity coupled with a capacity and desire to grow. Our commitment to this understanding is reflected in the following formational objectives.

## Professional Degree Goals and Objectives

*Master of Divinity (M.Div.)*

*The M.Div. curriculum strives toward greater educational excellence in the following areas:*

### I. Religious Heritage

Goal: Students will cultivate deep roots in the foundational biblical and theological traditions of the Christian faith.

Objectives: Students will demonstrate:

- A. knowledge of biblical and historical foundations of Christian theology and practice;
- B. critical understanding of methodological issues in interpreting these traditions for contemporary faith and practice;



- C. engagement with the diversity of the Christian heritage and imaginative expression in liturgy, writing and the arts.

## II. Cultural Context

Goal: Students will engage diverse cultural contexts sensitively, critically and constructively.

Objectives: Students will demonstrate:

- A. ability to enter into diverse cultural communities with an openness to encountering, contributing to, and learning from different cultural perspectives;
- B. critical use of methods for identifying and analyzing cultural patterns, social structures, and economic forces impacting human communities and their lived faith;
- C. constructive engagement in collaborative ministry with others in ways that are culturally informed.

## III. Ministerial and Public Leadership

Goal: Students will hone their own skills for ministry and enable the ministry and leadership of others.

Objectives: Students will demonstrate:

- A. skill in practicing the arts of ministry and church leadership;
- B. ability to work effectively with others to facilitate their gifts for service and leadership in the church, in community organization, and in the public square;
- C. fruitful approaches toward innovation to help others face new challenges and

opportunities for creative and faithful ministry and mission.

## IV. Personal and Spiritual Formation

Goal: Students will strive toward deeper integration intellectually, morally, emotionally and spiritually.

Objectives: Students will demonstrate:

- A. committed discipleship as faithful individuals and as persons of moral character within community;
- B. responsibility for directing their learning for more effective engagement;
- C. self-awareness, especially of their own emotional processes in interaction with others.

### *Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.)*

*The Doctor of Ministry curriculum strives toward greater educational excellence in the following areas:*

#### I. Current Trends & Context

Goal: Students will assess current trends and perennial issues in the biblical, theological, and ministerial practice disciplines.

Objectives: Students will:

- A. demonstrate comprehension of major trends and issues;
- B. evaluate and review present practices in ministry in light of analysis of current trends and perennial issues in the biblical, theological, and ministerial academic disciplines.

#### II. Ministry Integration

Goal: Students will integrate the best practices of ministry with new learnings





from the biblical, theological, and ministerial practice disciplines.

Objectives: Students will:

- A. formulate a final project paper that engages study with best practices in the ministry setting;
- B. develop roles as relective practitioners and resident theologian in the ministry setting.

### III. Research & Writing

Goal: Students will be equipped to contribute to original research and writing for the church's public fund of knowledge about the practice of ministry.

Objectives: Students will:

- A. generate a biblical or theological component within the project paper that anchors, amplifies, illuminates, energizes, or otherwise serve the final project paper;
- B. produce a project paper that can be instructive in other settings.

### IV. Collegial Community

Goal: Students will model a structure for collegial exchange and accountability and reflection on spiritual and moral development.

Objective: Students will:

- A. practice collegial exchange and critique in all classes.

## Overview of Non-Professional Degree Programs

The purpose of each of our non-professional degree programs (M.T.S., M.A.) is to provide a basic understanding of theological disciplines to enhance

existing careers or for general theological education purposes.

The M.T.S. and M.A. degrees are offered to equip graduates to reflect thoughtfully and faithfully on their life and work and to participate more effectively in the mission of the Church.

## Non-Professional Degree Goals and Objectives

### *Master of Arts (M.A.)*

The educational goals for the degree are for students to be able to:

- demonstrate general survey knowledge of various theological disciplines;
- reflect critically upon this general theological knowledge in conversation with their existing career in public life;
- engage in thoughtful conversation with various views regarding general theological knowledge;
- pursue advanced study related to a particular vocational area.

### *Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.)*

The Master of Theological Studies degree is offered to provide:

- background in the theological disciplines as a foundation for further graduate study;
- multi-disciplinary education, especially for participants entering or engaged in other professions who wish to pursue their work from the enlarged perspective of a religious community.



# Master of Arts (36 credit hours)

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## Objectives

The purpose of the Master of Arts degree is to provide a basic understanding of theological disciplines to enhance existing careers in public life or for general theological education purposes.

## General Requirements and Length of Program

Students must successfully complete 36 credit hours of course work in the regular curriculum. Please note that taking coursework beyond 36 hours will impact the student's ability to receive aid or borrow using federal student loans. Only 6 credits may be transferred into the Master of Arts program from an outside institution or previous theological study.

The M.A. program will generally entail four semesters of coursework if the student is pursuing study full-time. The M.A. must be completed within six years from the date of admission.

## Coursework

Students are required to participate in the **M.A. Integrative Seminar (IS-100)** with the M.A. advisor during their final semester prior to graduation.

Other than the Integrative Seminar there are not specific requirements for the M.A. program per se, instead:

- this program is self-designed by the student in consultation with the M.A. advisor;
- various M.A. curricular design options for student planning are available at <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/academics/degrees/master-of-arts>. *These are suggested guidelines.* M.A. Curricular Designs are finalized in consultation with the M.A. advisor;
- the student's course of study is bound only by Wesley's standing curriculum and prerequisite structure. For instance, prerequisites must be satisfied in order for a student to take an upper-level course;
- M.A. student may choose to emphasize courses in a particular field, for example, in urban ministry, religion and art, teaching ministry, or pastoral care;
- during the student's final semester the student will present a communication event to the M.A. Integrative Seminar that demonstrates the student's general survey knowledge of theological disciplines in critical and constructive engagement with the student's existing career or ministry.



# Master of Divinity (81 credit hours)

## Objectives

The Master of Divinity degree prepares students for the practice of Christian ministry. Most candidates for this degree seek to become qualified for ordination, and the design of the degree program comprises the basic ordination requirements of most Christian denominations.

Preparation for professional ministry is a lifelong undertaking. Seminarians who obtain the M.Div. degree will have achieved foundational competence and preparation for a lifetime of learning.

## General Requirements and Length of Program

M.Div. candidates must successfully complete 81 credit hours of coursework in the regular curriculum, including a supervised contextual education component through the Practice in Mission and Ministry office and an Intercultural Immersion experience. In keeping with Wesley's philosophy of integrating academic work and spiritual development, students will participate in small groups as part of the Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry course. Additional discipleship group experience is gained through the Practice in Ministry and Mission colloquies and in field experience obtained after completing 27 credit hours.

The M.Div. program may be completed in a minimum of three years of full-time study and must be completed within ten years from the date of admission.

Students in the M.Div. program are strongly encouraged to follow one of the three-, four-, or five-year suggested degree plan templates outlined in the Appendix and distributed during the academic planning session of orientation.

Completion of the M.Div. in conjunction with the M.T.S or M.A. degrees requires a minimum of 111 (one hundred eleven) credit hours and completion of both degree programs' requirements.

## Required Courses

To be taken during the first 27 hours of study:

- **Introduction to the Hebrew Bible** BI-101 and -102  
*6 credit hours*
- **Introduction to the New Testament** BI-171 and -172  
*6 credit hours*
- **The Church in History** CH-101 and -102 *6 credit hours*
- **Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry** MM-101 and -102. MM-101 and -102 must be taken sequentially and within the same academic year  
*3 credit hours*
- **Foundations in Christian Worship** PW-101 *2 credit hours*
- **Foundations of Preaching** PW-125 *2 credit hours*
- **Philosophy:** Students with no undergraduate philosophy course must complete ST-180 Philosophy for Theology, ST-181



Philosophical Backgrounds, or an equivalent course from an accredited institution  
*2 or 3 credit hours*

To be taken after the first 27 credit hours of study are completed:

- **Systematic Theology** ST-305 and -306 *6 credit hours*
- **Christian Ethics** Any 300-level ES course *3 credit hours*
- **Practice in Ministry and Mission: Contextual Education**
  - Master of Divinity Colloquy MM-311 through MM-314 or other variations as described below *4 credit hours*
  - Intercultural Immersion MM-350 *2 credit hours*
- **Preaching and Worship Distribution Requirement – 2 courses** Fulfilled by taking any two 300-level PW courses or by an approved course through the Consortium *4-6 credit hours*

To be taken whenever offered (check course listings for prerequisites):

- **The Church in an Interreligious World** fulfilled by courses listed in each semester's schedule or by an approved course through the Consortium *2-3 credit hours*
- **Practices of Leadership in Ministry** Any combination of 100- and 300- level CM courses *4 credit hours*
- **Pastoral Care and Counseling** PC-101 or -III *3 credit hours*
- **Religion and the Arts** Any 100-level RA course *2 credit hours*

- **Consortium Course** Students must take at least one full semester course, or equivalent, at one of the other member institution of the Washington Theological Consortium. *2 or more credit hours*

### *Consortium Requirement*

All M.Div. students are required to take at least one course (of two or more credits) at a member institution of the Consortium (please see page 21 of this Catalog for a list of WTC member institutions). This course must be taught by a non-Wesley faculty member. M.Div. students may not take Consortium courses in their first year or final semester. All degree students at Wesley may take a course at one or more Consortium schools during the fall and spring semesters without additional charge beyond the regular WTS tuition rate. (Taking multiple Consortium courses in the same semester must be approved by the Dean.) Online or hybrid courses may not fulfill the Consortium requirement. Students may use their Consortium course to fulfill the Preaching and Worship Distribution or Church in the Interreligious World requirement with prior approval from the relevant departmental faculty. Visit [www.washtheocon.org](http://www.washtheocon.org) for more information on the Consortium.

### **Elective Courses**

Courses beyond those required for all M.Div. candidates are taken as electives. There are approximately 21-25 credit hours of possible electives in the M.Div. degree. Students may use their electives to sample a broad range of curricular



offerings or they may choose to concentrate their electives. Students may also declare a formal specialization within African-American Church Studies, Missional Church, Urban Ministry, Public Theology, or pursue a Certificate in Theology and the Arts. Those who join one of these specialized programs will be assigned a faculty advisor to help guide their selection of electives.

*Note: Students in a formal specialization have additional course requirements including specific elective courses. These electives may not be drawn from any of the core requirements above unless allowed by the program director / advisor in consultation with the Registrar's Office.*

## Denominational Requirements

For those students seeking ordination and commissioning as a deacon or elder in The United Methodist Church, many of the required foundational courses for the M.Div. degree will fulfill the UMC's requirements in accordance with the Book of Discipline 2012. Additional courses must be taken as well. These are church requirements for ordination and not a Seminary requirement for the professional Master's degree. Accordingly, Wesley students take these courses as electives toward their degree program or at some point after graduation. Consult with your faculty advisor and District Superintendent or Board of Ordained Ministry to ensure that specific requirements for your annual conference will be met.

Additional required courses for certified candidacy include:

**Sacraments of the United Methodist Church** *1 credit hour*  
PW-102

**Polity of the United Methodist Church** *2 credit hours*  
CM-251

**History and Doctrine in Methodist Traditions** *4 credit hours*  
ST-463 and -464

**Evangelism** *One course of the courses below, 2- 3 credit hours*  
CM-129  
CM-222  
CM-270  
CM-271  
CM-273  
CM-470

**Mission of the Church in the World** *One course of the courses below, 2- 3 credit hours*  
CM-150  
CM-205  
MM-350  
WR-204  
WR-294



# Contextual Education: Ministry in an Interconnected World

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Wesley is located in a unique context where multiple, global realities visibly converge. We live in a world where urban, rural, suburban and international people and issues interconnect. Contextual education at Wesley seeks to prepare graduates of its professional degree program to minister effectively in these culturally diverse settings. The synthesis of the curricular and formational goals for Wesley's M.Div. degree is best exemplified by this curricular requirement.

The three components of the contextual education program are:

- **Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry:** Includes peer-led covenant discipleship (CD) groups that meet weekly throughout the year to focus on basic disciplines of the Christian life. MM-101 -102 *3 credit hours*
- **Practice in Ministry and Mission (PMM) Placement:** One or two years of practical experience in an approved teaching congregation or other setting, working with Learning Partners to develop goals, reflect together theologically, and engage in evaluation. Colloquies

led by Seminary faculty and pastoral co-leaders provide opportunities for further reflection and evaluation. Various courses.

*4 credit hours*

- **Intercultural Immersion** experience, in the United States or abroad, for 10-14 consecutive days. Requirements include a 3-hour orientation session prior to the immersion, a reflection paper and project, and a 3-hour debriefing session at the close. MM-350  
*2 credit hours*

M.Div. students can fulfill the contextual education placement requirement in the following ways, outlined in detail below and in the course listings section:

- The standard PMM Program involves 4 academic credits incorporating part-time year-long and/or full-time summer internships for two concurrent academic years. Students who so desire may also coordinate their PMM placements with any of the specializations in the M.Div. program (African-American Church Studies, Urban Ministry, Missional Church, or Public Theology);
- Also available is the full-time year-long internship (MM-331 and MM-332), which allows students to concentrate exclusively on their internship for an academic year. Students are not allowed to take any additional academic courses while enrolled in MM-311 or -332;
- The Student Pastor Program for qualified students engaged in an approved pastoral ministry setting throughout the duration of their M.Div. program (see details below).



## The Practice in Ministry and Mission Program (PMM)

Practice in Ministry and Mission (PMM) provides the opportunity to integrate classroom learning with practical experience in a teaching congregation or other setting for ministry. Faithful discipleship, shared pastoral leadership, and accountability in ministry are fundamental principles in this experiential sequence of the curriculum. Placement plans are available to students who meet denominational requirements for supervised ministry.

Typically, students are in a ministry setting teamed up with pastoral learning partners for contiguous Fall and Spring semesters for two continuous academic years. Students may elect to participate in a 10-week intensive (full-time) summer internship at one site either for their first or second year of colloquy. PMM placements beginning in the Fall semester are determined by May 1 and summer internships are determined by March 1.

### *Year One: Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry*

Participation in the Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry sequence (MM-101 and -102) includes membership in a covenant discipleship group. The peer-led CD groups meet throughout the year to focus on the basic disciplines of the Christian life: acts of compassion, justice, worship, and devotion. During the Fall semester, the course meets for two hours weekly; during the Spring semester, the course meets monthly for two-hour seminars on vocational call and ministry. MM-101 and -102 must be taken sequentially and within the same

academic year. A failure of (or withdrawal from) a semester of Spiritual Formation will necessitate the student re-taking the entire year of Spiritual Formation coursework.

### *Years Two and Three: Practice in Ministry and Mission*

Placement in an approved teaching congregation or other setting for ministry (e.g., campus ministry, social justice ministry) in which students experience a broad range of ministerial learning activities. These internships involve 800 hours of supervised ministry for M.Div. students. Internships may be structured utilizing part-time ministry placements during the regular academic year and/or full-time summer placements – in accordance with the respective PMM processes and course requirements for these options. Alternately, in specific approved situations, students may satisfy this internship requirement by means of a full-time internship year.

During a part-time internship, students are involved in the life of a congregation or ministry setting for 8-9 working hours each week throughout the academic year (including the winter months but not normally during the summer). There is a required daylong PMM General Orientation Session held at the Seminary for all students and their Learning Partners prior to the beginning of a part-time internship. Students engaged in part-time internships will also attend an on-campus colloquy led by the faculty member and a pastoral co-leader over the course of the internship.

During a full-time summer internship, students are engaged in ministry for 40



working hours each week for ten total weeks. **During these ten weeks students may not be registered for any other courses at the Seminary.** There are two required half-day PMM Summer Internship face-to-face colloquy sessions held at the Seminary. One session is held in the Spring prior to the beginning of the internship and the second is in the fall after its completion. The PMM Office will make orientation materials for Summer Learning Partners available online. Students engaged in full-time internships will also participate in an online colloquy led by the faculty member and a pastoral co-leader during the summer internship.

In both part- and full-time internships, Learning Partners from the host placements will help students develop individual learning goals. They will engage together in regular theological reflection and in evaluation of student learning.

In specific approved situations, students may satisfy the internship requirement by means of a full-time internship year. An internship year involves a full-time (35-40 hours each week) placement in a ministry setting for a full academic year (from the beginning of Fall semester until the end of Spring semester, including semester break periods). While engaged in a full-time Internship Year, students may not be registered for any other courses at the Seminary except under special circumstances. Students interested in an Internship Year should contact the Practice in Ministry and Mission Office.

The PMM curriculum is designed to be a full-year integrative experience. Thus a student must complete and pass all

contiguous semesters of a given academic year in sequence in order to move on. If a student should withdraw mid-year or fail one semester, the entire year must be repeated beginning in the Fall semester.

### *CPE during PMM*

Students who do their PMM placement in a hospital setting may be allowed to pursue up to one unit of CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) provided that CPE is consistent with the student's vocational discernment and that the PMM staff concur. However, the student may not simultaneously register for PMM and CPE (PC-491 or PC-493) in the same semester. In other words a student may not "double-dip" and receive academic credit for both PMM and CPE at the same time.

### *Prerequisites for PMM*

The prerequisite for beginning a PMM placement is the completion of any 27 credit hours of coursework, which must include MM-101 and MM-102. It is highly recommended that students complete those courses required for Advancement to Candidacy (foundational coursework) prior to beginning PMM.

## **Student Pastor Program**

The Student Pastor Program is an option within the M.Div. program that integrates student pastorates into the educational design of the regular M.Div. curriculum. This program maximizes the opportunity to relate academic studies to the practice of ministry. Student pastors are usually appointed by the United





Methodist Conferences to serve as sole pastor or associate pastor to one or more teaching congregations, though this program is also open to non-UM students under similar circumstances. In addition, some limited opportunities to serve as an assistant pastor in large-member churches are available and offer a full range of pastoral duties. Qualified students typically enter the student pastor program at the time of their admission to the M.Div. program at Wesley. Students who become appointed student pastors later in their seminary career are not normally eligible for this program.

### *Coordination with United Methodist Conference Cabinets*

The Seminary works closely with UM Conference Cabinets to place student pastors. These Cabinets select the parishes, appoint the students, and help to locate mentor pastors to work with the student, the church, and the Seminary. A working covenant describes the responsibilities between the Cabinet, the local church, the seminary, the mentor pastor and the student pastor.

Because of the necessary coordination with Cabinets, students are encouraged to apply to Wesley by February; student pastorates typically begin July 1. Prior to July 1, United Methodist students should have begun the process for ordained ministry in their own conference, obtained certified candidacy, and attended Licensing School. Students in other denominations must have the qualifying ministerial credentials required by their denominations.

*Please see the Admissions section of this catalog for more details regarding*

*admission criteria for the Student Pastor Program.*

### *Orientation Sessions*

The Wesley program begins with a daylong orientation session prior to the start of the Fall semester. Student pastors in this specialized program will be accompanied by two Learning Partners from their ministerial context – a clergy learning partner and a lay learning partner from the selected congregation.

### *Course Work Completion*

Assignments in many classes are adaptable to parish situations. Due to the distance and responsibilities of many student pastorates, participants often take four years to complete the M.Div. program instead of the usual three, allowing them to remain in their ministry setting as much as possible while a full-time student. Student Pastors are required to be enrolled as full-time students throughout matriculation. A course load of approximately 20 credit hours per year supports the full-time requirement and the projected SPP timeframe.

Wesley has designed the SPP curriculum around the Fall and Spring semesters, since student pastors usually work full time in the local church during the summer. During the Fall and Spring semesters, SPP courses on the four-year degree plan template (included in the Appendix to the Catalog) are offered on three consecutive weekdays in order to minimize travel time. Most student pastors rent a dormitory commuter room for the two nights spent on campus each week.



The Office of the Registrar gives priority to SPP students in registration for Limited Enrollment courses, provided they are taking the prescribed course in the correct semester/year stipulated in the Degree Plan Template.

### *Colloquy Groups*

Student pastors meet together in small reflective **Student Pastor Seminars** throughout the first three years of Seminary enrollment, earning one and a half or two credit hours for each semester completed satisfactorily. These groups are led by faculty members and parish pastors, and provide informal guidance on integrating study with ministry, as well as information related to ministry with small membership congregations.

### *Spiritual Formation for Ministry and Intercultural Immersion*

The other aspects of Wesley's Contextual Education program of study apply to Student Pastors as they would to any M.Div. student. Students will participate in a Covenant Discipleship Group during their first year through completion of the **Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry** two-semester course. Before graduation, students must also complete a 10-14 day **Intercultural Immersion** experience as outlined in the general requirements for the M.Div. degree.

### *Special Course*

Student pastors in small or rural congregations may take a course in Rural or Small Congregation Ministry to count toward the Practices of Leadership

requirement. Student pastors in an urban environment, with the counsel of their advisor, are recommended to select a Leadership course focusing on Urban Ministry.



# Master of Theological Studies (60 credit hours)

III semester hours and completion of all requirements for both degrees.

Completion of an M.T.S. in conjunction with an M.A. requires a minimum of III semester hours and completion of all requirements for both degrees.

## Required Courses

### Objectives

While not designed to provide qualifications for ordained ministry, the M.T.S. degree can provide a structure for meeting certification requirements for various forms of lay ministry. Admission standards for the M.T.S. degree are essentially the same as for the M.Div.; the only difference is the type of recommendations requested.

### General Requirements and Length of Program

Students must successfully complete 60 credit hours of course work in the regular curriculum, including a final M.T.S. paper. A maximum of 15 credit hours toward the degree may be from non-theological disciplines, provided such courses are related to the course of study pursued at Wesley. Requests for such credits must be approved by the Dean.

The M.T.S. program may be completed in a minimum of two years of full-time study and must be completed within six years from the date of admission.

Completion of an M.T.S. in conjunction with an M.Div. requires a minimum of

- **Introduction to the Hebrew Bible** BI-101 and -102  
*6 credit hours*
- **Introduction to the New Testament** BI-171 and -172  
*6 credit hours*
- **The Church in History** CH-101 and -102 *6 credit hours*
- **Systematic Theology** ST-305 and -306 *6 credit hours*
- **Religion and Society** Courses satisfying the Religion and Society requirement must come from at least two of the following academic areas: Ethics, Pastoral Care and Counseling, or World Religions. Only two hours in any single area will count toward the degree requirement. *4-6 credit hours*

### *M.T.S. Paper (3 credit hours)*

Students must prepare a final paper and register for course IS-501, typically in their final year at Seminary. This paper should focus on a problem requiring in-depth research in a particular discipline or may serve broadly to integrate the student's learning over his or her program of study. Students develop a paper proposal in conversation with a faculty advisor/reader whom the student requests. A draft of the M.T.S. paper proposal must be filed with the M.T.S.



Director on the official form no later than October 1. The final deadline for proposal revisions is October 15. The faculty reader may opt to administer an oral examination upon completion of the paper. A final draft of the paper itself is due to the faculty reader no later than April 1 (two copies must be submitted), with final revisions to be completed by April 15.

*The M.T.S. Paper Proposal form and instructions are available at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms).*

## **Elective Courses**

Courses beyond those required for all M.T.S. candidates are taken as electives. There are approximately 30-32 credit hours of electives in the M.T.S. degree. Students may use their electives to sample a broad range of curricular offerings or they may choose to concentrate their electives in a certain discipline. While the Director of the M.T.S. program serves as advisor for M.T.S. students, those who choose to concentrate their electives may wish to consult a faculty member in their chosen discipline to help guide their selection of electives. This is particularly beneficial for students who are considering further graduate study.



# Dual Degrees with American University

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## Objectives

In cooperation with The American University (AU) School of International Service (SIS), Wesley offers the M.T.S. degree in conjunction with AU's M.A. in International Peace and Conflict Resolution or the M.A. in International Development. Though other universities offer Master's programs in peace and justice studies, these dual degrees uniquely combine graduate theological education with the theoretical and practical study of international issues.

AU's SIS is the largest school of international relations in the U.S. It offers a rigorous, multi-disciplinary program recognized worldwide for preparing students for participation in international affairs. Faculty from both institutions collaborated to design these dual degrees, realizing that church leaders, to be effective at the national and international levels, need theoretical grounding. These programs enable students to gain the theological and socio-political understanding necessary to provide ministries of reconciliation, unity, and justice in a troubled world.

## Admission Requirements

Dual degree applicants must be admitted separately to each program.

## Course Work Completion

The design of the dual degree retains specific core requirements from both programs while sharing the number of elective credits and the thesis requirement. To reduce the number of total credit hours required to complete the dual degree, both institutions recognize courses taken at the other. To understand this compromise, it is recommended that dual degree students familiarize themselves with the full requirements of the individual M.T.S. and M.A./IPCR degrees as published in each institution's Catalog.

## Advising in the Dual Degree Program

Because the credit hour calculations for degree completion can often become complicated, it is recommended that students use the academic planning process to its fullest by scheduling regular visits with both institutions' advisors. This will help ensure that students will not go over the credit transfer limit. A degree audit at both schools should be performed annually.

## Third Party Credit Transfer

Optional elective credits taken at a third institution, i.e. a school in AU's consortium, may be substituted for credits at Wesley in exceptional cases, pursuant to the transfer policy outlined in the Academic Regulations section of the Catalog. Contact the Registrar's Office for more information.



## **M.T.S. in Conjunction with M.A. in International Peace and Conflict Resolution (72 credit hours)**

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### **General Requirements and Length of Program**

Taken separately, the M.T.S. at Wesley requires 60 credit hours and the M.A. at American University requires 39 credit hours for completion. To obtain both degrees, one would need to take a total of 99 credit hours between the two programs. The dual degree relationship permits a student to complete only 72 credit hours total and write only one Master's thesis to obtain both degrees.

When evaluating the student's progress through the M.T.S. program, Wesley will accept up to 18 credit hours from American University (15 credit hours of coursework, and an optional 3 credit hours if the Research and Writing requirement is fulfilled at American in lieu of Wesley's Thesis requirement). The remaining 42-45 non-thesis credit hours must be taken at Wesley to complete the 60 credit hour degree. When evaluating the student's progress through the M.A./IPCR program, American University will accept up to 12 credit hours from Wesley: 9 credit hours of coursework and an optional three credit hours if the M.T.S. Paper requirement is fulfilled at Wesley in lieu of American's Research and Writing requirement. The remaining 27-30 non-thesis credit hours must be taken at American University to complete the 39 credit hour degree.

The coursework requires approximately six to eight semesters to complete. Students able to dedicate full time to their studies (an average of 15 credits per semester), including summer coursework, could complete the program in 2 to 2½ years.

### **Requirements for Dual Degree**

The expected requirements for the dual degree are outlined below:

*Master of Theological Studies Core Requirements – taken at Wesley (28 credit hours):*

- **Introduction to the Hebrew Bible** BI-101 and -102 *6 credit hours*
- **Introduction to the New Testament** BI-171 and -172 *6 credit hours*
- **The Church in History** CH-101 and -102 *6 credit hours*
- **Systematic Theology** ST-305 and -306 *6 credit hours*
- **Religion and Society** Courses satisfying the Religion and Society requirement must come from at least two of the following academic areas: Ethics, Pastoral Care and Counseling or World Religions. Only two hours in any single area will count toward the degree requirement. *4-6 credit hours*

*Master of Theological Studies electives – taken at Wesley (14 credit hours)*

Students may choose from amongst Wesley's many upper level / elective courses to fulfill this requirement.



*Master of Arts/IPCR Required Coursework requirements – taken at American (15 credit hours):*

- **Core Courses** *9 credit hours*
  - Culture, Peace, and Conflict Resolution: Alternatives to Violence SIS-606 *3 credit hours*
  - Peace Paradigms SIS-607 *3 credit hours*
  - Conflict Analysis and Resolution: Theory and Practice SIS-609 *3 credit hours*
- **Economics** *3 credit hours*  
ECON-619 or other approved course
- **Related Field** This SIS requirement is fulfilled by taking elective courses at Wesley, i.e. the student's related field becomes Theological Studies instead of one of the major field groups at AU's School of International Service.
- **Research and Professional Methods** *6 credit hours*
  - International Affairs Stats & Methods SIS-600 or SIS-619 Advanced International Affairs Stats / Methods *3 credit hours*
  - Qualitative Research Methods in PCR SIS-612 or other approved methods course *3 credit hours*

*SIS Concentration, 12 credit hours*

As part of their concentrations, students must complete: 2 gateway courses and 2 courses within one of the IPCR

concentrations in which they have completed a gateway course.

*Research and Writing requirement – May be completed at either institution (3 credit hours):*

Dual degree students may fulfill the research and writing requirement for both degrees by submitting one significant thesis paper. The related course may be taken at *either* Wesley or American University in accordance with that institution's thesis procedures and deadlines. Completing the course at one institution waives the requirement at the other.

- **M.T.S. Paper** – Wesley IS-501 *3 credit hours; see details in M.T.S. degree section above, or*
- **Substantial Research Paper (SRP)** requirement – SIS-794 or -795 *3 credit hours, or*
- **SIS Practicum** – SIS-793, or
- **Master's Thesis Supervision** – American SIS-797 *6 credit hours*



## **M.T.S. in Conjunction with M.A. in International Development (72-75 credit hours)**

### **General Requirements and Length of Program**

Taken separately, the M.T.S. at Wesley requires 60 credit hours and the M.A. at American University requires 39-42 credit hours for completion. To obtain both degrees, one would need to take a total of 99-102 credit hours between the two programs. The dual degree relationship permits a student to complete only 72-75 credit hours and write only one Master's thesis to obtain both degrees.

When evaluating the student's progress through the M.T.S. program, Wesley will accept up to 18 credit hours from American University (15 credit hours of coursework and an optional 3 credit hours if taking thesis credits at American). This leaves a total of 42 non-thesis credit hours that must be taken at Wesley. When evaluating the student's progress through the M.A./ID program, American University will accept up to 12 credit hours from Wesley (9 credit hours of coursework and an optional 3 credit hours if writing the thesis at Wesley). This leaves a total of 27 non-thesis credit hours that must be taken at American University.

The coursework requires approximately six to eight semesters to complete. Students able to dedicate full time to their studies (an average of 15 credit hours per semester), including summer coursework, could complete the program in 2 to 2½ years.

## **Requirements for Dual Degree**

The expected requirements for the dual degree are outlined below:

*Master of Theological Studies Core Requirements – taken at Wesley (28-30 credit hours):*

- **Introduction to the Hebrew Bible** BI-101 and -102 *6 credit hours*
- **Introduction to the New Testament** BI-171 and -172 *6 credit hours*
- **The Church in History** CH-101 and -102 *6 credit hours*
- **Systematic Theology** ST-305 and -306 *6 credit hours*
- **Religion and Society** Courses satisfying the Religion and Society requirement must come from at least two of the following academic areas: Ethics, Pastoral Care and Counseling or World Religions. Only two hours in any single area will count toward the degree requirement. *4-6 credit hours*

*Master of Theological Studies electives – taken at Wesley (15-18 credit hours)*

Students may choose from amongst Wesley's many upper level / elective courses to fulfill this requirement.





*Master of Arts/ID core requirements – taken at American (21-24 credit hours):*

- **Core Requirements** *12-15 credit hours*
  - **Introduction to Economic Theory** ECON-603 *3 credit hours; may be waived by the division director*
  - **Survey of Economic Development** ECON-661 *3 credit hours*
  - **Micropolitics of Development** SIS-636 *3 credit hours*
  - **International Development** SIS-637 *3 credit hours*
  - One of the supplemental courses (see American University advisor for list of supplemental courses) *3 credit hours*
- **Concentration/Related Field**  
Nine credits of this requirement are fulfilled by taking elective courses at Wesley, i.e. the student's related field becomes Theological Studies instead of one of the major field groups at AU's School of International Service. An additional six credits should be taken at AU to complete this sub-requirement. *15 credit hours (6 credits at American University)*
- **SIS Elective** *3 credit hours*  
Three more elective credits must be taken through the School of International Service
- **Research and Professional Methods** *6 credit hours*

- Quantitative Analysis in International Affairs SIS-600 *3 credit hours*
- Another approved Methods course *3 credit hours*

*Research and Writing requirement – May be completed at either institution (3 credit hours):*

Dual degree students may fulfill the research and writing requirement for both degrees by submitting one significant thesis paper. The related course may be taken at *either* Wesley or American University in accordance with that institution's thesis procedures and deadlines. Completing the course at one institution waives the requirement at the other.

- **M.T.S. Paper** – Wesley IS-501 *3 credit hours; see details in M.T.S. degree section above, or*
- **Substantial Research Paper (SRP)** requirement SIS-793, -794 or -795 *3 credit hours, or*
- **Master's Thesis Supervision** – American SIS-797 *6 credit hours*

#### **Dual Degree Program total:**

**72 -75 credit hours between AU and WTS, depending on whether Introduction to Economic Theory is waived by American University.**



# Programs, Specializations, Fellowships and Certifications

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## African-American Church Studies Specialization

*AACS Program Director, Rev. Dr. Asa Lee*

The African-American Church Studies (AACS) program prepares students to address the issues and challenges of leadership in African-American contexts and communities through exposure to the social, historical, and theological nuances of African-American religious culture.

The AACS specialization strives to provide a historical and theological framework for African-American religious life, build students' capacity to exegete and interpret non-traditional texts through exposure to the diversity of "black religion," and emphasize the theory and practice of prophetic witness and crisis ministry in the African-American context. The ultimate goal of the AACS specialization is to equip African-American religious leaders to serve effectively in a globalized and multicultural society for the transformation of the world.

### *Admission to Specialization*

Participants in this specialization must be degree-seeking Masters students. Non-degree students are not eligible to

pursue this specialization. Eligible degree students must declare their intent to specialize prior to completing one-third of their degree program (M.Div., 27 hours; M.T.S., 20 hours). M.A. students must declare intent to specialize within their first semester of study or before completing 6 credit hours of coursework. Students may either indicate intent in pursuing this specialization at time of admission or may submit the specialization declaration form available at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms) or in the Registrar's Office. All requirements for the specialization must be satisfied prior to conferral of the Master's degree.

### *Required Courses for AACS*

Students must complete a total of 14 credits in required courses and electives. Required courses for the African-American Church Studies specialization are:

- **Introduction to the Study of African-American Religion**  
CM-290 *1 credit hour*  
Should be taken in the semester closest to declaration of AACS specialization.
- **Integrative Seminar in AACS**  
CM-450 *1 credit hour*  
Should be taken in the last semester prior to completing specialization requirements. CM-290 is a prerequisite to this course.

### *Elective Courses for AACS*

The AACS specialization students are required to take a total of **12 credits of AACS approved elective courses**. A full list of AACS approved elective courses can be found on our website at



<https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/admissions/african-american-church-studies>.

### *Contextual Study*

In addition to coursework requirements, students must complete contextual study of African-American religious experience through their degree programs in the following ways:

- **Master of Arts:** AACS students' M.A. project should explore a topic affecting the African-American religious context with attention to the topics, challenges, and possibilities for religious practice.
- **Master of Theological Studies:** AACS students' M.T.S. thesis should research topics exploring issues or theological perspectives in the African-American religious experience.
- **Master of Divinity:** AACS specialization students must participate in a field educational experience in an African-American context. The Practice in Ministry and Mission Office will work with AACS students to secure placement in an appropriate ministry setting.

AACS students should consult with both their academic advisor and the AACS program director to confirm approval of their relevant contextual study.

### *Dual Specialization*

Given the interdisciplinary nature of the AACS specialization, students specializing in the AACS may specialize in other programs at Wesley. In order to specialize in both AACS and another Wesley program, a student must have

the approval of his/her academic advisor, the AACS program advisor/director and the additional program advisor/director. Additionally, any student wishing to specialize in both AACS and another Wesley program must also complete the requirements of his/her degree program and both specializations within the maximum degree time limits.

If choosing to specialize in both AACS and another Wesley program, students may count up to half of the required elective credits of the non-AACS specialization towards their AACS elective requirement. Electives that count towards both the AACS specialization and other Wesley program must be approved elective courses for both specializations.

## **Missional Church Specialization**

*MCP Program Director, Dr. Sam Marullo*

The Missional Church Program (MCP) offers courses, experiential learning opportunities, and a degree program specialization within the Master's curricula.

The MCP specialization is designed to equip students in the church's mission of being sent into the world to create disciples for Jesus Christ. The program focuses on both the nature of the church to be missional and the practices of fruitful missional churches. It provides supervised study, special courses, and placement in a congregation that has a commitment to exploring and embodying the church's mission to the world through forms of worship and liturgy along with other kinds of service ministries.



M.T.S. or M.A. students desirous of pursuing the MCP specialization should consult with their advisor, as it entails coursework beyond the degree requirements for those programs.

### *Admission to Specialization*

Master's degree students must declare their intent to specialize prior to completing one-third of the credit hours required for their degree by submitting the specialization declaration form available on our website at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/mcp](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/mcp) or in the Registrar's Office. M.A. students must declare their intent to specialize within their first semester. All requirements for the specialization must be satisfied prior to conferral of the Master's degree.

### *Required Core Course for MCP*

MCP specializations students are required to take one of the following:

- **Mission of the Church in the Contemporary World** CM-205  
*2 credits*
- OR
- **Leadership and Practices of the Missional Church** CM-150  
*2 credits*

### *Recommended Degree Requirements*

Missional Church program students pursuing the M.Div. degree are strongly encouraged to take **Pastoral Care and Counseling in Context** PC-III (*3 credit hours*) to fulfill the Pastoral Care and Counseling requirement toward the M.Div.

### *Elective Courses for MCP*

MCP specializations students are required to take **8 additional hours of electives** that focus on the missional church in the world and / or the practices of the missional church. If students take both Core Courses (above) then the second course will count towards the electives for the specialization. The complete list of elective courses can be found on the website at <http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/mcp>.

### *Capstone Project*

MCP specialization students are required to complete a capstone missional church project that allows them to undertake and reflect upon an engaged missional ministry project through the following course:

- **CM-440 Missional Engagement Project** *2 credit hours*

CM-150 or CM-205 is the pre-requisite for this course. This course should be taken in the student's penultimate or final semester.

### *Field Educational Placement*

MCP specialization students must participate in a field educational experience in a missional ministry setting. The Practice in Ministry and Mission Office will work with MCP students to secure placement in an appropriate ministry setting.

M.Div. students are required to do an 4-hour PMM placement as is required for all students in that degree.



M.T.S. and M.A. students in the MCP specialization are required to do a 2-hour field educational placement in keeping with the PMM structure, process, and deadlines that are in place for M.Div. students.

## Public Theology Specialization

*PTP Faculty Director, Dr. Rick Elgendy*

The Public Theology specialization is designed to prepare students for leadership of the public church or other forms of public ministry. The specialization provides in-depth study of public theology and the disciplines on which it depends with the goal of developing skills of analysis and argumentation that energize the public witness of the church.

### *Admission to Specialization*

Participants in this specialization must be degree-seeking Masters students and must declare their intent to specialize prior to completing one-third of the credit hours required for their degree. M.A. students must declare their intent to specialize within their first semester. Students may either indicate intent in pursuing this specialization at time of admission or may submit the specialization declaration form available at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms) or in the Registrar's Office. All requirements for the specialization must be satisfied prior to conferral of the Master's degree.

### *Required Courses for PTP*

Students must complete a total of 17 credits in required courses and electives.

Required courses for the Public Theology specialization are:

- **Foundations for Public Theology** ST-200 *3 credit hours*
- **Paradigms and Practices of Public Theology** ST-290 *3 credit hours*

### *Elective Courses for PTP*

Public Theology specialization students are required to take a total of **8 credits of electives** that focus on the areas of public theology, social ethics, political theology, and contextual theology. A full list of Public Theology approved elective courses can be found on the Public Theology specialization declaration form, available at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms).

### *Capstone Project*

Students pursuing a specialization in Public Theology must complete a capstone project, typically within the last year of study.

- **Capstone Project in Faith and Public Life** ES-490 *3 credit hours*

ST-200 and ST-290 are prerequisites for this course.

For M.T.S. students, the capstone project requirement may be fulfilled by completing the M.T.S. thesis course, IS-501.

*For more information about this specialization, see*

<https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/ice/prgrams/public-theology>.



## Urban Ministry Specialization

*UMP Program Director, Dr. Veronica Miles*

The Urban Ministry Program (UMP) offers courses, a curriculum centered around contextual education, and a degree program specialization within the Master's degrees designed to prepare Christian ministers to fulfill their vocations in an urban setting. Any Master's student is welcome to take classes which fall under the Urban Ministry Program's curricula without having to declare the specialization, with the exception of those specifically designed for the Urban Ministry cohorts.

For those M.T.S. or M.A. students desirous of pursuing the UMP specialization should consult with their advisor prior to declaring their intent to specialize, as it entails coursework beyond the requirements for those degree programs.

Based in downtown Washington, DC and in partnership with various congregations throughout the DC area, Wesley's UMP's specialization students learn to engage the poor and the powerful, to meet the needs of diverse cultures, and to answer their call to dynamic, applied ministry in the complex social systems of the inner-city. The Urban Ministry specialization provides supervised study, special cohort courses, and placement in an urban congregation or other ministry setting.

### *Admission to Specialization*

Master's degree students must declare their intent to specialize prior to completing one-third of the credit hours required for their degree by submitting

the specialization declaration form available on our website at <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/ice/prgrams/urban/> or in the Registrar's Office. M.A. students must declare their intent to specialize within their first semester. All requirements for the specialization must be satisfied prior to conferral of the Master's degree.

### *Required Core Courses for UMP*

#### **Introduction to Urban Ministry**

CM-230 *3 credit hours*

#### **Project of Transformation: Urban Ministry**

CM-420 *2 credit hour*. Students are expected to complete a project that offers new insights to the community in which they are participating. CM-230 is the pre-requisite for this course.

### *Recommended Degree Requirements*

Urban Ministry Program students pursuing the M.Div. degree are strongly encouraged to take **Pastoral Care and Counseling in Context PC-III** (*3 credit hours*) to fulfill the Pastoral Care and Counseling requirement toward the M.Div.

### *Urban Ministry Electives*

Urban Ministry specialization students are required to take **6 credit hours** from a designated list of urban ministry courses. *Courses meeting the elective requirement for UMP can be found on the website at* <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/ice/prgrams/urban/>.



## Placement

UMP specialization students must participate in a field educational experience in an urban ministry setting. The Practice in Ministry and Mission Office will work with UMP students to secure placement in an appropriate ministry setting.

M.Div. students are required to do an 4-hour PMM placement as is required for all students in that degree.

M.T.S. and M.A. students in the UMP specialization are required to do a 2-hour field educational placement in keeping with the PMM structure, process, and deadlines that are in place for M.Div. students.

## Community Engagement Fellows

For students entering Wesley with a desire for a more intensive experiential learning experience that connects the church and the community, there is the Community Engagement Fellows program. The Community Engagement Fellows program supports students as they undertake ministries of service and justice, through church or nonprofit placements, that connect the church with transformational work in the world. Community Engagement fellows participate in ministry initiatives that seek to live into the reign of God—through service, justice, and advocacy ministries—in a community setting.

Community Engagement Fellows receive a stipend that helps to cover educational expenses and to engage in a self-designed ministry project. Community Engagement Fellows meet regularly in a

weekly seminar to read and discuss the theology and practice of community engagement and to reflect on how this applies to their fellows' ministry project.

Community Engagement Fellows are required to be full-time M.Div. students taking a minimum of 9 credit hours each semester. The Community Engagement Fellows program is not open to M.A. or M.T.S. students.

Community Engagement Fellows are expected to declare a specialization in either the Missional Church Program, Urban Ministry Program, or Public Theology (see descriptions above). Fellows should complete their declaration of specialization form prior to completing one-third of the credit hours required for their degree. Students may either indicate intent in pursuing this specialization at time of admission or may submit the specialization declaration form available at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms) or in the Registrar's Office.

### *Goals of the Community Engagement Fellows Program*

The Community Engagement Fellows program seeks to enhance the academic, theological, formational, and leadership development of the fellows to best prepare them for their positions as leaders in the church and the world. The program enhances students' learning in areas of applied theology and ministry praxis, experiential learning and theological reflection, and their identity as church leaders engaged in transforming the community toward the shape of God's reign.



### *Admission to the Community Engagement Fellows Program*

Admission to the Community Engagement Fellows program is competitive. Desirable candidates will have a demonstrated commitment to serving in transformational ministry, either in urban settings, missional engagement, policy analysis, or social justice advocacy ministry. The fellowship is designed to allow interested ministry leaders to explore how their experience and call to ministry can be integrated into transformative engagement.

Application to the Community Engagement Fellows program should occur as a prospective student is applying for the M.Div. degree.

Fellows must remain registered as a full-time student throughout the duration of the three year Fellowship. Should the Fellow become a part-time student, he or she will forfeit the Community Engagement Fellowship position. The student may remain eligible for part-time scholarship support as determined by the Financial Aid committee.

### *Required Courses for Community Engagement Fellows*

Community Engagement Fellows must complete three years of CEF seminars.

- **CEF Seminar, 1/1** CM-405  
*2 credit hours*
- **CEF Seminar, 1/2** CM-406  
*2 credit hours*
- **CEF Seminar, 2/1** CM-407  
*2 credit hours*
- **CEF Seminar, 2/2** CM-408  
*2 credit hours*

- **CEF Seminar, 3/1** CM-409  
*1 credit hour*
- **CEF Seminar, 3/2** CM-410  
*1 credit hour*

Failure of any one semester of the Community Engagement Fellows Seminar may result in dismissal from the Fellows program, at the discretion of the director of the Fellows program in consultation with the Dean's Office.

### *Field Educational Placement*

Community Engagement Fellows must participate in a field educational experience in a ministry setting that will allow them to undertake their community engagement project. The Practice in Ministry and Mission Office will work with Fellows to secure placement in an appropriate setting.

M.Div. students are required to do a 4-hour PMM placement as is required for all students in the M.Div. degree.

### *Specializations for Community Engagement Fellows*

Community Engagement Fellows are expected to declare a specialization in either Urban Ministry, Missional Church Program, or Public Theology. The requirements for these specializations for Community Engagement Fellows are as follows:

#### **Urban Ministry Specialization for Fellows (19 hours)**

- **Foundations of Urban Ministry** CM-230 *2 credit hours*
- **Pastoral Care in Context** PC-III  
*3 credit hours*





- **Fellows seminar work** CM-405, CM-406, CM-407, CM408  
*8 credit hours*
- **Elective courses** *4 credit hours*  
Courses meeting the elective requirement for UMP can be found at  
<https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/ice/programs/urban>.
- **Capstone courses** CM-409, CM-410 *2 credit hours*

- **Fellows seminar work** CM-405, CM-406, CM-407, CM408  
*8 credit hours*
- **Elective courses** *4 credit hours*  
Courses meeting the elective requirement for PTP can be found at  
<https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/ice/programs/public-theology>.
- **Capstone courses** CM-409, CM-410 *2 credit hours*

### **Missional Church Specialization for Fellows (19 hours)**

- **Leadership and Practices of the Missional Church** CM-150 OR **Mission of the Church in the Contemporary World** CM205  
*2 credit hours*
- **Pastoral Care in Context** PC-III  
*3 credit hours*
- **Fellows seminar work** CM-405, CM-406, CM-407, CM408  
*8 credit hours*
- **Elective courses** *4 credit hours*  
Courses meeting the elective requirement for MCP can be found at  
<http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/mcp>
- **Capstone courses** CM-409, CM-410 *2 credit hours*

### **Public Theology Specialization for Fellows (20 hours)**

- **Foundations for Public Theology** ST-200 *3 credit hours*
- **Paradigms and Practices of Public Theology** ST-209 *3 credit hours*



## Certificate in Theology and the Arts

*Director of the Center for Arts & Religion and CTA Program Director, Dr. Deborah Sokolove*

The Certificate in Theology and the Arts is intended to prepare students for leadership in Arts Ministry within the local church and in other settings. The Certificate aims at grounding artists in sound theological thinking about the arts generally and about the relationships between art, the church and the wider world.

The specific goals of the Certificate in Theology and the Arts are:

- to acquaint students with theoretical and theological issues regarding the arts generally;
- to introduce students to the basic ideas and processes of a range of artistic disciplines;
- to allow students to do focused practical and theological work in a specific artistic area;
- to give students the tools for fostering the use of the arts in worship, Christian education, prayer, and other areas of Christian life; and
- to give students the tools to think, write, and speak theologically and critically about the arts.

### *Admission to Certificate*

Current degree students must apply for admission to the Certificate in Theology and the Arts prior to the completion of one-third of their degree. M.A. students must declare intent to pursue the certificate within their first semester of studies. Students should submit the

application to the Director of the Center for the Arts and Religion. Further information is available on the website at <http://luceartsandreligion.org/students/>.

### *Non-degree and Consortium Students*

Non-degree students who have completed a graduate degree from an ATS-accredited theological school, or those who are currently enrolled in an approved graduate theological degree program at a member institution of the Washington Theological Consortium, may apply for the CTA. However, no more than two religion and the arts credits may be transferred from another institution.

For those with completed graduate theological degrees, the certificate will be conferred after completion of the 14 credits described below. For Consortium students the certificate will be conferred after completion of the CTA requirements and official proof of completion of a graduate theological degree at their home institution.

Consortium students must register and pay for CTA courses as a non-degree Wesley student. Classes taken to meet the requirements of the Certificate are not covered under the tuition exchange program within the Consortium.

### *Required Courses*

Students must complete 14 credits of CTA-related coursework including: at least one Religion & the Arts (RA) theoretical course for 2 credits; 6 credit hours of RA courses in the artistic discipline that the student has chosen as a concentration; and six credits of RA



courses for breadth. Coursework for breadth must include 2 credits in each of three artistic disciplines other than the chosen concentration. One of the courses (other than sections of RA-295) may be taken P/F. All other CTA courses must be taken for a letter grade.

### *Theoretical Course (2 credit hours)*

The theoretical course may be either:

- **Art as Worship, Worship as Art** RA-113 *2 credit hours*
- **Art for God's Sake: Art, Culture, and Christian Understanding** RA-253 *2 credit hours*

### *Concentration (6 credit hours)*

Concentration course must come from a single artistic discipline (music, drama and literary arts, dance, visual art) from the RA course offerings and others as designated in the course schedule. These may include practicum courses, directed studies, specialized courses at AU, or transferred coursework as determined in consultation with Religion and the Arts faculty and the Registrar.

### *Breadth (6 credit hours)*

Please see Course Listings section of the Catalog for a complete listing of currently available Religion & Arts Courses in the following disciplines:

- Music
- Drama and Literary Arts
- Dance
- Visual Arts

## **Certificate in Faith and Public Life**

The Certificate in Faith and Public Life (CFPL) is designed to prepare non-degree students for leadership of the public church or other forms of public ministry. The certificate provides in-depth study of public theology and the disciplines on which it depends with the goal of developing skills of analysis and argumentation that energize the public witness of the church.

### *Admission to Program*

Participants in this program must be non-degree students and must declare their intent to pursue this certificate at time of admission. All requirements for the specialization must be satisfied prior to receiving a certificate.

### *Required Courses*

Students pursuing the Certificate in Faith and Public Life must take:

- **Foundations for Public Theology** ST-200 *3 credit hours*
- **Paradigms and Practices of Public Theology** ST-290 *3 credit hours*

### *Elective Courses*

CFPL students are required to take a total of 4-6 **credits of electives** that focus on the areas of public theology, social ethics, political theology, and contextual theology. A full list of Public Theology approved elective courses can be found on the Public Theology specialization declaration form, available at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms).



### *Capstone Project*

Students pursuing a specialization in Public Theology must complete a capstone project, typically within the last year of study.

- **Capstone Project in Faith and Public Life** ES-490 *3 credit hours*

ST-200 and ST-290 are prerequisites for this course.

*For more information about this certificate program see <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/ice/programs/public-theology>.*



# Theological Studies in U.S. Contexts Certificate (one semester)

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- **Writing for Ministry and the Ministry of Writing** IS-218 (2 credit hours, Spring semester students)
- **Religion and Arts requirement** any 100-level RA course (1 or 2 credit hours, either semester)

## Objectives

The purpose of the Theological Studies in U.S. Contexts Certificate is to provide students from outside the United States with an immersion in theological studies in U.S. contexts.

## General Requirements and Length of Program

Participants in this program must be current degree candidates in non-U.S. seminaries which have an established partnership (i.e. a Memorandum of Understanding) with Wesley Theological Seminary. Candidates will be selected and nominated by the Dean or President of the home seminary. Candidates must supply all necessary paperwork for the I-20 in application for a visa as required by U.S. SEVIS regulations.

Students in the U.S. Contexts Certificate program complete one semester of full-time study consisting of at least 9 and not more than 15 credit hours.

## Required Courses

- **International Students Seminar** IS-205 (1 credit hour, Fall semester students)

## Elective Courses

Electives comprise the remaining credits required for the U.S. Contexts Certificate, although these courses may be core requirements in a Wesley degree program. U.S. Contexts students should work with the Dean or the faculty advisor from their home school to select courses which will transfer into their degree programs and complement their course of study. Wesley's Director of International Student Services is also available to help select relevant courses to fill the student's semester schedule.



# Doctor of Ministry (30 credit hours)

## Objectives

The Doctor of Ministry program is designed for people experienced in the practice of ministry. It is for ministers of demonstrated ability, and endeavors to enhance their effectiveness by integrating the experiences of ministry with the academic resources of the Seminary.

Ministry is fundamentally theological in character, and disciplined theological reflection must inform the work of ministry in all its offices and functions. The D.Min. Program aims to enable pastors to develop a theology of ministry that will embrace the total life and mission of the church.

## General Requirements and Length of Program

Wesley's D.Min. degree requires successful completion of 30 instructional hours of course work, including a D.Min. project and project paper. Classes are offered online or as one-week intensives. Intensive courses are offered in the Winter and Spring terms. Online courses are offered throughout all D.Min. terms.

The D.Min. program can be completed in a minimum of three years of full-time study and must be completed within six years from the date of admission.

## Required Coursework

All D.Min. students must complete the following requirements:

- **Project Seminar** DM-900  
*3 credit hours*
- **Core Track Work** Course numbers vary based on track  
*21 credit hours*
- **Electives** Typically 900-level (excluding DM-900) or 1000-level DM courses *6 credit hours*
- **Project Paper** Written during the year prior to graduation.

Project paper deadlines and program schedules can be found on the website by track at <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/doctorofministry/>. Coursework must be started within two years after admission into the program; otherwise, eligibility for admission will be revoked.

## Intensive Terms and Coursework

All D.Min. courses are 3 credit hours. Each D.Min. course includes a minimum of 45 instructional hours and 90 hours of additional course work. Prior to the start of a course, students should download reading lists and preparatory assignments from Blackboard. As each course requires 45 contact hours with the professor, some coursework will be due on the first day of class or prior to the start of class.

For intensive term courses, students have no more than six weeks to complete post-course assignments. In cases of emergency, a 60-day extension beyond this deadline must be formally requested by the student via the extension of time request form available at



<https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/doctor-of-ministry-current-students/>. No extensions beyond the emergency 60 days will be granted.

### *Electives*

Six hours (2 courses) of elective work may be fulfilled in several ways. Electives may be selected from the menu of options offered by the D.Min. program. They may also be taken at other ATS accredited institutions, but cannot be credits that have been applied toward another degree. Work completed prior to entry into the D.Min. program at Wesley may not be applied towards the D.Min. degree.

Any combination of the following options may be used to fulfill the elective course requirements for a D.Min. track:

- elective courses/seminars for D.Min. students offered during the Winter and Spring terms
- online courses offered by Wesley during the Summer and Fall terms
- Seminary approved faculty-led immersion study experiences for a maximum of six credit hours
- advanced seminars in Wesley's M.Div. curriculum in which Wesley faculty agree to develop additional readings and assignments for the D.Min. student
- Doctoral level courses at member institutions of the Washington Theological Consortium approved by the D.Min. Director
- work transferred into Wesley from another ATS approved institution with prior approval from Wesley's D.Min. Director

- CPE taken during the program, up to 2 units (6 credit hours), with the prior approval of the DMin director.

### *The Project Paper*

Each student will write a project proposal within the Project Seminar course. When the seminar instructor approves a student's project proposal, that proposal is forwarded to the D.Min. Committee for assignment of a faculty reader. The faculty reader will serve as a consultant to the candidate for the development of the project paper. Students may consider hiring a proof reader to assist with grammar and citation review.

The project itself should be started as soon as possible following the approval of the proposal, advancement to candidacy, and assignment of a faculty reader. The biblical/theological chapter of the project paper is due to the faculty reader around October 15 preceding graduation. A first draft of the complete project paper must be sent to the faculty reader around the January 15 preceding graduation. During the month of March preceding graduation, each candidate will make an oral presentation and evaluation of his or her project in an appropriate context. Proposed venues for this presentation should be cleared with the Director of the D.Min. program. One copy of the project paper in final form, a 100-word abstract, and various forms provided by the library, must be submitted to the Seminary via Blackboard on or before the date specified in the Important Dates section of this Catalog.



## Doctor of Ministry Tracks

This section lists the currently active D.Min. tracks offered at Wesley along with their main curricular objectives. *For specific courses in each track, see the Course Listings section of the Catalog.*

### *The Arts and Theology*

This track focuses on the use of artistic and theological resources to unfold theological truth, to recognize the glories and claims of creation, to articulate the depths of suffering, and to enhance the proclamation of the gospel of the Incarnate One in the congregation and the public arena. The venue for this doctor of ministry track will rotate between classroom, studio, stage, museum, and church.

### *Church Leadership Excellence*

This track focuses on the personal development and public practices of those called to lead the church toward the vision of God's reign. Students examine the biblical, theological, and ethical foundations of ministry through the lens of leadership to enhance their own fruitful practice of leadership. A serious engagement with contemporary secular leadership studies is held in tension with rigorous theological exploration. The combined resources of the Wesley faculty, the Lewis Center for Church Leadership, and exemplary practitioners bring depth and energy to this track.

### *Faith, Health, and Community*

Clergy are called to teach and model healthy behavior that integrates wellness

of body, mind, and spirit. This track equips clergy in understanding the scriptural and theological bases for health, healing, and wholeness while navigating the complexity of the healthcare industry. It also clarifies pastoral and ethical roles in caring for congregation and community members and organizing congregations so that they can develop healing and whole person health ministries, especially approaches that care for and support one another through times of sickness, and dying. In addition, clergy will focus on the importance of self-care for the clergy member's own well-being as well as for his or her congregation.

### *Holiness, Effective Ministry, and Engagement with the World (Cambridge, England)*

Offered in partnership with Wesley House, Cambridge, this track is for active clergy from across the globe who are seeking to enhance their leadership skills and practices. Each cohort will be international in character with colleagues and dialogue reflecting the global nature of today's church. The faculty teaching these courses are among the best scholar-teachers available in the global church. Additionally, this track is unique because of its location at Wesley House, the historic Methodist study center in the heart of Cambridge University.

### *Life Together*

This track will focus on the People of God as the subject of divine transformation and as an agent of the transformation of persons and society. Participants will develop competence in leading congregations toward purposeful





community, intentional mission, and prophetic practices grounded in biblical spirituality. Those whose ministry setting is the campus will have the opportunity to apply the insights of *transforming community* to their unique setting.

#### *Military Chaplaincy: Army Medical Command Chaplaincy*

Army chaplains in the MEDCOM division are called to provide comprehensive religious support throughout the vast U.S. army medical command. The courses of this D.Min. track combine intense work in the clinical setting with courses that explore the vocational identity, stress mid-level competency, and introduce best practices in delivering religious support. Admittance to this track is restricted to applicants recommended by the U.S. Army Medical Command.

#### *Military Chaplaincy: Religious Leadership in a Complex, Multi-Faith Environment*

Satisfying the operational needs of military leaders and the religious needs of warriors and their families requires intellectual and spiritual dexterity. This program of study is designed to enhance both. The core courses explore a broad range of topics related both to chaplaincy tasks and to the vocational life of the individual chaplain.

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#### *Public Engagement*

Wesley's mission involves equipping faith leaders to speak prophetically in the public square. This track will prepare

faith leaders to theologically engage the public square with the goal of moving toward a more just transformation. The events following the assassination of Rev. Pickney undergird the theological, political and contextual framework of this track. Students will split time between Charleston, SC and Washington DC so that students can think about and experience how the public square is a dynamic ideal.

#### *Residential Doctor of Ministry Program for International Students*

This accelerated DMN track for international students is self-designed by the student in consultation with the Director of the D.Min. Program. Students will be in residence during the Fall semester and Spring semesters in addition to the normal January and May DMN intensives. Like other DMN tracks this program requires a minimum of 30 credits for graduation; however students may take up to 34 credit hours, depending the design of their coursework. In addition to the typical admissions criteria, Residential D.Min. applicants must secure a ministry placement site in the DC metro region prior to beginning the program and gain approval for that setting from the D.Min. Director.

#### *Soul Care for Pastors, Chaplains, and Clinicians*

This track focuses on the theoretical and practical tools necessary for more effective and reflective ministry in care and counseling. Strong emphasis on biblical and theological foundations combined with current theory and best practices. Students will grow in the



ability to reflect as pastoral theologians and in the ability to respond to pressing human needs as skilled caregivers. Up to two units of CPE taken during matriculation may be designated as fulfilling the DMin elective requirement.

### *Spiritual Leadership for the Global Church: The Asian Track*

This track explores the church in the Asian context as well the mission challenges of the emerging church in its local and global context. Faculty teams from Wesley Theological Seminary in

Washington, D.C. and Methodist Theological University in Seoul will introduce pastors to the impact of global awareness on the theological disciplines that sustain ministry. Limited to Korean and Asian students.

### *Spirituality and Story*

This track focuses on narrative as a category of spirituality and as a tool by which pastors participate in the work of weaving human stories into the fabric of God's story.





# Academic Regulations

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## Preparation for Study

Seminary is a place of spiritual and academic formation. To make sure you are prepared, Wesley has certain requirements you must complete prior to the start of your matriculation.

### *Masters Philosophy Requirement*

The Masters degree programs at Wesley require that students are familiar with the concepts, vocabulary, and approaches of classical philosophy. M.Div. and M.T.S. students are required to have taken an undergraduate introductory philosophy course. The Admissions Office will notify any student who has not met this requirement. Students must fulfill the requirement prior to completing one-third of their degree program (M.Div., 27 credits; M.T.S., 20 credits).

The undergraduate philosophy requirement is also a prerequisite to some upper-level courses including **Systematic Theology** and courses fulfilling the M.Div. **Christian Ethics** requirement. To satisfy the undergraduate philosophy requirement, students should take an introductory philosophy course at an accredited undergraduate institution; or they may take a Master's level philosophy course at Wesley, through the Consortium, or at any ATS accredited institution. Courses taken at the undergraduate level will fulfill the requirement but will not transfer as Master's level credit. Courses taken at the Master's level will fulfill the requirement and may be considered for elective credit.

### *Masters Community Life Orientation and Academic Planning*

Entering Masters degree students are required to attend both a **Community Life Orientation** and an **Academic Planning** session before beginning their Seminary studies. Academic Planning sessions are held prior to both Fall and Spring semesters. The Community Life Orientation is held the last week of August prior to the start of the Fall semester.

*Details on Orientation and Academic Planning Sessions, along with required documents, are available online at <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/community-life/getting-started/>*

### *Writing*

An important part of a seminary education is developing the ability to write clearly and precisely about theological topics at a graduate academic level. In general, Wesley Masters students are expected to show proficiency in writing at a college level and Doctoral students are at a Masters level prior to admission. If a student's written work reveals a deficiency during the first year of study, s/he may be required to work with the Writing Center to strengthen writing skills. Individual faculty may recommend or require that a student work with the Writing Center to address concerns identified in a course. However, any student who needs



assistance with writing skills may take advantage of **The Writing Center**, a faculty-staffed office on campus.

### *International Student Orientation*

Incoming international students are also required to attend **International Student Orientation** as well as complete their **International Student Check-In**. Both the International Student Check-In and Orientation are held the same week as the general Community Life orientation. Attendance at these sessions is not optional as they meet certain requirements for maintaining F-1 visa status. *Note: Doctoral students will also be required to complete an International Student Check-In as well as attend specific portions of the International Student Orientation.*

Additional orientation programming will be held throughout the semester primarily focused on F-1 immigration regulation. These sessions will be open to all international students, new and returning.

### *Required Documents*

All students are required to complete an Authorization for Wesley to perform a background check, a Computer Network User Agreement, and a Covenant of Professional Ethics prior to entering Seminary. Failure to complete this paperwork may result in a hold on future semester registrations. Some students (those 26 years old and younger) must also provide their immunization records.

### *Online Accounts*

All degree, non-degree, and Consortium students will receive a “single sign-on” account prior to their first semester of study. The login for this account is reached

through the My Wesley portal (<https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/my-wesley/>) and grants access to three important systems:

- **WesleyWeb**, the system for registration, checking grades, and viewing the student profile (home/legal address, degree and specializations, faculty advisor).
- **Blackboard**, the learning management system for conventional, online, and hybrid courses.
- **Student Email**, a free account that receives important updates, weekly announcements, and official correspondence sent by the Seminary. *Note: Students will receive all official email through their Wesley email account. Students can forward their Seminary email account to a personal account in Wesley email settings.*

All three accounts form an integrated online experience to serve and enhance learning.

### *Technical Support*

Wesley works with an offsite contractor, Solutionworx, to assist with all campus IT needs. *For general technical assistance, email [support@solutionworx.com](mailto:support@solutionworx.com) or call 703-961-1840 ext. 2 to request help.*

Educational Technology staff are available during regular Seminary hours to assist students having difficulty with Blackboard. *Blackboard support is available by emailing [edtech@wesleyseminary.edu](mailto:edtech@wesleyseminary.edu) or calling (202) 885-8640.*



## Academic Planning and Advising

The purpose of the advising program at Wesley Theological Seminary is to assist students with **academic planning**. Through a series of meetings and checkpoints, explained below, each student works with a faculty advisor to develop and maintain a plan of study. Advisors are assigned approximately one month before students' first semester of classes at the Seminary.

### Masters Academic Planning & Advising

*Note: International students are advised both by a faculty advisor and by a secondary advisor, the Director of International Student Services.*

The following outlines the student's responsibility in the academic planning process. Each student must:

- Attend Academic Planning and Community Life Orientation;
- Meet with the faculty advisor during the first semester to develop an academic plan; M.Div. Degree Plan Checklists are located in the Appendix. Submit a copy of the completed Degree Plan Worksheet to the Office of the Registrar no later than the start of the second semester to ensure eligibility for registration;
- Satisfy all foundational requirements prior to the completion of one-third of the degree program;
- Meet with the faculty advisor when two-thirds of the degree program have been completed to revise the Degree Plan Worksheet and project a graduation date;

- Keep track of progress to see that all requirements for graduation are met. Any deviations from the normal set of core requirements must be approved by the Dean;
- Apply for May graduation by October 15 of the given academic year. At that time, the Registrar's Office will provide an official Graduation Clearance Letter (a degree audit and confirmation of graduation eligibility). Subsequent audits will be performed automatically for those students who need to revise their final semester registration, those with unreported grades, or those who still need to transfer credits in from another institution. Eligibility for Winter Conferral is based upon completion of the degree program by the end of Fall semester; eligible students should apply for Winter Conferral.

#### Workload

To be considered full-time a student must carry **nine or more credit hours** of coursework each Fall and Spring semester. **Five or more credit hours** is considered



half-time for federal loan purposes. A student who is well prepared for theological studies and who has few responsibilities for work outside of school may regard 15 credit hours per semester as a normal load.

In the Summer Term, a student taking **five or more credit hours** is considered full-time; **three or more credit hours** is the equivalent of a half-time load.

J-Term registrations are counted toward the Spring semester credit totals and are not billed separately.

Course assignments and preparation for class sessions usually requires two or three hours of study per week outside of class for each semester-hour credit. This guideline should be considered in addition to the in-class and transit time when deciding how many classes to take in a given semester.

### *Overload Permission*

To carry more than 17 credit hours in one semester or more than 8 credit hours in the Summer Term requires **overload permission** from the Dean. *Email the Dean's Office for permission to overload:* [deansoffice@wesleyseminary.edu](mailto:deansoffice@wesleyseminary.edu).

### *Classification*

Unlike most undergraduate institutions and some seminaries, Wesley does not officially classify its students as “first year,” “second year,” or “senior.” Internal tracking of degree candidates is done through the Advancement to Candidacy process and by simply counting the number of completed credits toward any active degree program. Students are expected to consult with their faculty advisor and the Registrar's Office as frequently as needed to ensure timely completion of their degree.

### *Working While in Seminary*

Full-time students are advised not to undertake more than 10 hours of compensated work per week in church assignments or otherwise during the first year, unless for imperative financial reasons. If a student finds they must work more than 10 hours per week in order to support him or herself, or his or her family, Wesley encourages that the student should consider reducing the course load accordingly and plan for a Seminary program of study that lasts more than three academic years. The suggested degree plan templates include four- and five-year part-time options for planning purposes.

Students should also arrange to do church work with maximum educational benefit, under supervision. Bear in mind that 15 credit hours of coursework and 15 hours of work per week in a church equals a workweek of 60 hours or more, not counting travel time. Realistic planning may avoid disappointment and inferior preparation for a lifetime of ministry.

### *Advancement to Candidacy*

After completion of 27 credit hours in the M.Div. degree program, the student's academic records will be reviewed by the Registrar and Dean to ensure all foundational requirements have been met. Students who have made definite effort to achieve the objectives of the professional degree curriculum will be recommended for **Advancement to Candidacy**. Advancement will be granted provided no problems have arisen to cast serious doubt on the student's potential fitness for ministry. This is an internal Seminary check on student progress and unrelated to candidacy processes for ordained ministry within a given denomination.



The categories and criteria considered by the Faculty are listed below.

***Satisfactory Progress:***

- Completion of the following foundational requirements: Introduction to Hebrew Bible 1 and 2, Introduction to New Testament: Gospels and Epistles, The Church in History 1 and 2, two semesters of Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry, and Introduction to Corporate Worship;
- Completion of a Degree Plan Worksheet in consultation with the faculty advisor;
- Completion of the NC-112 Writing for Ministry if required;
- No writing issues have been noted by professors, or if so, the student has availed him or herself of the resources at the Writing Center;
- Satisfaction of undergraduate philosophy requirement if not completed prior to admission.
- Completion of initial 27 hours within a reasonable timeframe given degree completion limits.

***Satisfactory Academic Status:***

- No academic warning or probation;
- A cumulative GPA above 2.30;
- No outstanding grades or extensions.

***Satisfactory Formation Development:***

- A signed Covenant of Professional Ethics and Behavior;
- No unresolved personal development issues that have come to the attention of the Seminary.

Failure to advance to candidacy will require the student to develop a plan, in consultation with the Dean, the Associate Dean for Community Life, and the faculty advisor to address the issues that prohibited advancement. In most cases, such a plan must be carried out within the next 15 credit hours of work toward the degree. Failure to fulfill the plan may result in separation from the Seminary.

Students are encouraged to meet with their advisor annually to review their academic plans. Once they have completed two-thirds of their degree (24 credit hours for M.A., 40 credit hours for the M.T.S.; 54 credit hours for M.Div.), students must meet with their advisors to revise their academic plans and project a graduation date. A copy of the revised Degree Plan Worksheet should then be submitted to the Registrar's Office along with an anticipated graduation date.

Records of degree students are reviewed for a final time when they apply for graduation in the fall of the academic year they intend to graduate. The Registrar completes additional degree audits to ensure that registration changes will not affect graduation eligibility.

Non-Degree students who wish to talk with an advisor about academic planning or other advising matters may meet with the Associate Dean of Admissions or may consult with members of the Admissions staff.

***Degree Audit***

By request, the Registrar's Office will complete a **degree audit** for students who wish to view their academic progress toward degree completion. The form is available in the Registrar's Office and online at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms). This





report is an essential tool in preparing the degree plan worksheet in consultation with the faculty advisor.

### *Degree Completion Timeframe*

A limit of ten years from the date of matriculation in the M.Div. degree program and six years in the M.A. and M.T.S. programs will be allowed for completion of a Master's degree. The faculty's Master's Degree Committee will entertain requests for program duration extensions in unusual circumstances.

### *Degree Change*

Students desiring to transfer from one Master's degree program to another, or to add a degree program, may complete a **Degree Change Request** form available in the Registrar's Office and online at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms). The student's permanent file will then be reviewed by the Community Life Office, who will contact the student if additional information is needed to process admission into the new program.

All courses satisfactorily completed in one Master's program usually will be credited toward the total hours of the new Master's program. The student must, however, meet all requirements of the new degree in effect at the time the transfer is approved; even if this results in more than 81 credit hours for the M.Div., more than 60 credit hours for the M.T.S., or more than 36 hours for the M.A.

Degree changes become effective at the start of the next semester after the degree plan is approved. However, a new faculty advisor is generally assigned immediately. The student must submit a revised Degree Plan

Worksheet within the first semester after admission to the new degree program.

### *Suggested Degree Plans Templates*

Suggested degree plans for the M.Div. and M.T.S. degree programs are in the Appendix of this Catalog and available on the website. Any questions about academic planning may be discussed with the faculty advisor of the Registrar's Office.

*Note: M.Div. students in the Student Pastor Program are expected to adhere to the degree plan schema for their program, which will allow completion of the degree within four years while working in their local pastorate for half the week. Deviation from this prescribed plan could have long-term consequences in the availability of courses needed to graduate.*

### *Requirement Waivers*

Matriculated students are expected to complete all foundational and core degree requirements using available courses in Wesley's curriculum, with the exception of the Preaching / Worship Distribution requirement and the Church in the Interreligious World requirement. For those requirements, students may petition the affiliated departmental faculty to fulfill the requirements through the Washington Theological Consortium. Transfer students who have been waived of certain requirements by the Registrar upon matriculation must satisfy remaining degree requirements at Wesley.

Any currently enrolled student who wishes to be waived from additional academic requirements toward a degree program (beyond those exceptions listed above) must petition the Dean in writing. Normally waivers are granted only in extraordinary



situations and would require completion of additional coursework in a subject area. In some cases, the request may be brought by the Dean before the Master's Committee for approval.

### *Denominational Requirements*

As a seminary of The United Methodist Church, the Master's degree programs at Wesley are generally considered *de facto* preparation for probationary membership and candidacy by all Annual Conferences. However, some additional courses required for ordination are not a part of the standard degree curriculum because they are not required of *all* Master's students. Therefore, courses in United Methodist Polity, History and Doctrine, Evangelism and Mission are often needed to complete the United Methodist student's denominational requirements beyond the standard degree curriculum. Because these count as elective courses toward the degree requirements, students are advised to contact their Board of Ordained Ministry or District Superintendent to discuss exactly which courses are required and when and how they should be taken.

Wesley has frequently provided specific courses required of other mainline denominations besides The United Methodist Church. Courses in non-UM history, polity and theology, as required of students in other denominations, are typically offered on a regular cycle. Polity courses and other independent directed studies are available for students from the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), United Church of Christ, Presbyterian Church (USA), Baptist Church, and the Unitarian Universalist Association. Theology courses in the Reformed tradition and Religious Education courses in the Unitarian

Universalist tradition are also offered. Courses are regularly offered as needed, depending on enrollment of students seeking ordination. In cases where Wesley does not offer a course required for ordination or membership in other denominations, courses meeting these requirements may be taken at another institution and transferred into the degree program as elective credit, provided it meets Wesley's transferrable credit standards.

Additionally, Wesley serves as a proctoring institution for Presbyterian Ordination Exams for Presbyterian Church (USA) students and regional ordination candidates. For more information on Presbyterian Ordination Exams please visit [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org).

### **Doctor of Ministry Academic Planning & Advising**

*Note: International students are advised both by the Doctor of Ministry Program Director and by a secondary advisor, the Director of International Student Services.*

The Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program serves as the academic advisor for all Doctor of Ministry students. The following outlines the student's responsibility in the academic planning process. Each student must:

- Meet with the Director of the D.Min. Program and project a graduation date;
- Keep track of progress to see that all requirements for graduation are met. Any deviations from the normal set of core requirements must be approved by the Director of the D.Min. program;
- Satisfy all requirements within the maximum degree time limit;
- Apply for May graduation by October



15 of the given academic year. At that time, the Registrar's Office will provide an official Graduation Clearance Letter (a confirmation of graduation eligibility).

### *Workload*

To be considered full-time a student must carry **six credit hours** of coursework within a D.Min. term. **Three credit hours** is considered half-time for federal loan purposes.

All D.Min. courses are 3 credit hours. Each D.Min. course includes a minimum of 45 instructional hours and 90 hours of additional course work. As such, a typical D.Min. course requires both pre-course and post-course assignments. Students should allow 4 weeks before the class start date to complete any pre-course assignments and 6 weeks after the class end date to complete all post-coursework.

### *Degree Completion Timeframe*

A limit of six years from the date of matriculation in the Doctor of Ministry program will be allowed for completion of that degree. The faculty's Doctor of Ministry Committee will entertain requests for program duration extensions in unusual circumstances.



## Registration

### Overview

**Registration** is a contract with Wesley Theological Seminary to attend and pay for the course enrolled in, unless dropped by an approved method. Payment is always due by the start of the semester or term in which the course takes place. Bills for tuition and other services will be sent to the student's legal, permanent address on file before the semester or term of study, ensuring adequate time for the student to pay or register for the Official Payments payment plan.

*Note: It is the student's responsibility to notify the Registrar's Office of any change to the legal, permanent address immediately upon making this change. This includes students who live on-campus but move away from Washington, D.C. for the summer.*

### Master's Registration

Students manage their course registrations online through the WesleyWeb portal. For Master's degree and non-degree students, registration for the J-Term/Spring semester opens in October, registration for the Summer session opens in March, and registration for the Fall semester opens in April. Please visit the Important Dates section of this Catalog for specific registration deadlines. Course schedules are available at least 2 weeks prior to the start of registration. Schedules can be viewed at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/schedule](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/schedule).

### Limited Enrollment

For Master's students, the first two weeks of each registration period is the **Limited Enrollment** period. Certain courses are designated as "limited enrollment" due to high demand or limited capacity. During this limited enrollment period, students indicate their interest in a limited enrollment course by adding themselves to the waitlist on WesleyWeb. At the end of the Limited Enrollment period, the class lists will be sorted by proximity to graduation or, for some classes, by specialization, and students enrolled accordingly.

*Note: SPP students will be given first priority for all classes in accordance with the Suggested Degree Plan Checklist for Student Pastors. Deviation from this program of study is highly discouraged as course priority will not be given to SPP students if they take courses out of sequence.*



### Add/drop period

For the Fall and Spring semesters, courses may be added and dropped with no financial penalty through the end of the first full week of classes. Any changes in registration after the first full week of the semester must be submitted using a physically signed paper registration form and must be in accordance with the due dates as laid out in the Important Dates section of this Catalog.

Registration for Master's intensive Summer and J-Term have stricter registration and cancellation deadlines. Registration for intensive courses closes two weeks prior to the first day of class, meaning students can neither add nor drop a class without penalty after that time period. J-Term registration closes in mid-December. Summer courses, however, have rolling start dates and therefore rolling registration deadlines. Summer course registration deadlines will be posted on the Summer website at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/summer](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/summer).

If a student wishes to drop a class after the J-Term or Summer registration period closes, he or she may do so using a paper registration form. Dropping a class after the registration period ends for all Masters intensive terms incurs a late drop fee.

### Registration Changes

#### ***Master's Semesters – Fall and Spring***

Students may add courses prior to the beginning of the semester via WesleyWeb, provided such registration does not put them in overload. Courses may be added during the second full week of the semester only with written permission of the instructor, either via signature on a Registration Form or through an email submitted by the faculty directly to the Registrar's Office. *Note: Online courses have*

*an earlier registration deadline, typically one week before the first day of class, and may not be added after this date.*

Students who wish to drop a course may do so without penalty at any time prior to the semester via WesleyWeb. Courses dropped after the start of the semester are subject to the following add/drop schedule:

End of first full week	Last day to add course without instructor's consent
End of second full week	Last day to add course with instructor's consent; last day to change course from credit to audit or <i>vice versa</i> ; last day to drop course without receiving a "W" grade; last day to drop course with full tuition refund
End of third full week	Last day to drop course with 75% tuition refund
End of fourth full week	Last day to drop course with 50% tuition refund
End of fifth full week	Last day to change from conventional (letter) grade to Pass/Fail or <i>vice versa</i> ; last day to drop course with 25% tuition refund
End of tenth full week	Last day to drop course without receiving an "F" grade

*The specific drop deadlines for each semester are listed in the Important Dates section of the Catalog and posted online at <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/academics/academic-calendar/>.*



### ***Courses Starting After Semester Begins***

Courses in a major semester (Fall or Spring) that begin after the start date of the semester may be added to the student's schedule up to the first class session with instructor's consent, provided there is room in the course. Such a course may be dropped by noon of the subsequent business day after the first class session with no tuition penalty. Any drop made after this time will follow the above schedule relative to the first date of the semester.

### ***J-Term and Summer Terms***

All J-Term and Summer Term courses are in an intensive format (usually of one to two weeks) with rolling or non-standard Registration Deadlines published on the website. The registration deadlines are typically two weeks before the first meeting date. Courses dropped after the deadline are subject to a Cancellation Fee. Courses dropped after the first day of class are subject to full payment of tuition. Additionally most intensive courses have pre-course reading and/or writing assignments which must be completed prior to the first class meeting. Details of pre-course work are available for a given class on the website and/or the Blackboard site for the course.

### ***Partner School Registration***

Students taking Wesley-taught courses on location at partner schools can register through WesleyWeb or by submitting a paper registration form to Wesley's Registrar's Office. Students taking Wesley-taught courses on location at other partner schools can register through the paper form provided by the home school's Registrar's Office or through WesleyWeb. All other policies, including registration changes and payments, are the same as above for these students.

## **Doctor of Ministry Registration**

Students manage their course registrations online through the WesleyWeb portal. Course schedules are available at least 2 weeks prior to the start of registration. Schedules can be viewed at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/schedule](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/schedule).

### ***Add/drop period***

Registration for D.Min. terms follows the below timeline:

March 1	Registration opens for Summer D.Min. courses
June 1	Registration opens for Fall D.Min. courses
September 1	Registration opens for Winter D.Min. courses
December 1	Registration opens for Spring D.Min. courses

D.Min. students can add or drop a class online up to two weeks prior to the first day of class. Students cannot add a D.Min. class beyond the two-week deadline. If a student wishes to drop a class, s/he can do so up to the first day of class.

*Note: Students who have outstanding work and grades from previous terms will not be allowed to enroll in courses until that coursework is completed.*

Registration changes made after the beginning of a D.Min. intensive term must be completed on a paper registration form. Specific tuition penalty policies are outlined on the form. Students withdrawing from D.Min. classes after the start of the course may be subject to a failing grade and full tuition payment.



## International Student Registration

In addition to the registration procedures outlined for all students, the following steps must be taken by international students (students who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents):

- All F-1 international students enrolling at Wesley for the first time (including transfer students), are required to attend an Immigration Check-In session with International Student Services (ISS) prior to the start of the semester. The student must bring their passport with visa stamp, I-94, and I-20 to this meeting.
- International students in F-1 status are required to register full-time (at least 9 credit hours for Masters level students, and 6 credit hours for Doctoral level students) each semester.
- F-1 international students who intend to register for less than full-time credit hours should consult with International Student Services prior to registration. Based on F-1 visa regulations, those students who register for less than a full course of study each semester are required to obtain written permission from International Student Service prior to the start of the semester. Failure to do so may result in the loss of legal immigration status.

### *International Student Reporting- SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System)*

All institutions certified to enroll F-1 students are required to report to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) any student who fails to maintain status, fails to enroll, or completes his or her

program, via SEVIS. Each term, and no later than 30 days after the beginning of each semester, such institutions are required to report the following registration information for each F-1 student:

1. Full-time registration or authorization for Reduced Course Load (RCL);
2. Current address (both mailing and physical).

At Wesley, this reporting is done by the Office of International Student Services (ISS). In addition to the above reporting types, ISS reports immediately to DHS if students withdraw, take Temporary Leave, or drop below full-time registration without ISS authorizations. Such actions may result in loss of immigration status, so student should check with ISS prior to making final decisions about their registration. Questions concerning DHS regulations should be directed to International Student Services (ISS), in person at Straughn 134, or via telephone at 202-885-6069.

## Registration & Matriculation

### *Holds and Warnings*

Prior to the registration period, students will find registration information available on the website and broadcast through the weekly email announcements. We remind students to complete several tasks prior to the start of registration, including a review of any active holds or warnings on WesleyWeb. Student holds may include a Business Office or Financial hold, a Dean's Academic or Non-Academic hold, a Degree Plan hold, or holds related to incomplete paperwork owed to the Office of Community Life. Any of the above holds will prevent registration for new courses from its effective date until the hold is lifted.



## Continuing Enrollment

All degree candidates are required to be continuously enrolled each major semester or term from the initial registration until all degree requirements are completed and graduation has occurred. In the event that a student cannot register for at least one academic course in any major semester (Fall or Spring semester for Masters students, Winter or Spring term for D.Min. students), s/he must register for the course NC-001 **Continuing Enrollment.** *The fee for Continuing Enrollment is listed in the Fees section of this Catalog.* Students who have been granted permission to take courses at another institution during a regular Fall or Spring semester, including American University dual degree students, must still concurrently register for Continuing Enrollment at Wesley.

*Note: Students who have been notified that they will be eligible for Winter Conferral upon completion of their Fall coursework will be waived from the Continuing Enrollment fee in their final Spring semester prior to the Commencement ceremony.*

A degree candidate who does not register either for courses or for Continuing Enrollment by the end of the add/drop period will be automatically registered and charged for Continuing Enrollment. Students who fail to register and make no contact with the Seminary in two consecutive semesters will be automatically withdrawn. S/he must reapply for admission to continue in a degree program.

Continuing Enrollment status for two or more semesters may trigger review of academic status by the appropriate degree committee to determine the likelihood of degree completion within the permitted time limits.

Library privileges at Wesley and other member schools of the Washington Theological Consortium are available to students while continuing enrollment.

## Withdrawals

Complete withdrawal from the Seminary during the course of a semester for emergency reasons is allowed, provided notice of intention to withdraw is presented to the Associate Dean for Community Life. The student may select, or the Associate Dean may advise either permanent withdrawal from seminary or a semester-only emergency withdrawal for medical Reasons. *Both forms are available online at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms).* Students who withdraw for emergency medical reasons may still be liable for all or part of their tuition for the semester, depending on the timing of the withdrawal, the circumstances surrounding the emergency, and the determination of the Dean's Office. Alternatively, students may be required to return financial aid funds, depending on when the withdrawal takes place and the type of financial aid the student has received.

The Faculty may, at any time during a student's matriculation, advise withdrawal from the Seminary. The grounds for such advice may be academic, medical, or based on concerns about the student's perceived personal development. In all cases, the principle governing the decision is the rule of fitness for effective functioning in the highly responsible work of ministry. In such cases, the student's right to due process will be fully respected.





## Matriculation, Census Date, and Enrollment Verifications

Wesley reports registration information each term to the National Student Clearinghouse. This federal service relays registration information to loan granters and to the Department of Education. Students should be advised that registering for a course load of less than half-time during any compulsory semester or D.Min. term, including registration for continuing enrollment, often triggers the start of the repayment period for student loans. This determination is made by the loan granting organizations themselves, not by Wesley.

The census date for any Master's semester is the end of the second full week, which also coincides with the final day of the add/drop period. Student requests for enrollment verifications will not be processed until after the census date. *More information on Enrollment Verifications is available at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/academics/student-requests/enrollment-verification/](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/academics/student-requests/enrollment-verification/).*

The D.Min. term census date is the first day of each intensive term.

Masters Summer registrations and D.Min. Summer and Fall registrations are reported on a rolling basis. As non-compulsory terms, students are not required to register for summer courses in order to keep their loans in deferment with lenders.

## Courses Taken at Other Institutions

Students wishing to take courses at institutions falling outside Wesley's agreements with the Washington Theological Consortium and American University (or other partner institutions as

published on the website) are encouraged to request an evaluation of these credits by the Registrar using the transfer of credit request form. External coursework may not be counted toward fulfillment of a Wesley degree requirement once the student has matriculated. Students who take courses at another institution during any major semester (Fall or Spring) in lieu of a course at Wesley are required to register for the course NC-001 Continuing Enrollment.

## Consortium Cross-Registration

Wesley degree students who have completed at least one semester of study at Wesley are eligible to take courses through the Washington Theological Consortium. Courses available for cross-registration may be found on the Consortium website at [www.washtheocon.org](http://www.washtheocon.org). (*Note: Not all courses offered by a member institution are available for Consortium cross-registration; therefore it is imperative that the student first check if the course is listed on the Consortium website.*) Students wishing to cross-register must do so by completing the online Consortium cross-registration form available via WesleyWeb.

Registrations are processed and added to the student's schedule after the Registrar's Office receives registration confirmation from the host institution. Tuition for Consortium courses follows the same rate schedule as Wesley courses. To drop a course, students should complete the same cross-registration form as they used to register, this time indicating the desire to drop the course.

The following rules have been adopted by the Consortium Executive Committee concerning multiple cross-registrations:

- Students may cross-register for one



course in any or each school, in each semester, without question, within the rules of their home school.

- Students may cross-register for two courses in the same school each semester:
  - if they have the approval of their Advisor that these courses will be of significant value and importance to their theological education or pastoral training
  - if they set out in writing to the Dean of the host school the value and importance of the courses
  - if the Dean of the home school indicates approval of the request by affixing a signature. (No permission is necessary from the Dean of the host school.)

Students may not register for more than two courses in the same semester in the same school without explicit written permission from the Dean of the host school. A student is to seek this permission in writing in a letter to the Dean of the host school, stating the reason for the request. The Dean of the home school, indicating approval, must also sign this letter of request. A written answer should be received from the Dean of the host school at least one week prior to the census date for the semester or term.

Students cross-registering for courses in the Washington Theological Consortium should be aware that most schools are on different academic calendars. A calendar of start dates and breaks is available on the Consortium website. The maximum number of credit hours that may be earned through the Consortium is 15 credit hours in a single degree program.

Wesley students may not take Consortium courses in their final semester before graduation due to the various term dates used by the various schools and difficulties that may arise in receiving Consortium grades in time for graduation processing.

### *A.U. Cooperative Registration*

Degree students may register for courses at American University by completing a **cross-registration form** available in the Registrar's Office and on the website at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms). A.U. cross-registration requires permission of the Dean at Wesley and a departmental representative or the Registrar at A.U.

The maximum number of credit hours that may be earned at American University is 12 credit hours in a single degree program, or 18 credit hours for dual degree students at American/Wesley who are fulfilling their thesis requirement at American (15 if writing the M.T.S. Paper at Wesley).

### *Maximum Allowable External Coursework*

*Note: This section does not cover credits taken prior to admission to Wesley. For transfer credit policy, please see page 119.*

Candidates for the M.Div. degree must complete their final 40 credit hours of coursework at Wesley. M.T.S. candidates must take at least the final 30 credit hours at Wesley. M.A. students may only transfer in 6 credits upon matriculation. While matriculated Wesley students M.A. student may take courses at American University (up to 12 credit hours) and/or the Washington Theological Consortium, but no more than 18 credits total may be non-Wesley credits.

D.Min. students may only receive up to 6 elective credits for courses taken at other



institutions. These courses must be pre-approved by the D.Min. Program Director.

## Clinical Pastoral Education

Master's degree students may receive up to 6 academic credits for Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) taken during their studies at Wesley Theological Seminary. This policy applies to all Masters degree students. The CPE must be taken at an ACPE accredited facility. A directory of facilities accredited by the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE) is available on their website at [www.acpe.edu](http://www.acpe.edu). Students register for the appropriate course number (PC-491 for 0.5 unit/3 credit hours or PC-493 for 1 unit/6 credit hours) and pay tuition to Wesley, which then pays the CPE fees directly to the other institution. If the CPE is at an institution that awards academic credit, students should register and pay fees directly to the institution. Once completed, such credit may be transferred, provided the student has notified the Wesley Registrar in advance of their intention to do so. Academic credit is not granted for CPE taken prior to matriculation in a degree program unless prior arrangements have been made for students who expect to transfer into Wesley. Students in this case would still need to register for one of the academic courses at Wesley listed above. CPE is graded on a pass/fail basis only.

Students who are planning to be certified for chaplaincy ministries should be advised of the requirements set by the Association for Professional Chaplains for certification; please see [www.professionalchaplains.org](http://www.professionalchaplains.org). Students intending to work as professional chaplains should be advised to complete the M.Div. degree, or secondarily the M.T.S. degree.

## Directed Study – Master's Degree

Qualified Master's degree students may choose to undertake Directed Study in a specialized area of a field represented in the curriculum. Directed Studies may occur during either Fall or Spring semester, or Summer term. Students must receive permission from a supervising Wesley core faculty member. Forms for this approval process are available in the Registrar's Office and must be submitted to the Office of the Dean for final approval before the registration is effective.

Restrictions:

- Non-degree students are not permitted to undertake directed studies.
- To be eligible for a directed study, a student must hold satisfactory academic standing.
- A directed study may not duplicate any course listed in the Catalog.
- Directed study is not permitted to students in their first semester of the M.Div. or M.A. programs.
- No more than 15 credit hours maximum may be earned through directed study in any single degree program.
- The maximum credit allowed for a single directed study course is two credit hours for Master's degree students.
- Paperwork for the directed study must be submitted to the Dean's Office in a timely manner; no paperwork will be processed after the census date for a semester.

A directed study will show up on a student's transcripts as course number 551 under the subject in which the directed study is focused. For example, a directed study focused in biblical studies would appear as



BI-55I.

## Independent Study – Doctor of Ministry Degree

Independent Study is permitted only in the D.Min. program. It differs from directed study in that meetings with supervising faculty are required only at the beginning and end of the project. All D.Min. independent study courses are three credits. Forms for applying for independent study can be obtained from the D.Min. Office. Similar restrictions as published above also apply.

An independent study will show up on a student's transcript as course number DM-59I.

## Distance Learning

Wesley offers courses in both online and hybrid format in both the Master and Doctoral level curricula. Hybrid courses combine in-person and online sessions over the course of the semester. Both types of courses use the Blackboard learning management system for essential course activities.

These courses are designated in the course schedule each semester or term they are offered. The deadline for registration in distance learning courses is one week before the first day of the semester or term. Students are encouraged to log in to the Blackboard site prior to the first week of the course to confirm their participation. Instructors will notify the Registrar's Office of any student who has not participated within the first week.

*Having trouble accessing your online account? Email [support@solutionworx.com](mailto:support@solutionworx.com).  
Need assistance with Blackboard? Email*

[edtech@wesleyseminary.edu](mailto:edtech@wesleyseminary.edu) or call (202) 885-8640.

Distance learning courses are pedagogically similar to classroom learning. Students may find that taking an online course requires more individual effort to stay on top of readings, assignments, and the communication with classmates and the instructor.

Technical requirements for Blackboard are as follows:

A fully functioning computer running a modern Operating System

### Microsoft Windows 7 or Higher

- Windows 7, Windows 8, 8.1 or 10
- Intel Pentium 4 2.33 GHz or faster CPU and at least 4 GB memory is recommended
- Up-to-date Word processor and presentation package (Word and PowerPoint 2010 or newer)

### Mac OS/X

- Mac OS X 10.8x 10.9x or 10.10x
- Intel processor and at least 4 GB of RAM
- Up-to-date word processor and presentation package (Mac Office 2011 or newer or iWorks 09 or newer – must be able to save documents as .doc file)

## Auditing Courses

Degree and non-degree students may choose to audit any course offered with a few exceptions. The audit option is available through WesleyWeb registration. Non-Wesley students wishing to audit courses must apply in the Admissions Office, who will confirm the completion of a Bachelor's level degree prior to granting audit student status. Lab practicums, language classes, and online and hybrid courses may not be



audited.

International students auditing courses may not count audited courses towards the full course of study requirement for the purposes of maintaining F-1 visa status. Therefore, F-1 students may audit courses only if registered full-time for courses taken for credit. The audited course would be in addition to a full course of study.

The technical term for an Auditor is an “auditing listener” who sits in on the class but does not participate in class discussions or complete assignments. For this reason, certain courses that innately require a level of participation may not be taken by Auditors, e.g. ancient language, practicum, or online courses. Successful attendance in a course taken for Audit will be indicated on the student’s transcript with an “L” grade.

## Continuing Education Units

Individuals are permitted to take any Master’s level course for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) provided the

student is a church leader, member of the clergy, or employee of a church or affiliated organization. Students may use the Registration Form available in the Registrar’s Office or online at

[www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms).

Prerequisites will be waived for students seeking to take classes for CEU credit if the student has already completed a theological Master’s level degree.

The work required of a CEU student varies by course. CEU students should consult with the instructor to determine an appropriate synthesis assignment due at the end of the semester. Successful completion of this assignment will satisfy the course requirements for a Continuing Education Unit; the student will receive from the Registrar’s Office a certificate indicating the course was attended and the assignment completed. The course will *not* be shown on Wesley’s academic transcript.



## Evaluation and Grading

### Overview

Faculty members are responsible for **grading coursework** in their classes. They take this responsibility seriously and strive to act in a fair and conscientious manner. Grading standards for each course will be specified from the outset in the course syllabus, and papers and examinations shall be returned within a reasonable time, accompanied by constructive comments and specific grades where appropriate.

Grade changes are made after a grade is posted only if the faculty member involved certifies that a clerical error was made. The Faculty and the Dean have affirmed that the faculty is the final evaluator and grader of all class assignments.

### Grading System

Grades assigned in the “conventional” system and compiled as quality points towards a GPA are:

A	4.000
A-	3.700
B+	3.300
B	3.000
B-	2.700
C+	2.300
C	2.000
C-	1.700
F	0.000
FX**	0.000

Grades are assigned on the following scale:

A	93-100
A-	90-92
B+	88-89
B	83-87
B-	80-82
C+	78-79
C	73-77
C-	70-72
F	69 or below

*\* GPA is always listed cumulatively on official transcripts, across all academic programs and regardless of student status. The GPA for coursework taken for credit in all academic programs will be aggregated when calculated.*

*\*\*FX is applied when a student fails to attend classes and therefore receives an “unearned” F. This is distinct from a student who attends class and yet fails to meet the minimum standards and requirements to pass the class. Both are failing grades. Neither grade is expunged from the record, even if/when a student retakes the course.*



Other symbols used are:

L	Audit (listener)
W	Withdrawn after the second week of the semester, or other deadline in non-standard terms
NR	Grade not reported at the time of posting (also used when an extension has been granted)
P	Pass (Quality of work no less than a “C” on a conventional grading scale)

*The grade of “incomplete” is not given at Wesley.*

M.Div., M.A., and M.T.S. students may elect to register for a maximum of one course per semester or term on a pass/fail basis; that course must be an elective. Courses that are only offered pass/fail, such as PMM courses, will not count toward this semester limit. Pass grades cannot raise a student’s GPA but a fail grade will lower the GPA.

Unless auditing a course, D.Min. and non-degree students are graded only with “conventional” letter grades. Pass/fail is not permitted under any circumstances.

Some Consortium schools permit incomplete coursework to be recorded with an “I” grade. This coursework is automatically and permanently recorded as an “F” on the Wesley record. An incomplete from any other school is not transferrable to Wesley. Students who anticipate being offered an incomplete at their Consortium school should clarify Wesley’s policy with their instructor and make arrangements to ensure they receive a grade at the end of the semester or term.

## Classroom Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes in their entirety. Faculty members have the authority to set attendance policies for particular courses and those policies will be included in the course syllabus. Deviation from the attendance policy may result in reduction of grade or even failure of the course.

## Academic Standing

### **Master’s Programs**

A cumulative grade point average of “C+” (2.30) is required for graduation for the M.Div., M.A., or M.T.S. degree. Any grade below “C+” is a warning that a student is not showing promise of successfully completing degree work. A student whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.30 in a given semester will be placed on academic probation and monitored until the GPA is 2.30 or better. Any grade of “F” (or “FX”) will result in an academic performance review. Based on the review, a student will either receive an academic warning or be placed on academic probation until demonstrating promise for successful completion of degree work. Students placed on academic probation may be required to take a minimum of 6 credit hours per semester until their status is changed.

Any Master’s level or non-degree student who accumulates eight or more credits of failing grades (failing grades are either “F” or “FX”) will be automatically separated from the Seminary. Separated students may apply for readmission after one academic year has passed. If a student accumulates any further failed credits after readmission, s/he will be permanently separated from the Seminary.

### **D.Min. Program**

No credit is granted for courses with a final



grade below “B-,” and an overall average of “B” (3.00) or better must be maintained for graduation. No credit is granted for any D.Min. coursework if a student is absent for more than six contact hours. A D.Min. student who fails one course will be put on academic probation. The second failing grade will result in automatic dismissal from the D.Min. program. This includes grades of “F” or “FX” in any Doctor of Ministry course. D.Min. students unable to complete the program may be awarded a “Certificate of Course Completion in Postgraduate Theological Studies,” provided they have completed at least 18 credit hours of coursework on a satisfactory basis.

All coursework must be completed as of December 31 of the year prior to graduation. No D.Min. coursework may be taken during the Spring term of the graduation year. All projects are due on the date specified in the Seminary calendar and on the Wesley website.

### *Grade Reports*

Printed grade reports are no longer made available at Wesley at the conclusion of each semester. All Wesley students have access to their unofficial transcript via WesleyWeb, provided they do not have an active Financial Hold. Those seeking an official transcript of their academic record at Wesley may submit a request in writing to the Registrar’s Office. **Students with a Financial Hold must reconcile their bill with the Business Office before they will be permitted to access their final grades or receive a transcript.**

### *Extension of Time for Written Work*

***Masters Fall and Spring Semester Courses***  
Deadlines for all coursework are set by the instructor in each course, but in no case may

this deadline be later than the last day of the semester. Extensions of time for required final papers and projects may be granted in cases of genuine emergency, provided a petition has been submitted by the student prior to the work’s deadline. The form for such a request is available online at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms) and in the Registrar’s Office. The instructor must consent via signature on this form, which is then submitted to the Dean’s Office for approval. The deadline for this form is no later than the final assignment due date.

No coursework will be assigned a grade of “Incomplete.” If coursework is not completed by the due date, and a student is not granted an extension, the course grade will automatically be entered into the system as an “F.”

M.T.S. students registered for the M.T.S. Paper course (IS-501) and are unable to complete the thesis paper by the deadline may be granted a one-year extension by permission of the M.T.S. Program Director. No second extension will be given and if the work is not completed by the end of the second academic year, the student will receive an “F” on the original course and must subsequently re-register for the course.

Students taking the Intercultural Immersion course may receive a one-year extension by permission of the Director of PMM if their immersion trip is canceled, delayed, or postponed for other reasons. Failure to complete the immersion within one year will require the student to re-register for the course and attend the orientation session again.

### ***D.Min. Courses***

Written work for a D.Min. intensive courses is due no later than six weeks after the last day of class meeting. D.Min. courses that





meet online over a full semester will follow the same deadline schedule as D.Min. intensive courses. A D.Min. student with incomplete coursework may be blocked from registration.

Extensions of time requests may be requested by the student using the form available on the website at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/dmin](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/dmin) or by request from the D.Min. Office. This extension may be for only 60 or fewer days from the original deadline for written work. Grades for incomplete courses convert to an “F” after six months. Failure to submit a request and be granted an extension by the D.Min. office, or to submit written work within the extension deadline will result in an “F” grade. Two failing grades will result in automatic dismissal from the D.Min. program.

In cases of documented medical emergency, a student may request to withdraw from the course. These requests are vetted through the Dean’s Office.

### *Grade Appeals/Change of Grade*

Grade changes may be made after a grade is reported to the Registrar’s Office only if the faculty member involved certifies that a clerical error was made. Students wishing to appeal a grade should refer to the Academic Grievance Policy found on page 128. Academic grievances and appeals must be expressed to the Office of the Dean within six months following the occurrence(s) giving rise to the grievance, or within one semester of the grade in question. Grade changes are not possible, regardless of circumstance, after a student has graduated or withdrawn from the Seminary.

### *Repeated Courses*

Students may retake a failed course for credit no more than one time. Subsequently earning a passing grade will not expunge the previously earned grade from the student’s transcript or GPA.

Certain courses in Religion and the Arts, such as Chapel Choir and Arts Practica, may be taken for credit up to six times.

### *Course Evaluations*

In an effort to improve Wesley’s educational offerings, students in all courses will be requested to complete **course evaluations**. These evaluations are collected and reviewed by the Dean’s Office. At Wesley Theological Seminary, every effort is made to assess learning outcomes for students at the course, program/curricular, and institutional level, and to implement changes as needed. These evaluations form an important feedback loop in this process.

## **Transfer Credit**

### *Masters Transfer Credit*

Master’s degree seeking applicants who meet the requirements for admission and have completed courses at another theological school accredited by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) may have those courses considered for transfer to Wesley.

Those wishing to have courses considered for transfer equivalency should notify the Admissions Office during the application process for an evaluation of potential transfer credit. Once a student has matriculated into a Masters degree program the credits can be officially applied to the student record by using the Transfer Credit



Request Form available in the Registrar's Office or online at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms).

Previous academic credit will be considered for transfer *only* if it meets *all* of the following criteria:

- The credit is above the Bachelor's level
- The credit is from a graduate theological school accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS).
- The grade is "B-" or higher graded on a conventional grading scale. "Pass" grades are not considered for transfer credit, although such courses may be used to waive core requirements of the degree program at Wesley if the original course was not eligible for a conventional (letter) grade.

Students may receive transfer credit in the form of credit hours and/or the waiver of certain core requirements of the Wesley degree program. The two are evaluated independently from one another, i.e. the receipt of waivers for core requirements does not guarantee a certain number of credit hours will automatically transfer. The articulation of transfer credits is made by the Registrar, often in consultation with the Dean, appropriate faculty, Associate Dean of Admissions, and Director of the Practice in Ministry and Mission (PMM) program.

#### ***Maximum Allowable Transfer Credits***

To earn an M.Div or M.T.S. degree from Wesley, no more than **half** of the credit hours required for the degree program may be fulfilled by transfer credits from another institution. Additionally, the final half of the degree program must be completed at Wesley unless prior approval for anticipated

transfer credit is granted by the Registrar's Office. M.A. degree candidates may only transfer in 6 credit hours of work. Every candidate for a degree at Wesley must meet all degree requirements outlined in the Curriculum section of the Catalog from the same year as the student entered into the degree program. This includes the four-credit Practice in Ministry and Mission field placement for M.Div. students.

#### ***Honors at Graduation***

Although transfer students at the Master's degree level may complete a degree at Wesley after beginning their studies at another institution, the Faculty is committed to a minimum residency standard for students to be considered for honors at graduation. To be eligible for honors, students with transfer credit must have completed at least **two-thirds** of their accumulated credits at Wesley. For an M.Div. student completing 81 credit hours, 54 of these credit hours must stem from Wesley coursework; for an M.T.S. student completing 60 credit hours, the requirement is at least 40 credit hours of Wesley coursework. M.A. students must complete 30 of their 36 hours at Wesley to be eligible for honors at graduation.

**Students should consider these limits when electing to transfer credit into Wesley from outside institutions, including the dual-degree program with American University, since they have the option to transfer more credits than would allow receipt of honors at graduation.** The above only applies to Master's level students; Doctoral students do not receive diploma honors at Wesley.

#### ***Credit for Course of Study***

In cooperation with the Division of Ordained Ministry of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry and the



Northeastern Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church, Wesley administers the Course of Study School for local pastors of The United Methodist Church. Some Course of Study students may wish to transfer into the Seminary's Master of Divinity program at a later time. Provided their application is acceptable and they have completed a Bachelor's degree prior to beginning Course of Study, one hour of elective credit may be transferred for each course completed with a grade of "B" or better, up to a maximum of twenty elective credits.

### ***Credit for Equipping Lay Ministry and Center for Deacon Studies***

Students who have successfully completed credit courses in Wesley's now defunct Equipping Lay Ministry (ELM) program or the Center for Deacon Education at Pfeiffer University will automatically have these courses counted as elective credit toward any Master's level degree program at Wesley. Students who audited courses in either program will not be permitted to count those courses toward a degree.

### ***Doctor of Ministry Transfer Credit***

Work done toward another degree cannot be transferred into the D.Min. program. Additionally, work completed prior to entry into the D.Min. program at Wesley may not be applied towards the D.Min. degree.

Academic credit will be considered for transfer *only* if it meets *all* of the following criteria:

- The credit is above the Master's level
- The credit is from a graduate theological school accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS).

- The grade is "B-" or higher graded on a conventional grading scale. "Pass" grades are not considered for transfer credit.

Coursework transferred into the D.Min. program cannot go towards fulfilling core requirements of the degree. Transfer credit can only count as elective credit and must be approved by the Director of the D.Min. prior to beginning the course.

*Note: any D.Min. transfer of credit request incurs a \$60 fee.*

### ***Maximum Allowable Transfer Credits***

Up to six credit hours may be transferred as elective credit toward the D.Min. degree.

*The D.Min. transfer of credit request form can be found at*

[www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms).

## **Advanced Standing**

Students with a completed Master's level degree in a theological or non-theological program of study at any regionally accredited institution may receive **Advanced Standing** and/or core requirement waivers toward a new Master's degree at Wesley. The maximum number of transferable credits is lower than that normally offered to transfer students, reflecting the fact that a degree has already been conferred. Those wishing to be considered for Advanced Standing should notify the Admissions Office during the application process as described in the Transfer Credit section above.

### ***Advanced Standing for Previous Theological Degrees***

Applicants who have previously earned a theologically oriented degree from an ATS



accredited school may be considered for Advanced Standing, both in the form of credit hours and possible waiver of equivalent degree requirements. Advanced standing is a form of credit transfer and is bound by the same general regulations as outlined in the section above; however the maximum number of credits awarded for advanced standing is limited to not more than one-third of the credit hours required to complete the Wesley degree or half of the credits required to complete the previous degree, whichever is lower. Thus M.Div. Advanced Standing students are only eligible to transfer in 27 credit hours and M.T.S. Advanced Standing students are only eligible to transfer in 20 credit hours of previous coursework. The exception to this policy are students seeking the Master of Arts degree. M.A. students may only transfer in 6 credit hours toward their degree.

### *Credit for Non-Theological Studies*

Applicants who have earned Master's level credit hours in a non-theological area from a regionally accredited school may be considered for not more than fifteen credit hours toward a prospective M.Div. or M.T.S. degree sought at Wesley. M.A. transfer credits are capped at 6 hours. Requests for such transfer should include a written explanation specifying how each non-theological course relates to the overall degree sought at Wesley. This petition should accompany the evaluation request.

## **Graduation**

### *Application for Graduation and Clearance to Graduate*

Students must apply for graduation by October 15 in the Fall semester of the academic year in which they anticipate graduating. After submitting the application,

each student's records will be reviewed and all who are eligible will be granted preliminary approval to graduate. Receipt of a Graduation Clearance letter provides both an official Degree Audit of the student's academic record and confirms eligibility to have the degree conferred at the May commencement ceremony. Students who complete their degree requirements at the end of the Fall semester will be notified of the option for an early degree conferral; eligible students will be voted on by the Faculty at its first meeting of the Spring semester.

### *Attendance at Commencement*

A Commencement ceremony is only held at the end of the academic year and all graduating students, including those granted early conferral, are expected to be present at Commencement unless excused for justifiable reasons stated in a written petition to the Registrar's Office.

**Graduation *in absentia* is a privilege; students who choose not to participate in the Commencement ceremony must still pay the Graduation fee.** Only students who have completed all degree requirements and have no outstanding financial obligations at the time of graduation will be eligible to graduate. Those with an outstanding balance will not receive a diploma until the hold is cleared, but may be permitted to attend and participate in the Commencement, at the discretion of the Dean's Office.

### *Student Responsibilities*

All graduands (eligible students who have yet to graduate) must complete all final requirements for the degree program(s) and additional administrative requirements as listed on the Commencement website at <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/registrar/o>



[ffice-of-the-registrar/commencement/](#).

### *Honors at Graduation*

Graduation honors for the M.A., M.Div. and M.T.S. degrees are voted on by the faculty, based on cumulative grade average. Graduands with a cumulative grade average of 3.70 or higher are eligible for honors.

To be considered for honors, M.Div. students must complete a minimum of 54 credit hours of coursework at Wesley on the conventional grading system. M.T.S. students must complete a minimum of 40 credit hours at Wesley, and M.A. students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours at Wesley, also on the conventional grading system. This limit may also apply to students who choose to register for several elective courses on a Pass/Fail basis.



## Academic Records

Wesley takes students' privacy seriously. In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), any release of a student's academic record requires the student's written permission. Collection of any document pertaining to a student's academic record is only released to school officials with a legitimate educational interest, persons permitted by the student, or the student her/himself after proof of identity through an official picture ID.

### *Transcript Requests*

In compliance with the **Family Education Rights and Privacy Act** of 1974 (FERPA), all transcript requests must be made in writing with the signature of the inquiring student or made through a secure and unique personal electronic identification system. Wesley is pleased to offer secure online transcript ordering and delivery that comply with these regulations. For more information, please visit [www.wesleyseminary.edu/transcripts](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/transcripts).

Transcript requests require the following information:

- Full name at time of attendance
- Social Security Number or Student ID number
- Dates of attendance or year of graduation
- Degree program
- Home address and telephone
- Address where transcript should be sent
- Payment information via credit card

Transcript requests received by 9 AM on Mondays will be sent out the same week. Additional time may be required during holidays.

Official paper Transcripts cost \$10 each. Official e-transcripts ordered through the online portal cost \$8 each. All rush requests are an additional \$5 per transcript. Payment made through the online portal requires a credit card (Visa or MasterCard only). If you are unable to pay using a credit card you will need to complete a paper transcript order form, available at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms), and submit the signed form along with your payment to the Registrar's Office. Turn-around time noted above applies to paper as well as online transcript orders.

Failure to provide complete information and signature or inadequate payment information may result in a processing delay. Transcripts will only be issued for students who are in good standing with the Business Office. Official paper transcripts are enclosed in signed, sealed envelopes.



If using the paper form please mail to:  
Office of the Registrar  
4500 Massachusetts Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20016-5790  
or email the signed form to  
[registrar@wesleyseminary.edu](mailto:registrar@wesleyseminary.edu)

### *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. These rights include:

**The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the Seminary receives a request for access.**

Students should submit to the Registrar's Office written requests that identify the record(s) they wish to inspect. The Registrar's Office will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the Seminary official to whom the request was submitted, that official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.

**The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the student believes is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.**

Students may ask the Seminary to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate. They should write the Seminary official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate. This request should be delivered to the Registrar, who

will forward it to the appropriate Seminary official.

If the official responsible for the record decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, the Seminary will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of his or her right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.

**The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.**

An exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the Seminary in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position; a person or company with whom the Seminary has contracted (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent); or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

**The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Wesley Theological Seminary to comply with the requirements of FERPA.**

The name and address of the Office that



administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202-5901

### *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act: 2012 Update*

As of January 3, 2012, the U.S. Department of Education's FERPA regulations expanded the circumstances under which student education records and personally identifiable information contained in such records including Social Security Numbers, grades, or other private information may be accessed without student consent.

Firstly, the U.S. Comptroller General, the U.S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretary of Education, or state and local education authorities (Federal and State Authorities, including District of Columbia Authorities) may allow access to student records and personally identifiable information without student consent to any third party designated by a Federal or State Authority to evaluate a federal- or state-supported education program. The evaluation may relate to any program that is principally engaged in the provision of education, such as early childhood education and job training, as well as any program that is administered by an education agency or institution.

Secondly, Federal and State Authorities may allow access to student education records and personally identifiable information without student consent to researchers performing certain types of studies, in certain cases even when the educational institution (i.e. Wesley Theological Seminary) objects to or does not request

such research. Federal and State Authorities must obtain certain use-restriction and data security promises from the entities that they authorize to receive student personally identifiable information, but the Authorities need not maintain direct control over such entities. In addition, in connection with Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems, State Authorities may collect, compile, permanently retain, and share without student consent personally identifiable information from student education records, and they may track student participation in education and other programs by linking such personally identifiable information to other personal information about students that they obtain from other Federal or State data sources, including workforce development, unemployment insurance, child welfare, juvenile justice, military service, and migrant student records systems.

### *Directory Information and Privacy*

Wesley students are granted an automatic expectation of privacy for their academic records through the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) as amended. However, certain information is considered public community directory information under the tenets of this law. The Seminary may release the following directory information without prior consent:

- Name of student
- Photograph of student
- Mailing address
- Home telephone number
- Work telephone number
- Campus box number
- Email address
- Dates of attendance
- Graduation date
- Honors received at graduation, if any
- Degree program





Any of this information may be included in the public information distributed to other students and members of the Seminary community.

Wesley has adopted internal policies that strengthen the privacy of students, staff, and faculty afforded under FERPA. All members of the community may “opt out” of having their directory information released by completing the Student Information Form (or other relevant form) available in the Registrar’s Office.

### *Denomination Information*

Denominational affiliation is not considered directory information and therefore may not be automatically released. Students may sign a release waiver to “opt in,” allowing the Seminary to release denominational affiliation to official representatives of the declared denomination upon their request.

### *Name Changes*

Current students who have changed their name legally may request that their academic record be updated to reflect this change. This request must be made on the proper form available in the Registrar’s Office and must be accompanied by supporting documents as listed on this form. All academic and administrative records for the student will be updated to reflect the name change.

Graduated students and those who are no longer enrolled may not be permitted to have their name change, to preserve the integrity of their academic record at the time they were a student. Any such request should be directed to the Registrar for consideration of the circumstances. However, Wesley reserves the right to update any student’s name, address, or other contact information after the student has ceased matriculation at the Seminary.



## Grievance Policy, Academic Standards and Disciplinary Actions

### *Grievance Policy*

A student who has a grievance about an academic matter shall consult first with the faculty member whose course is involved. If there is no satisfactory resolution, the student may ask the Dean to consult with the faculty member. The student may choose to be present at the Dean's consultation with the faculty member.

At that time the Dean shall inform the student about possible further appeal according to the following procedure:

1. Academic matters that are not resolved through the informal consultation of the Dean with the faculty member may be formally appealed by the student in writing a letter to the Dean. Such an appeal must be made no later than six months after the incident giving rise to the grievance took place. For concerns related to grades, the appeal must be made no later than one semester after the posting of the disputed grade.
2. On receipt of the student's letter of appeal the Dean shall appoint and convene an ad hoc committee to address the issue. The committee shall consist of one faculty member from the area of the course in which the grievance arose (if the subject area has more than one full time faculty member, if not it shall be a tenured faculty member), one faculty member from another area, and the Associate Dean for Community Life. The Dean shall serve as a non-voting, advisory member of the committee.
3. The committee's investigation and decision shall be completed no later

than the end of the semester in which the letter of appeal was received.

4. The committee shall give written notification of its decision to both parties (the student bringing the appeal and the faculty member involved) and the Registrar. If the decision involves the change of a course grade, the Registrar shall change the course grade in accordance with the committee's decision.
5. The filing of an academic appeal and its outcome will be noted in the student's file and kept until graduation.

The greatest possible confidentiality shall be observed in the appeals process.

Student grievances with regard to non-academic matters are governed by the policies laid out in the Student Handbook, including but not limited to the Wesley's Commitment to Diversity policy and the grievance procedure contained therein.



## Academic Standards

Students are expected to comply with all academic regulations and requirements, both of the Seminary and of the classes in which they are enrolled. Academic honesty is expected and required. Plagiarism is regarded as a serious offense and will result in substantial penalties, including the possibility of academic dismissal.

The Faculty regards the following as forms of plagiarism or dishonesty:

- copying from another student's paper
- giving or receiving unauthorized assistance to or from another student during an examination
- using unauthorized material during an examination
- borrowing and presenting as one's own (i.e., without proper attribution) the composition or ideas of another.

The mutilation, defacement, or stealing of library materials are examples of academic dishonesty and/or professional misconduct and are also subject to disciplinary action.

## Disciplinary Actions

In cases of academic dishonesty or personal or professional misconduct, it may prove necessary to dismiss the student from the Seminary or to delay completion of his/her degree program until satisfactory progress can be made in dealing with academic, professional, or personal problems. The Seminary protects the interests of the student by adhering to the procedures outlined below.

## Academic Discipline

In questions of academic dishonesty (including cheating on exams or papers and plagiarism), the professor will report the circumstances of the case to the Dean. In first instances of proven plagiarism or dishonesty, the student will receive a "Fail" grade for the course. Second instances will result in automatic separation from the Seminary. In all instances, the procedures outlined below will be followed:

1. The Dean shall notify the student of the nature of the evidence of academic misconduct and shall request that the student to meet with the Dean, the Associate Dean for Community Life and/or the respective Faculty.
2. The student will meet with the Dean(s) and/or Faculty member. Following this meeting, the Dean will make a decision concerning the resolution of the charges.
3. The Dean may refer serious cases to a Personal Development for Ministries (PDM) committee in consultation with the Associate Dean for Community Life. Students may also appeal to the PDM committee.
4. In cases of referral or appeal, the student will be requested to meet with the PDM committee and may be accompanied by his or her faculty advisor. The committee will investigate the situation and will ratify, modify, or vacate the Dean's decision. Recommendations for dismissal shall be forwarded to the Faculty for final approval.
5. Should the PDM committee refer the student to the Faculty for dismissal, a letter will be sent from the PDM committee to the Faculty through the Dean and to the student ten days



before a faculty meeting. Such a letter shall include designation of the nature of disciplinary or other action to be taken. The student shall be given the opportunity to send comments or objections by letter to the Faculty through the Dean at this time. The Faculty upon motion duly made shall take action by ratifying, modifying, or vacating the recommendations of the PDM committee. The Dean shall notify the student in writing of the Faculty's decision.

### *Personal/Professional Discipline*

Whenever the Seminary is presented with a problem of inappropriate conduct, personal immaturity, or evidence of emotional or mental instability that could lead to disciplinary action, or when a student demonstrates behavior that brings into question fitness for ministry, the following procedure will be followed:

1. A written complaint regarding the student must be made to the Associate Dean for Community Life by the injured party or his/her representative. The complaint may be sent through regular mail or e-mail.
2. There shall be a preliminary hearing between the student whose character or conduct has been questioned and the Associate Dean for Community Life to ascertain the facts of the case. In that preliminary hearing, the student shall be informed of the information in the Seminary's possession and the student shall be invited to respond. The possibility shall be explored that the charges are untrue or do not justify disciplinary action or that by some voluntary cooperation on the part of the student the matter may be brought to a just result without the necessity of formal action. The Associate Dean for Community Life shall then make a decision concerning resolution of the charges or referral to the Personal Development for Ministry (PDM) committee. Decisions of the Associate Dean for Community Life may be appealed to the PDM committee; decisions of the PDM committee may be appealed to the Faculty.
3. If the matter is referred to the PDM committee, the Associate Dean for Community Life shall write a letter to the student stating the nature of the evidence in the hands of the Seminary, and in what respects the evidence may indicate that the student lacks one or more of the characteristics of a degree candidate. The letter will request that the student meet with the PDM committee, the Dean, and the Associate Dean for Community Life no later than ten days after receipt of the letter, at a time and place designated.
4. The student will meet with the PDM committee, the Dean, and the Associate Dean for Community Life. The student's faculty advisor shall be invited to attend. Following this meeting, the PDM committee shall make a decision concerning the resolution of the charges or referral to Faculty, in cases of dismissal.
5. Should the PDM committee refer the student to the Faculty for dismissal, a letter will be sent from the PDM committee to the Faculty through the Dean and to the student ten days before a faculty meeting. Such a letter shall include designation of the



nature of disciplinary or other action to be taken. The student shall be given the opportunity to send comments or objections by letter to the Faculty through the Dean at this time. The Faculty upon motion duly made shall take action by ratifying, modifying, or vacating the recommendations of the PDM committee. The Dean shall notify the student in writing of the Faculty's decision.

6. Students who are withdrawn from matriculation for such reasons may be considered for readmission by the Admissions Committee following appropriate assessment, consultation with the Associate Dean for Community Life, and a determination that the condition requiring withdrawal has been remedied.

### *Other Academic Regulations and Information*

More detailed academic regulations and procedures are outlined in the Student Handbook available from the Office of Community Life.

It is each student's responsibility to meet all requirements for graduation and for ecclesiastical ordination, and to ensure that any deviations from the normal program are pre-approved by the appropriate degree committee.





# Course Listings



## Overview

This course list is intended to help students plan their coursework. The list includes currently scheduled course offerings through the 2018 academic year. It also serves as an archive of recently offered courses, including courses that may not be scheduled to be offered within the above timeframe. Course schedules are subject to change. A list of course schedules is available online at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/schedule](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/schedule). The webpage will always have the most up-to-date offerings for future semesters and terms.

Recent applicants and prospective student may obtain a list of courses open to entering students (COTES) from the Office of Admissions or on the website at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/apply](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/apply).

### Notes on the Course Listing

Wesley Theological Seminary reserves the right to cancel a course if there is low enrollment or other unforeseen circumstances. If a term is not listed for a particular course, the course is not scheduled in the near future.

Registration for all courses, including J-Term and Summer Term, must be at regular registration periods as outlined in the Academic Regulations section of this Catalog and in the Important Dates (p. 2).

The unit of credit for all courses is the semester hour. Masters semesters consist of 15 weeks. Each hour in class is equivalent to one academic contact hour.

The course number scheme indicates general rules regarding Masters degree requirements:

100 level	Courses which meet degree requirements (no prerequisites)
200 level	Elective courses (no prerequisites)
300 level	Courses which meet degree requirements (has prerequisites)
400 level	Elective courses (has prerequisites)
500 level	Directed Study, Independent Study, Advanced Research, Thesis Writing, etc.

### Ordination Requirements

The 2012 Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church (Par. 324.4a) requires that candidates for ordained ministry shall complete the following graduate theological studies within or in addition to their basic seminary degree: "Old Testament; New Testament; theology; church history; mission of the church in the world;



evangelism; worship/liturgy; and United Methodist doctrine, polity and history." Election to probationary membership and commissioning cannot be granted until these requirements are successfully completed.

Courses in history, doctrine, polity and theology for other denominations are offered depending on enrollment needs.

## BI – Biblical Interpretation

### I. Hebrew Scripture

*Denise Dombkowski Hopkins, Paul Cho*

#### **BI-101 Introduction to Hebrew Bible 1**

Origins, critical methods, outstanding theological ideas of Hebrew Bible texts. Part 1 of a two-semester survey of Hebrew scriptures. Part 2 is offered during the Spring semester. Both semesters are required to fulfill Hebrew Bible requirements in the Master's degree programs. *3 credit hours*  
Two sections offered every Fall semester

#### **BI-102 Introduction to Hebrew Bible 2**

Origins, critical methods, outstanding theological ideas of Hebrew Bible texts. Part 2 of a two-semester survey of Hebrew Scriptures. Both semesters are required to fulfill the Hebrew Bible requirement in the Master's degree programs. *3 credit hours*  
Two sections offered every Spring semester

#### **BI-211 Biblical Hebrew 1**

Biblical Hebrew language grammar and vocabulary for beginners. Part one of a two-semester sequence. *3 credit hours*

Offered every other year, rotates with Greek.  
Fall 2018

#### **BI-212 Biblical Hebrew 2**

Second semester of Biblical Hebrew language sequence. *3 credit hours*

*Prereq: BI-211: Biblical Hebrew 1*

Offered every other year, rotates with Greek.  
J-Term/Spring 2019

#### **BI-213 Biblical Hebrew Intensive**

Grammar, vocabulary and thought forms of Biblical Hebrew language.

*6 credit hours*

Offered every other summer  
Summer Term 2019

#### **BI-311 Old Testament Exegesis: Exodus**

Exegetical course on the Book of Exodus which explores the cultural and intellectual contexts of its formation, the history of composition, the literary artistry, and the theological depths of the canonical text. Explores its ongoing importance for the life and faith of the church today. *3 credit hours*

*Prereqs: BI-101 & 102: Introduction to Hebrew Bible I & II*

#### **BI-318 Old Testament Exegesis: the Willingness To Die in the Hebrew Bible**

An exegesis course on select texts about persons who express a willingness to die in the Hebrew Bible, such as Judah, Moses, Samson, the Suffering Servant, Job, Esther, and Daniel. The course will explore the theme of self-sacrifice within diverse texts with emphasis on the implications for biblical theology. *3 credit hours*

*Prereqs: BI-101 & 102: Introduction to Hebrew Bible I & II*  
Fall 2018  
P. Cho

#### **BI-401 Old Testament Exegesis: Genesis**

English texts, with attention to literary and interpretive features, methods, and theological issues. *3 credit hours*

*Prereqs: BI-101 & 102: Introduction to Hebrew Bible I & II*

#### **BI-402 Old Testament Exegesis: Exodus**

English texts, with attention to literary and interpretive features, methods, and theological issues. *3 credit hours*

*Prereqs: BI-101 & 102: Introduction to Hebrew Bible I & II*

#### **BI-415 Old Testament Exegesis: Megilloth**

English texts, with attention to literary and interpretive features, methods, and theological issues. *3 credit hours*

*Prereqs: BI-101 & 102: Introduction to Hebrew Bible I & II*





**BI-416 Old Testament Exegesis: Job**  
English texts, with attention to literary and interpretive features, methods, and theological issues. *3 credit hours*  
*Prereqs: BI-101 & 102: Introduction to Hebrew Bible I & II*

**BI-417 Old Testament Exegesis: Psalms**  
English texts, with attention to literary and interpretive features, methods, and theological issues. *3 credit hours*  
*Prereqs: BI-101 & 102: Introduction to Hebrew Bible I & II*  
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**BI-418 Old Testament Exegesis: Jeremiah**  
English texts, with attention to literary and interpretive features, methods, and theological issues. *3 credit hours*  
*Prereqs: BI-101 & 102: Introduction to Hebrew Bible I & II*

**BI-419 Old Testament Exegesis: Isaiah**  
English texts, with particular attention to theological, literary, hermeneutical, and historical issues. *3 credit hours*  
*Prereqs: BI-101 & 102: Introduction to Hebrew Bible I & II*  
Fall 2018 D. Dombkowski Hopkins

**BI-485 Grounded in the Living Word: Pastoral Practices and the Hebrew Bible**  
An interdisciplinary dialogue between Hebrew Bible and pastoral theology with attention to intersections between the biblical text and the human text with their resulting tension, ambiguities, and complexities, and their impact upon both biblical interpretation and ministerial practices. *3 credit hours*  
*Prereqs: BI-101 & 102: Introduction to Hebrew Bible I & II*

**BI-490 Biblical Hebrew Practicum**  
Advanced language instruction; topics vary. *1 credit hour*  
*Prereqs: BI-101 & 102: Introduction to Hebrew Bible I & II; BI-211 & 212 or BI-213: Biblical Hebrew*  
Fall 2017 D. Dombkowski Hopkins  
J-Term/Spring 2018

## II. New Testament

*Shively T.J. Smith, Carla Works*

**BI-171 Introduction to New Testament: Gospels**  
Origins, critical methods, outstanding theological ideas of New Testament texts. Part I of a two-semester survey of New Testament Scriptures. Part 2 is offered during the Spring semester. Both semesters are required to fulfill New Testament requirements in the Master's degree programs. *3 credit hours*  
Two sections offered every Fall semester

**BI-172 Introduction to New Testament: Epistles**  
Origins, critical methods, outstanding theological ideas of New Testament texts. Part 2 of a two-semester survey of New Testament Scriptures. Both semesters are required to fulfill New Testament requirements in the Master's degree programs. *3 credit hours*  
Two sections offered every Spring semester

**BI-261 New Testament Greek 1**  
New Testament Greek language grammar, vocabulary, and thought forms. Part one of a two-semester sequence. *3 credit hours*  
Offered every other year, rotates with Hebrew  
Fall 2017 C. Wilson

**BI-262 New Testament Greek 2**  
Second semester of New Testament Greek language sequence. *3 credit hours*  
*Prereq: BI-262: New Testament Greek 1*  
Offered every other year, rotates with Hebrew  
J-Term/Spring 2018 C. Wilson

**BI-263 New Testament Greek Intensive**  
Grammar, vocabulary, and thought forms. *6 credit hours*  
Offered every other summer  
Summer 2018

**BI-310 New Testament Exegesis: I & II Peter And Jude**  
English texts, with attention to literary and interpretative features, methods, and theological issues. *3 credit hours*  
*Prereq: BI-171 & 172: Introduction to New Testament: Gospels and Epistles*



**BI-441 New Testament Exegesis: Matthew**  
English texts, with attention to literary and interpretive features, methods, and theological issues. *3 credit hours*

*Prereq: BI-171 & 172: Introduction to New Testament: Gospels and Epistles*

**BI-442 New Testament Exegesis: Mark**  
English texts, with attention to literary and interpretive features, methods, and theological issues. *3 credit hours*

*Prereq: BI-171 & 172: Introduction to New Testament: Gospels and Epistles*

**BI-443 New Testament Exegesis: Luke/Acts**

English texts, with attention to literary and interpretive features, methods, and theological issues. *3 credit hours*

*Prereq: BI-171 & 172: Introduction to New Testament: Gospels and Epistles*

**BI-444 New Testament Exegesis: John**

English texts, with attention to literary and interpretive features, methods, and theological issues. *3 credit hours*

*Prereq: BI-171 & 172: Introduction to New Testament: Gospels and Epistles*

**BI-445 New Testament Exegesis: Acts**

English texts, with attention to literary and interpretive features, methods, and theological issues. *3 credit hours*

*Prereq: BI-171 & 172: Introduction to New Testament: Gospels and Epistles*

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**BI-446 New Testament Exegesis: Galatians and James**

English texts, with attention to literary and interpretive features, methods, and theological issues. *3 credit hours*

*Prereq: BI-171 & 172: Introduction to New Testament: Gospels and Epistles*

**BI-447 New Testament Exegesis: Romans**

English texts, with attention to literary and interpretive features, methods, and theological issues. *3 credit hours*

*Prereq: BI-171 & 172: Introduction to New Testament:*

*Gospels and Epistles*

Fall 2017

C. Works

**BI-449 New Testament Exegesis: 1 & 2 Corinthians**

English texts, with attention to literary and interpretive features, methods, and theological issues. *3 credit hours*

*Prereq: BI-171 & 172: Introduction to New Testament: Gospels and Epistles*

**BI-451 Paul's Urban Ministry**

Examination of biblical texts and study of the first century milieu of Paul's churches. Social-scientific study of Paul's mission in urban centers of the Roman Empire by engaging a variety of evidence. Topics such as Paul's treatment of poverty, patronage, households, slavery, identity, citizenship, and imperialism. *3 credit hours*

*Prereq: BI-171 & 172: Introduction to New Testament: Gospels and Epistles*

**BI-452 Women in the Letters of Paul**

A study of the issues surrounding the portrayal of women in the letters of Paul with particular attention to the role of women in the Pauline mission, Paul's instructions regarding women in the early churches, and the comparison of Paul's writing with his contemporaries.

*3 credit hours*

*Prereq: BI-171 & 172: Introduction to New Testament: Gospels and Epistles*

**BI-483 Greek Exegesis**

Advanced Greek study. Readings (in Greek) with attention to method and theological ideas. *1 credit hour*

*Prereq: BI-171 & 172: Introduction to New Testament: Gospels and Epistles; BI-261 & 262 or BI-263: New Testament Greek*

**BI-491 New Testament Greek Practicum**

Advanced language instruction; topics vary. *1 credit hour*

*Prereq: BI-171 & 172: Introduction to New Testament: Gospels and Epistles; BI-261 & 262 or BI-263: New Testament Greek*

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C. Wilson



### III. General Bible

#### **BI-208 Prophets & Profits: The Hebrew Bible and Economics**

Economic issues in the life of Ancient Israel and economic perspectives on the texts of the Hebrew Bible. *3 credit hours*

#### **BI-215 Myths, the Bible, and Human Lives**

This course evaluates the category of "myth" as a lens to read and think about the stories of the Bible and how those stories relate to human lives. *2 credit hours*

#### **BI-235 Divine Violence in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Sacred Traditions: The Legacy of the Biblical Joshua**

A descriptive overview of divine violence in the main Abrahamic faiths, with illustrations from the Conquest Narrative of Joshua (Josh. 1-12). *2-3 credit hours*

#### **BI-293 The Hebrew Bible Goes to the Movies**

Critical analysis of feature films as a mode of interpretation of the Hebrew Bible; discussion of films in dialogue with critical exegesis. *2 credit hours*

#### **BI-302 African American Biblical Interpretation**

A study of the variety of biblical interpretations in the African-American tradition as one method of contextual interpretation. *2 credit hours*

*Prereq: BI-101 & 102: Introduction to Hebrew Bible I & II; BI-171 & 172: Introduction to New Testament: Gospels and Epistles*

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#### **BI-308 Exploring "Call" in the Bible & Film**

A comparative analysis of the literary form, function and theological significance of call narratives in the Bible and contemporary film. Attention to interpretive features, methods, critical analysis, and theological reflection. *2 credit hours*

*Prereq: BI-101 & 102: Introduction to Hebrew Bible I & II; BI-171 & 172: Introduction to New Testament: Gospels and Epistles*

#### **BI-358 Israel Travel Seminar**

A biblical studies seminar in the Holy Land with special attention to the interpretation of scripture in light of the landscape and archaeological evidence. *2 credit hours*

### **CF – Christian Teaching & Formation**

*Robert K. Martin, Emily Peck-McClain*

#### **CF-130 Spiritual Formation in the Parish**

A theoretical and practical examination of spiritual formation in the parish. Emphasis on curriculum development for the church through the teaching and nurturing of spiritual practices. *3 credit hours*

#### **CF-131 Teaching the Bible**

The process of teaching the literature and history of the Old and New Testament scriptures in the Church. Focus on youth and adult learners. *3 credit hours*

#### **CF-133 Teaching and Learning in Christian Education**

Explores the theory and practice of learning in the faith community and examines the teaching office in the church and contextual issues of teaching. *3 credit hours*

#### **CF-141 Leading Formation in Congregations**

An exploration of how an emphasis on Christian faith practices – including justice, forgiveness, prayer and hospitality – can



serve as organizing principle for congregational life and administration. Special attention to methods of teaching, sharing, and facilitating faith practices in all aspects of congregational ministry, and the ways in which an emphasis on faith practices impacts the structure and administration of congregational ministry itself. *3 credit hours*

### **CF-201 Foundations of Christian Spirituality**

Common and enduring elements of the spiritual life and their unique expressions in Christianity. An examination of spiritual theology including conversion, salvation, stages of growth, spiritual disciplines, prayer, ascetical and mystical dimensions, spiritual empowerment and spiritual direction in order to write one's faith auto-biography.

*3 credit hours*

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A. Thomas

### **CF-204 The Spirituality of Prayer**

Ways of cultivating personal and corporate prayer by considering God's character, our hindrances, prayer types, methods, retreats, and small groups. Insights from Western, African, and Korean saints. Designs for teaching congregations and enriching pastoral devotion. *3 credit hours*

### **CF-220 Relational Youth Ministry in an Age of Networks**

This course reimagines relational ministry with youth in a networked age. It explores the challenges of the sociological shift to networked individualism and critically engages digital ethnography, the sociology of networks, and practical theology. *2 credit hours*

### **CF-240 Theological Foundations for Youth Ministry**

Exploration of biblical, theological and philosophical foundations undergirding the practice of ministry to, with and through young people with special emphasis on

cultural and contextual considerations that enhance relational youth ministry. *3 credit hours*

### **CF-253 Pop Culture and Christian Formation**

Examination of the tension between cultural and theological aims of Christian Formation and the relationship between culture and adolescents and young adults through engagement in practical theological reflection on sociological, anthropological, and economic models of popular culture.

*3 credit hours*

### **CF-290 Cultivating Mental Health Through Spiritual Practices**

This course integrates the subject of spirituality and spiritual formation with the issues of mental health as part of the holistic view of care for individual and community.

*2 credit hours*

Fall 2017

J. Strukova

### **CF-295 History and Ministry of the Deacon**

Survey of the ministry of the Deacon from the beginning of the church to the present.

*2 credit hours*

## **CH – History of Christianity**

*Beverly E. Mitchell, Ryan Danker*

### **CH-101 The Church in History: Early Church To Reformation**

Historical life of the church to the 16th century: institutional formation and doctrinal development in historical context.

*3 credit hours*

Two sections offered every Fall semester

### **CH-102 The Church in History: Reformation To Present**

Historical life of the church from the Reformation to the present: institutional formation and doctrinal development in



historical context. *3 credit hours*

Two sections offered every Spring semester

### **CH-202 Historical Sources of the Wesleyan Theological Tradition**

The course will examine the roots of the Wesleyan theological tradition through critical reading of primary sources that influenced John Wesley from Patristic, Medieval, Anglo-Reformation, Puritan, Pietist, and Restoration Anglican sources.

*3 credit hours*

### **CH-206 American Evangelicalism & Protestantism**

History from John Wesley to the present. Examination of great awakenings, theologians, critics, revivalists, spiritual writers, and social reformers of Evangelicalism, Fundamentalism, Pentecostalism, Charismatic and healing movements in America to discover patterns for church renewal. *3 credit hours*

### **CH-208 The Church and the Civil Rights Movement**

An historical, theological and socio-cultural analysis of some of the major people, places and events of the Civil Rights Movement, with particular focus on the implications of the movement on the contemporary church.

*3 credit hours*

### **CH-212 African American Religious History**

Survey of the African-American religious experience from the Atlantic slave trade to the black liberation movement.

*3 credit hours*

### **CH-217 Prophetic Literature in the African American Tradition**

Survey of the African-American religious experience from the Atlantic slave trade to the black liberation movement.

*3 credit hours*

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B. Mitchell

### **CH-244 Patterns of Spirituality**

The classics of Christian Spirituality within the Protestant tradition, from the 16th century to the present. Various models of personal devotion, corporate worship, affective experience, and small group interaction.

*3 credit hours*

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J. Estes

### **CH-245 The Spirituality of Saints**

A study of representative saints, their lives, and writings from the early church to the present to illustrate major topics and practices of the spiritual life. With prayer, meditation, and journaling done in class.

*2 credit hours*

### **CH-250 Luther and the Reformation At 500 Years**

Exploring Luther: the historical moment, the biblical scholar, the theologian, the preacher, the musician.

*2 credit hours*

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L. Hogan

### **CH-293 Theology of John Wesley**

Examinations of selected theological writings and lives in the Christian tradition.

*3 credit hours*

### **CH-301 The Rise of Evangelicalism**

Introduces students to the complexities, controversies, and characters of the Evangelical movement. Explores its origins and early participants include: the Wesleys, Whitefield, Edwards, Selina Huntingdon, Wilberforce and others. Looks at the message, its social repercussions, and its meaning today.

*3 credit hours*

*Prereq: CH 102*

### **CH-313 Women in Early & Medieval Christianity**

History of women in early and medieval Christianity with focus on historical and social contexts. Attention to primary sources.

*3 credit hours*

Fall 2017

J. Estes



## CM – Congregational Life & Ministry

*Youtha Hardman-Cromwell, Kyunglim Shin Lee, Sam W. Marullo, Lewis A. Parks, Doug Powe, Lovett H. Weems*

### CM-109 Communication Skills for Leadership And Administration

An exploration of the various dimensions of communication crucial in leadership: listening, interpersonal skills, public speaking, small group leadership, interviewing, and a discussion of managing social media. *2 credit hours*

J-Term/Spring 2018

L. Hogan

### CM-110 Leading Innovation in the Church

Explores principles and practices of leadership that drive innovation for greater missional effectiveness in congregations and nonprofits. Draws upon emerging insights from scholars and practitioners from business, academic, and ecclesial sectors.

*2 credit hours*

### CM-119 Facing the First Pastorate

Administration and management to help students prepare for leadership positions or to be more effective in current positions. Will address entering the initial position, transitions, dealing with conflict and uncertainty, visioning, staff and volunteers, laity in worship, program development, pastoral care, stewardship and other personal concerns.

*2 credit hours*

Fall 2017

Y. Hardman-Cromwell

### CM-129 Planting New Faith Communities / Evangelism

Introduction to the fast-changing world of new church planting and faith-community development in American Protestant Christianity. Church planting as a strategy for integrating new people into Christian life and practice. Best planting practices will be explored and the ways that planting

strategies must change with the missional context. *3 credit hours*

Fall 2017

P. Nixon

### CM-133 Best Practices in Church Leadership And Administration

Positive models for approaching specific leadership and administration issues typically faced by pastors in the first years of ministry; emphasis on local church experience and the constant need to filter that experience through the lenses of vocation, polity, and theological reflection. An introductory level course that will help students identify particular issues for further study while in seminary.

*2 credit hours*

Fall 2017

L. Weems

### CM-135 Personal Finances for Religious Professionals

Introduction to basics of financial management, including link of financial health to overall health, consumerism, debt management, tax considerations, legal issues, saving and investing, risk management and insurance, and health care and retirement benefits. *1 credit hour*

### CM-136 Leadership and Administration For Small Churches

Various exercises in ecclesiology for the sake of uncovering a contemporary vision of hope for small churches. The application of this vision to the fiscal, sociological, cultural, and denominational challenges facing small churches. Includes leadership and administration topics such as starting out, discerning direction, time management, and the character of the called. *2 credit hours*

J-Term/Spring 2018

L. Parks

### CM-137 Church Finances

Exploration of various types of budgets within a congregation, categories of income and expenses, building budgets, methods of giving, accurate tracking of giving and proper financial administration of funds, examining



all from both a theological perspective and from the best practices of financial transparency and accountability. *1 credit hour*

Fall 2018

L. Weems

### **CM-138 Greening Your Congregation**

A brief overview of the theological and spiritual background regarding our covenant relationship with our Creator God, emphasizes our personal and corporate responsibility to be stewards of creation and provides very practical ways that our stewardship commitment can be carried out in the local church setting. *1 credit hour*

### **CM-139 Beginning Ministry in a New Setting**

Best practices in leaving a ministry setting and preparing the way for your successor, entry into a new setting (first day, first Sunday, first weeks, first months), the start-up period; emotional dimensions of transitions; the personal, professional, and congregational challenges in transitions.

*2 credit hours*

J-Term/Spring 2018

L. Weems

### **CM-142 Healthy Stewardship in the Local Church**

Exploration of the Biblical and theological basis for healthy congregational stewardship, emphasizing centrality of healthy stewardship to healthy discipleship and survey of the different components to a well-rounded financial stewardship program. *1 credit hour*

Fall 2018

L. Weems

### **CM-150 Leadership and Practices of the Missional Church**

Leadership and practices of the missional church in the contemporary United States. Transforming leaders and congregations from internal to external focus; from developing programs to forming missional leaders; from church-based to community-

engaged practices. *2 credit hours*

Fall 2018

S. Marullo

### **CM-205 The Mission of the Church in the Contemporary World**

Reflection on foundations of mission, the role of the Church in God's mission in the world and exploration of current missiological topics such as ethnocentrism, secularism, religious fundamentalism and the theology of religions. Fulfills the "mission of the church in the world" requirement for election to probationary membership and commissioning in The United Methodist Church as specified in The Book of Discipline 2012, Par. 324.4a.

*2 credit hours*

### **CM-206 Introduction to Deaf Ministry**

An introduction to the dynamics of deaf ministry; communication, education and worship with the deaf and hearing impaired.

*2 credit hours*

### **CM-208 Studying Congregational Ministry**

Examination of congregations and other settings of ministry in their contexts, using theory and methods from cultural anthropology, sociology, family systems and organizational behavior.

*2 credit hours*

### **CM-222 Evangelism in the Contemporary Church & World**

Evangelism and the Dynamics of Modern Society. Exploration of the dynamics of contemporary society in the United States as these affect the practices of evangelism. *3 credit hours*

*3 credit hours*

### **CM-230 Foundations of Urban Ministry**

Development of a theological and biblical vision for urban ministry; an exploration of the racial and social justice vision of The Beloved Community of M. L. King, Jr. and The Kingdom of God in the Social Gospel of Rauschenbusch; an examination of biblical



texts as resources for urban ministry; and an opportunity to learn literary and socio-historical exegetical methods. Required for the Urban Ministry Specialization. *3 credit hours*  
Spring 2018

### **CM-239 Ministry & Self-Care**

How do we balance the demands of ministry with personal well-being, wholeness and spiritual balance? This course explores elements of restorative self-care through reflection and practice in congregational or non-parish ministry settings with four directional themes: awareness, empowerment, relinquishment and paradox. *2 credit hours*

### **CM-246 Organizing Congregations for Missional Vitality**

Biblical, theological, strategic reflection about the mission and ministry of the church as a practice of community organizing for ecclesial and social transformation. *2 credit hours*

### **CM-251 Polity of the United Methodist Church**

The Constitution and structural relationships of The UMC are examined with a particular focus upon the workings of the local church. Fulfills the UM Polity requirement for election to probationary membership and commissioning in The UMC as specified in The Book of Discipline 2012, Par. 324.4a.

*2 credit hours*

Fall 2017  
Summer 2018

M. Gorman

### **CM-252 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Polity**

Historical origins and basic theological perspectives and organizational structures in Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

*2 credit hours*

### **CM-254 Presbyterian Polity: Foundations and Form of Government**

A study of the constitutional and government of the PC (USA), emphasizing theological, confessional and historical foundations. Study of the present form of government: responsibilities, rights and powers – of Presbyterian congregations, Presbyteries, Synods and General Assembly. *2 credit hours*

### **CM-255 Baptist Polity**

Historical origins and basic theological perspectives in Baptist traditions; study of present polity, organization and program of Baptist congregations. *2 credit hours*

### **CM-256 Polity and History of the Unitarian Universalist Church**

Study and history of the present polity, organization and program of Unitarian Universalist congregations. *3 credit hours*  
J-Term/Spring 2018

### **CM-257 Polity of the African Methodist Episcopal Church**

Study of present polity, organization, and program of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church. *2 credit hours*

### **CM-258 Polity of the United Church of Christ**

Study of present polity, organization and program of the United Church of Christ (UCC) congregations. *2 credit hours*

### **CM-268 Practical Theology in Church and Society**

A presentation of the pastoral circle/spiral as a method of developing more socially engaged ministries and of integrating social analysis with theological reflection. Sharper focus on two dimensions of practical theology – both of which have to do with critical reflection on practice. One is the view as seen through the wide-angle lens of liberative praxis and justice-oriented action. This view looks at a





broad vista of historical forces for justice and injustice when evaluating local movements and ministries. The other is the narrower focus of the action-reflection model as it is used to zoom in on individual action and particular practices of Christian ministry.

*3 credit hours*

### **CM-270 The Praxis of Missional Evangelism**

Theological foundations of Christian evangelism. Various models of theological praxis from the early to the contemporary church. Particular emphasis on contemporary strategies for evangelism and theological criteria for critical evaluation. Fulfills the Evangelism requirement for election to probationary membership and commissioning in The United Methodist Church as specified in The Book of Discipline 2008, Par. 324.4a. *2 credit hours*

### **CM-271 Evangelism in the Wesleyan/Methodist Tradition**

Wesley's theology of evangelism, appropriation and development of evangelistic purpose by early Methodist movements, historical models of Wesleyan evangelism, contemporary models of evangelism within the Wesleyan/ Methodist tradition. Fulfills the evangelism requirement for election to probationary membership / commissioning in the UMC as specified in The Book of Discipline 2012, Par. 324.4a. *2 credit hours*

Fall 2017

D. Powe

### **CM-273 Evangelism and Emerging Generations**

An exploration of the theology and practice of Christian evangelism in relation to youth and young adults in a postmodern, post-Christendom world culminating in the development of a practical theological response to evangelism with young people in particular socio-cultural contexts. Fulfills the evangelism requirement for election to probationary membership / commissioning

in the UMC as specified in The Book of Discipline 2012, Par. 324.4a. *2 credit hours*

Fall 2018

D. Powe

### **CM-290 Introduction to the Study of African American Religion**

This course will provide a general survey of key themes associated with the study of the African American religious experience. This course is the foundational core course of the African American Church Studies specialization and certificate. *1 credit hour*

Fall 2017

S. Smith, J. Young

### **CM-296 Hip Hop & the City**

Engagement of eschatology and humanity as a means of exploring hip hop themes, how hip hop interprets hope and despair, and how they impact issues like violence and economics in urban centers. *1 credit hour*

J-Term/Spring 2019

D. Powe

### **CM-315 Conflict Resolution**

Skill building in listening, responding, asserting self, problem solving, and dealing with conflict. Intentionality and skill building in the resolution and management of difference and conflict resolution in various church outcomes and contexts. Intentionality about the role of emotions in group setting. Details about the difference between and implication of IQ and EQ (Emotional Quotient). *1 credit hour*

*Prereq: BI-101 & 102: Introduction to Hebrew Bible I & II;*

*BI-171 & 172: Introduction to New Testament; or*

*CH-101 & 102: The Church in History*



**CM-405 Community Engagement Fellows Seminar 1/1**

Introduction to theology and practice of community engagement. Seminar explores tools for community engagement (ethnographic data, case studies, asset mapping, demographic data, congregational studies) and prophetic witness in public life, and creates a collaborative environment for fellow project development. Only open to Community Engagement Fellows.

*2 credit hours*

Fall 2017  
Fall 2018

S. Marullo, V. Miles  
S. Marullo, V. Miles

**CM-406 Community Engagement Fellows Seminar 1/2**

Continuing exploration of theology and practice of community engagement. Seminar explores tools for community engagement (ethnographic data, case studies, asset mapping, demographic data, congregational studies) and prophetic witness in public life, and creates a collaborative environment for fellow project development. Only open to Community Engagement Fellows. *2 credit hours*

*Pre-req: CM-405: Community Engagement Fellows Seminar 1/1*

J-Term/Spring 2018  
J-Term/Spring 2019

S. Marullo, V. Miles  
S. Marullo, V. Miles

**CM-407 Community Engagement Fellows Seminar 2/1**

Second year of study of theology and practice of community engagement. Fellows undertake community engagement projects through ministry entrepreneurship plan development and implementation; deepen theological understanding of community transformation. Only open to Community Engagement Fellows. *2 credit hours*

*Pre-req: CM-406: Community Engagement Fellows Seminar 1/2*

Fall 2018

S. Marullo, V. Miles

**CM-408 Community Engagement Fellows Seminar 2/2**

Second year of study of theology and practice

of community engagement. Fellows undertake community engagement projects through ministry entrepreneurship plan development and implementation; deepen theological understanding of community transformation. Only open to Community Engagement Fellows. *2 credit hours*

*Pre-req: CM-407: Community Engagement Fellows Seminar 2/1*

J-Term/Spring 2019

S. Marullo, V. Miles

**CM-409 Community Engagement Fellows Seminar 3/1**

Third year of study of theology and practice of community engagement. Fellows work on community engaged ministry project, continuing assessment, and exploring sustainability. Only open to Community Engagement Fellows. *1 credit hour.*

*Pre-req: CM-408: Community Engagement Fellows Seminar 2/2*

Fall 2018

S. Marullo, V. Miles

**CM-410 Community Engagement Fellows Seminar 3/2**

Third year of study of theology and practice of community engagement. Fellows work on community engaged ministry project, continuing assessment, and exploring sustainability. Only open to Community Engagement Fellows. *1 credit hour.*

*Pre-req: CM-409: Community Engagement Fellows Seminar 3/1*

J-Term/Spring 2019

S. Marullo, V. Miles

**CM-420 Project of Transformation: Urban Ministry**

Learn basic principles of leading faith-based service delivery, community building, community development corporations, and community organizing, with a focus on practices of grant writing, non-profit issues, community coalitions, and participatory action research. Required for the Urban Ministry Specialization. *2 credit hours*

*Pre-req: CM-230*



### **CM-440 Project of Transformation: Missional Church Capstone**

Engaging in the community through a missional church project. Students work as part of a ministry team or partnership. Sample projects might include: helping to form a new missional community or worshipping community in a particular area or among a particular group of people or assisting a community in establishing or growing an outreach missions ministry. Required for the Missional Church Specialization.

*3 credit hours*

*Pre-req: CM-230*

### **CM-450 Integrative Seminar, African-American Church Studies Program**

This course allows students to integrate their work across the African-American church studies specialization. *1 credit hour*

*Pre-req: CM-290*

### **CM-531 Samuel Dewitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry**

Reflections on and insights from the Children's Defense Fund summer Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry. Registration must be complete at both Wesley and directly with the Institute. *2 credit hours*

Summer 2018

### **CM-571 General Conference: Leadership, Mission and Worship for the Global Church**

An exploration of leadership, polity and worship in the global United Methodist Church through a contextual learning experience at The United Methodist Church General Conference (held every quadrennium).

## **ES – Christian Ethics/Sociology**

*Joseph E. Bush, Jr., Sondra Ely Wheeler, Sam Marullo, Rick Elgandy*

### **ES-201 Church and State: The Legal Context of Ministry**

Examines the constitutional relationship between religion and government as it informs the legal context for ministerial practice. Includes a review of Constitutional law and reference to contemporary implications for ministry. Discussion of legal liability and safe practice, including legal doctrines of negligence, malpractice, and fiduciary relationships. A comparison of state laws and the particular jurisdictions of course participants discussed. *2 credit hours*

### **ES-209 Church, Politics, and Race in a Polarized Society**

This course examines the intersection of politics and race relations in the life of the church within a polarized social and political climate.

*1-2 credit hours*

Fall 2017

K. Norris

### **ES-210 Engaging the Powers in Public Theology**

This course will explore "the powers and principalities" in Christian theology and practice, and will help students understand the role of social and political life in a systematic understanding of Christian faith.

*2 credit hours*

### **ES-216 The Moral Imagination**

Exploration of the power of arts to reinforce or transform the way we see. Uses novels, poetry, drama, film and visual art to illuminate perceptions of race. *2 credit hours*

Fall 2018

S. Wheeler

### **ES-223 Ethics of Personal Relationships**

Addresses issues of truth-telling, confidentiality, promise-keeping, friendship and sexual ethics as dimensions of ethical responsibility in human relationships.

*3 credit hours*



**ES-227 Religion & the American Presidency**

Examines the role of religion in the lives of three U.S. presidents - Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and Woodrow Wilson - and addresses issues in contemporary presidential politics in light of these three examples. *2 credit hours*

**ES-230 Current Topics in Bioethics**

An exploration of a set of current issues such as reproductive technology, research on human embryos and genetic intervention. Focuses on ethical and theological implications. *3 credit hours*

**ES-234 Sexual Issues in Parish Ministry**

Exploration of an understanding of sexuality and investigation of current sexual issues using the case method. *2 credit hours*

**ES-238 Bioethics & Pastoral Care**

Foundations, methods and issues of contemporary biomedical ethics. Special attention to theological bases and implications of health care and to the relevance of medical ethics for chaplaincy and pastoral ministry. *3 credit hours*  
 J-Term/Spring 2018 S.Wheeler

**ES-240 The Theology and Legacy of St. Augustine**

Close readings of selections of the Confessions, The Enchiridion, On the Trinity, and The City of God. Discussion of the significance of Augustine's legacy in doctrine, moral theology, and spirituality. *2 credit hours*  
 Fall 2019 S. Wheeler

**ES-255 Social Research for Ministry**

Survey of social research methods and how they can help inform ministry. How to understand social data about community and congregation to strengthen ministry and mission. *2 credit hours*  
 Fall 2017 S. Marullo

**ES 280 Human Sexuality & the Christian Faith**

The class explores the intersection of Christian faith and human sexuality through reading some contemporary writers and will seek to integrate various disciplines to establish a conceptual framework for conversations and work in ministry around topics of human sexuality. *3 credit hours*

**ES 299 Religious Freedom Center Newseum Course**

Courses offered through the Religious Freedom Center at the Newseum. *3 credit hours*  
 Fall 2017

**ES-302 Ethical Dimension of Ministry**

The dimensions of ministry involving moral teaching, counsel, and mediation of moral conflicts, along with moral challenges raised by the practice of ministry (e.g., confidentiality and boundary setting). *3 credit hours*

*Prereq: BI-101 & 102: Introduction to Hebrew Bible; BI-171 & 172: Introduction to New Testament; CH-102 & 102: The Church in History; Undergraduate Philosophy requirement*  
 J-Term/Spring 2018 S. Wheeler  
 J-Term/Spring 2019 S. Wheeler

**ES-303 Sources of Christian Moral Insight**

Consideration of the four traditional sources of moral insight and authority for Christian faith: Scripture, Tradition, Reason, and Experience. Discussion of the meaning of the "quadrilateral" by those who formulated it, and as understood today. Relationships of these, and how they can and cannot legitimately function in diverse Christian communities. *3 credit hours*

*Prereq: BI-101 & 102: Introduction to Hebrew Bible; BI-171 & 172: Introduction to New Testament; CH-102 & 102: The Church in History; Undergraduate Philosophy requirement*  
 J-Term/Spring 2018 R. Elgandy  
 Fall 2018 S. Wheeler



**ES-304 Christian Ethics and the Polis**  
Major themes in the history of Christian Ethics on the nature of life in the polis. Meaning of citizenship, the use of force, the nature of the common good, the character of political leaders, and responses to poverty. *3 credit hours*

*Prereq: BI-101 & 102: Introduction to Hebrew Bible; BI-171 & 172: Introduction to New Testament; CH-102 & 102: The Church in History; Undergraduate Philosophy requirement*  
Fall 2017 R. Elgendy

**ES-308 Formative Influences in the Christian Moral Tradition**  
Foundations of Christian theological ethics with focus on seminal thinkers in the tradition including: Augustine, Aquinas, Luther, and Wesley. *3 credit hours*

*Prereq: BI-101 & 102: Introduction to Hebrew Bible; BI-171 & 172: Introduction to New Testament; CH-102 & 102: The Church in History; Undergraduate Philosophy requirement*  
Fall 2018 R. Elgendy

**ES-320 Money, Sex, and Power: Perennial Issues in the Church**  
A deep exploration of three significant moral topics which have remained matters of theological and practical struggle throughout Christian history. Analyzes implications for the person, the Christian community, and engagement with wider world. *3 credit hours*

*Prereq: BI-101 & 102: Introduction to Hebrew Bible; BI-171 & 172: Introduction to New Testament; CH-102 & 102: The Church in History; Undergraduate Philosophy requirement*  
J-Term/Spring 2019 S. Wheeler

**ES-490 Capstone Project in Faith & Public Life**  
This course is the capstone project for the public theology specialization. *3 credit hours*

*Prereqs: ST-200: Foundations of Public Theology; ST-290: Paradigms & Practices in Public Theology*  
Fall 2017 R. Elgendy

**ES-491 NCSS Interaction/Reflection Seminar**  
Exploration of significant public issues and political processes and their theological and practical implications through meetings with public officials, political figures, lobbyists, and church social action leaders. Group seminar sessions, mutual critique of student position papers, selected readings. *4 credit hours*

**ES-495 NCSS Individual Research Project**  
Research on a selected issue of national or international significance emphasizing its theological/ethical implications and its implications for Christian political action. Enrollment limited to participants in The National Capital Semester for Seminarians. May only be taken concurrently with ES-491. *3 credit hours*

**ES-497 NCSS Social Ethics Internship**  
Practical field experience in settings other than local church. Inter-professional encounter, cooperation, and dialogue. 6 hours per week plus two hours in class. *3 credit hours*

## IS – Integrated Theological Studies

**IS-100 Master of Arts Integrative Seminar**  
Mandatory course for Master of Arts students in their final or penultimate semester prior to graduation. Includes the organization and presentation of a capstone project. *1 credit hour*  
Section offered every Fall and Spring semester

**IS-205 International Student Seminar**  
Mandatory course for all incoming international Masters students in their first semester of study. Designed to support successful adaptation to U.S. cultural and educational values. Topics include cultural adjustment and adaptation, cross-cultural



communication, and major themes in American life and educational systems, with exploration of Washington, D.C. Educational themes are combined with practical skills in reading, listening and speaking. Open only to international students (F-1 visa holders) and their spouses (F-2 visa holders).

*1 credit hour*

Fall 2017  
Fall 2018

K. Santiago  
K. Santiago

### **IS-218 Writing for Ministry and the Ministry of Writing**

A practical approach to effective writing for those preparing for Christian ministry or active lay participation in the church.

*2 credit hours*

Fall 2017

R. Stewart

### **IS-501 Master of Theological Studies Paper**

A cumulative paper for students in the Master of Theological Studies degree program which may focus on a problem requiring in-depth research in a particular discipline area or may serve broadly to integrate learning over the course of the degree. See academic calendar for proposal and submission deadlines.

*3 credit hours*

Section offered every Fall and Spring semester

### **IS-502 MTS Thesis Paper Research Module**

This course is for Master of Theological Studies students who have successfully completed the other coursework for their MTS degree and have had their project reader assigned by the MTS Director. Students enrolled in this course are in the process of researching and writing their thesis paper and are not taking other courses towards their MTS degree. They will be enrolled each spring and fall until they have either completed their degree or until they have reached the time limit for the degree.

*0 credit hours*

Section offered every Fall and Spring semester

## **MM - Practice in Ministry & Mission**

*Joseph E. Bush, Jr.,  
Youtha Hardman-Cromwell*

### **MM-101 Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry I**

Designed to help students develop a holistic understanding of spiritual formation, engage in Christian practices as means of grace, and develop a rule of life. Course includes classroom setting, covenant discipleship groups, and service learning components. A two-semester course for all M.Div. students, to be taken during first year. Graded Pass/Fail only.

*2 credit hours*

Two sections offered every Fall semester

### **MM-102 Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry II**

Designed to help students develop a holistic understanding of spiritual formation, engage in Christian practices as means of grace, and develop a rule of life. Course includes classroom setting, covenant discipleship groups, and service learning components. A two-semester course for all M.Div. students, to be taken during first year. Graded Pass/Fail only. *1 credit hour*

*Prereq: MM-101: Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry I*

Two sections offered every Spring semester

### **MM-311 PMM: Practice in Ministry and Mission Colloquy 1/1**

First of two consecutive semesters (Fall/Spring) following completion of the first 27 hours (see M.Div. degree requirements). Placement in a learning setting – arranged through the PMM office – is required by May 1 of the prior year. Graded Pass/Fail only. *1 credit hour*

*Prereq: MM-101 & 102: Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry I & II; completion of 27 credit hours of study*

Multiple sections offered every Fall semester



**MM-312 PMM: Practice in Ministry and Mission Colloquy 1/2**

Second of two consecutive semesters following completion of the first 27 hours. Placement in a learning setting – arranged through the PMM office – is required by May 1 of the prior year.

*1 credit hour*

*Prereq: MM-101 & 102: Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry I & II; completion of 27 credit hours of study*

Multiple sections offered every Spring semester

**MM-313 PMM: Practice in Ministry and Mission Colloquy 2/1**

First of two consecutive semesters (Fall/Spring), which constitute the second year of PMM placement. Graded Pass/Fail only. *1 credit hour*

*Prereqs: MM-311 & 312 or MM-347: First year of PMM colloquy*

Multiple sections offered every Fall semester

**MM-314 PMM: Practice in Ministry and Mission Colloquy 2/2**

Second of two consecutive semesters (Fall/Spring) which constitute the second year of PMM placement. Graded Pass/Fail only. *1 credit hour*

*Prereq: MM-313: PMM Colloquy 2/1*

Multiple sections offered every Spring semester

**MM-321 PMM: Student Pastor Program Seminar 1/1**

First of two consecutive semesters of weekly ministry reflection seminar for first year SPP students. Each student will develop a local church mission statement and an evaluation process with the Learning Partners and an approved Pastoral Mentor. Graded Pass/Fail only.

*1 credit hour*

*Prereq: Limited to first year Student Pastors. Must register for MM-101: Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry I concurrently*

Section offered every Fall semester

**MM-322 PMM: Student Pastor Program Seminar 1/2**

Second of two consecutive semesters of weekly ministry reflection seminar for first year SPP students. Each student will develop a local church mission statement and an evaluation process with the Learning Partners and an approved Pastoral Mentor. Graded Pass/Fail only.

*1 credit hour*

*Prereq: Limited to first year Student Pastors. Must register for MM-102: Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry II concurrently*

Section offered every Spring semester

**MM-323 PMM: Student Pastor Program Seminar 2/1**

First of two consecutive semesters of bi-weekly ministry reflection seminar for second year SPP students. Each student will develop a local church mission statement and an evaluation process with the Learning Partners and an approved Pastoral Mentor. Graded Pass/Fail only.

*1 credit hour*

*Prereq: MM-322: SPP Seminar 1/2; limited to second year Student Pastors.*

Section offered every Fall semester

**MM-324 PMM: Student Pastor Program Seminar 2/2**

Second of two consecutive semesters of bi-weekly ministry reflection seminar for second year SPP students. Each student will develop a local church mission statement and an evaluation process with the Learning Partners and an approved Pastoral Mentor. Graded Pass/Fail only.

*1 credit hour*

*Prereq: MM-323: SPP Seminar 2/1; limited to second year Student Pastors.*

Section offered every Spring semester

**MM-331 Internship in Ministry and Mission 1**

First semester of a one year of full-time work under supervision in an approved field setting. Learning contract and evaluation procedures to be determined in relation to



the PMM Office and subject to its approval. Students may not enroll in any other course while enrolled in internship. Pass/Fail only.

*2 credit hours*

*Prereq: MM-101 & 102: Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry I & II; completion of 27 credit hours of study*

Section offered every Fall semester

### **MM-332 Internship in Ministry and Mission II**

Second semester of a one year of full-time work under supervision in an approved field setting. Learning contract and evaluation procedures to be determined in relation to the PMM Office and subject to its approval. Students may not enroll in any other course while enrolled in internship. Pass/Fail only.

*2 credit hours*

*Prereq: MM-331: Internship in Ministry & Mission I*  
Section offered every Spring semester

### **MM-347 PMM: Summer Internship I**

For PMM I students: A full-time (35-40 hours per week), 10 week, supervised summer internship at an approved field placement setting. This hybrid colloquy provides students with an opportunity for reflection and analysis of their ministerial experiences. Regular colloquy discussions and assignments will occur on-line during the summer weeks of the internship. There are two required face-to-face meetings of the class-one in the Spring to introduce the course and one in the Fall for concluding reflections. Students may not enroll in any other course or participate in an intercultural immersion during the 10-weeks of summer internship. Pass/Fail only.

*2 credit hours*

*Prereq: MM-101 & 102: Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry I & II; completion of 27 credit hours of study*

Section offered every Summer

### **MM-348 PMM: Summer Internship II**

For PMM II students: A full-time (35-40 hours per week), 10 week, supervised summer internship at an approved field

placement setting. This hybrid colloquy provides students with an opportunity for reflection and analysis of their ministerial experiences. Regular colloquy discussions and assignments will occur on-line during the summer weeks of the internship. There are two required face-to-face meetings of the colloquy-one in the Spring to introduce the course and one in the Fall for concluding reflections. Students may not enroll in any other course or participate in an intercultural immersion during the 10-weeks of summer internship. Pass/Fail only.

*2 credit hours*

*Prereq: MM-311 & 312 or MM-347: First year of PMM colloquy*

Section offered every Summer

### **MM-350 PMM: Intercultural Immersion**

Participation in an immersion experience in an intercultural context, either internationally or in the United States. Required of all M.Div. students. Graded Pass/Fail only. *2 credit hours*

*Prereq: MM-101 & 102: Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry I & II; completion of 27 credit hours of study*

Section offered every Fall and Spring semester

### **MM-425 Ministerial Discernment & Disciplinary Questions**

First of two consecutive semesters of a biweekly ministry reflection seminar for students serving in either pastoral positions or some other approved form of ministry. The seminar will focus on: (1) reflection on students' ministries; (2) discernment of personal call to ministry; and (3) preliminary writing and discussion of the questions in The Book of Discipline of The UMC 2012 ¶324.9 which are addressed to those who are preparing for Boards of Ordained Ministry exams. While the UMC Book of Discipline provides the structure for assignments, the class is open to all students regardless of denomination. *1 credit hour*

### **MM-426 Ministerial Discernment & Disciplinary Questions**

Second of two consecutive semesters of a





biweekly ministry reflection seminar for students serving in either pastoral positions or some other approved form of ministry. The seminar will focus on: (1) reflection on students' ministries; (2) discernment of personal call to ministry; and (3) preliminary writing and discussion of the questions in The Book of Discipline of The UMC 2012 ¶324.9 which are addressed to those who are preparing for Boards of Ordained Ministry exams. While the UMC Book of Discipline provides the structure for assignments, the class is open to all students regardless of denomination. *1 credit hour*

## NC – Non Credit

### NC-001 Continuing Enrollment

All degree students who are planning not to attend WTS in a given semester must register for Continuing Enrollment. Those who do not register will be manually added to this course by the Office of the Registrar.

*0 credit hours*

Fall 2017

### NC-112 Foundations for Writing for International Students

Practicum in English writing skills for speakers of other languages. *0 credit hours*

## PC – Pastoral Care & Counseling

*Michael S. Koppel*

### PC-101 Counseling Skills for Pastoral Ministry

Skill-building in listening, responding, asserting self, dealing with conflict and problem solving. An overview of the counseling process with some focus on life-stage development, stress, crisis and bereavement. A laboratory course including audio and video role-play and verbatims.

*3 credit hours*

Fall 2017

J-Term/Spring 2018

J. Comstock

M. Koppel

### PC-111 Pastoral Care and Counseling in Contexts

A survey introducing basic areas of care and counseling of the minister in parish situations: visitation, hospital ministry, addictions and co-dependence, etc., with attention to issues of gender, cross-culture, spirituality and sexual orientation as related to social justice issues of the church. Theory and skill-building involved. *3 credit hours*

Fall 2017

J-Term/Spring 2018

Fall 2018

M. Koppel

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### PC 201 Introduction to Chaplaincy: An Overview

An introduction to the history, skills, and knowledge necessary for this specialized ministry. Includes an overview of chaplaincy in healthcare, colleges, prisons, and the military. *2 credit hours*

### PC 214 Older Adult Ministry

The course will confront the various issues of aging and will model ways to instruct, serve and meaningfully relate to and with aging parishioners. Issues to be explored include: Health Concerns and Home Safety; Care Options; Elder Abuse; Utilizing Older Adults Gifts in Ministry; Sexual Needs and Issues, Family Relationships, Financial Concerns, and End of Life. An introduction to the history, skills, and knowledge necessary for this specialized ministry. Includes an overview of chaplaincy in healthcare, colleges, prisons, and the military. *2 credit hours*

### PC 226 Spirituality of Pastoral Care and Counseling

Investigation of interrelationship between spirituality, care and counseling. The theoretical and professional development of religious leaders and care givers including attention to: nature of spirituality and spiritual well-being and assessment; spiritual care and pastoral conversations; spiritual direction and



relationship to pastoral care and counseling; religious problems in pastoral care and counseling. *2 credit hours*

### **PC 252 Pastoral Perspectives on Mental Illness and Substance Abuse**

The symptoms and signs of mental illness and substance abuse. Memoirs, film and guest speakers convey the experiential quality of schizophrenia, depression, alcoholism, bipolar disease, drug abuse and various forms of anxiety. *2 credit hours*

**PC-280 Pastoral Care with Young Adults**  
Examination of theological, developmental, and socio-cultural issues of young adulthood. Appropriate and effective care practices for individuals and congregations ministering with persons in late teens through mid-thirties.

*2 credit hours*

Fall 2017

M. Koppel

### **PC-403 Couples and Family Counseling**

Pastoral work with couples preparing for marriage as well as families moving through divorce. An overview of couple, marriage and family counseling, and cross-cultural issues in family health and healing. *2 credit hours*

*Prereq: PC-101: Counseling Skills for Pastoral Ministry or PC-111: Pastoral Care & Counseling in Context*

### **PC-404 Death, Dying and Bereavement**

Pastoral theological analysis and care with dying persons, family members, and congregations with attention given to diverse contexts and practical skill development.

*2 credit hours*

*Prereq: PC-101: Counseling Skills for Pastoral Ministry or PC-111: Pastoral Care & Counseling in Context*

### **PC-405 Pastoral Care in a Post-Ferguson World Economic Violence**

An exploration of globalization's debilitating consequences in the development and material reality of people's lives. This course seeks to inform pastoral care and counseling with individuals, congregations and

communities impacted, often violently, by the global expansion of capital and a globalized culture. *2 credit hours*

*Prereq: PC-101: Counseling Skills for Pastoral Ministry or PC-111: Pastoral Care & Counseling in Context*

### **PC-408 Trauma, Terrorism, Catastrophes and Pastoral Care**

This course will examine the pastoral, theological and psychological factors involved in a range of traumatic experiences. Current theories of trauma and a myriad of trauma-related contexts (i.e. rape, child abuse, military combat, accidents, political terrorism, and natural disasters). Pastoral care and counseling resources available to help foster resiliency and healing will be studied, as well as ways to address the wider effects of traumatic events on congregations and culture. *2 credit hours*

*Prereq: PC-101: Counseling Skills for Pastoral Ministry or PC-111: Pastoral Care & Counseling in Context*

### **PC-491 Clinical Pastoral Education 0.5 Unit**

Clinical pastoral training and supervision in approved institutions such as D.C. area's Catholic University Pastoral Center, Sibley Memorial Hospital, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington Hospital Center, Asbury Village, National Institutes of Health, etc. One half-unit of C.P.E. Students secure their own placement and then can opt to register for credits. Wesley will pay site fees. Contact Dean's Office for more information. *3 credit hours*

*Prereq: PC-101: Counseling Skills for Pastoral Ministry or PC-111: Pastoral Care & Counseling in Context*  
Section offered every Fall and Spring semester

### **PC-493 Clinical Pastoral Education 1.0 Unit**

Clinical pastoral training and supervision in approved institutions such as D.C. area's Catholic University Pastoral Center, Sibley Memorial Hospital, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington Hospital Center, Asbury Village, National Institutes of Health, etc. One full unit of C.P.E. Students secure their own



placements and then can opt to register for credits. Wesley will pay site fees. Contact Dean's Office for more information. *6 credit hours*

*Prereq: PC-101: Counseling Skills for Pastoral Ministry or PC-111: Pastoral Care & Counseling in Context*  
Section offered every Fall and Spring semester

## PW – Preaching and Worship

*Lucy Lind Hogan, Veronice Miles, Gina Campbell, Eric Myers*

### PW-101 Foundations of Christian Worship

Theological foundations, history, and practice of Christian worship with particular attention given to the sacraments and the liturgical calendar; ecumenical and related to congregational life and faith. *2 credit hours*

Fall 2017 E. Meyers  
J-Term/Spring 2018 E. Meyers

### PW-102 Focus Seminar: Sacraments UM Church

A course in the historical development of the theology and practice of Holy Communion and Baptism in the United Methodist Church. This will include formational decisions that produced the orders of worship in the United Methodist Hymnal and the United Methodist Book of Worship, the role of Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry, and current issues in the practices of Baptism and Eucharist. *1 credit hour*

Fall 2017 G. Campbell

### PW-125 Foundations of Preaching

Purpose and practice of preaching. Homiletical theory and method.

*2 credit hours*

Section offered every Fall and Spring semester

### PW-301 Pastoral Liturgics Practicum

The pastor as leader of Sunday worship, both eucharistic and non-eucharistic, and as leader of the occasional rites (including initiation, marriage, and burial). Emphasis upon the planning and conduct of the

services within the various denominational traditions represented in the class. Pass/Fail only. *2 credit hours*

*Prereq: PW-101: Foundations of Christian Worship*  
Fall 2017 G. Campbell

### PW-305 Pastoral Preaching: Weddings, Funerals, Special Occasions and Crises

Development of skills of worship leadership and sermon preparation. Students will plan and conduct worship services and prepare and deliver sermons. *2 credit hours*

*Prereq: PW-125: Foundations of Preaching*  
J-Term/Spring 2018 L. Hogan

### PW-306 Liturgics/Preaching: Eucharist & Baptism

Development of skills of worship leadership and sermon preparation. Students will plan and conduct worship services and prepare and deliver sermons. *2 credit hours*

*Prereq: PW-125: Foundations of Preaching*  
J-Term/Spring 2018 L. Hogan

### PW-310 Preaching/Public Speaking Practicum

Development of the skills for the preparation, delivery, and critical analysis of sermons and speeches based on sermons or speeches written for and delivered to the class. Offered in topical or general sections.

*2 credit hours*

*Prereq: PW-125: Foundations of Preaching*

### PW-312 Sacramental Theology & Worship Leadership

A worship practicum in which practices from the early church to the present will be investigated to develop a sound and effective strategy for planning and leading worship for diverse and multi-generational congregations. Multiple ways of practicing baptism and the Lord's Supper will be examined for theological insight and effective leadership in ministry. *3 credit hours*

*Prereq: PW-101: Foundations of Christian Worship*  
Fall 2017 R. Stamps



### **PW-340 Preaching Practicum**

Development of skills of sermon preparation, delivery and critical analysis, based on sermons written for and preached to the class. Offered in topical or general sections.

*2 credit hours*

*Prereq: PW-125: Foundations of Preaching*

Fall 2017 L. Hogan  
Fall 2017 V. Miles  
J-Term/Spring 2018 L. Hogan

### **PW-346 Women and the Preaching Life**

This course engages preaching from the perspective of diverse communities of North American women who are scholars and practitioners in preaching, with attention to their reflections on theology, biblical interpretation, social transformation, and the intra/inter-personal dynamics of preaching. *3 credit hours*

*Prereq: PW-125: Foundations of Preaching*

Fall 2017 V. Miles

### **PW-373 Preaching and Worship in the Black Tradition**

The art of preaching from a black perspective; distinctive aspects of this preaching due to the crucible of affliction out of which it comes; its inherently prophetic character. *3 credit hours*

*Prereq: PW-125: Foundations of Preaching*

Fall 2018 V. Miles

### **PW-431 Justice at the Font and Table**

An examination of the ways in which the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion are interpreted as manifestations of God's justice, historically and theologically. The course will include a particular focus on the construction of gender, race, class, creed in theology and practice of these sacraments.

*2 credit hours*

*Prereq: PW-101: Foundations of Christian Worship*

J-Term/Spring 2018 G. Campbell

## **RA – Religion and the Arts**

*Eileen Guenther, Deborah Sokolove*

### **RA-109 Chapel Visuals**

Principles of design and visual proclamation for an architectural setting through collaborative work with other students and the Chapel Elder to plan, design, and execute parameters, banners and other visual materials for community worship in Oxnam Chapel, taking into account the liturgical calendar, lectionary readings and special celebrations that occur during the semester.

*2 credit hours*

Fall 2017 A. Gray  
J-Term/Spring 2018 A. Gray

### **RA-112 The Holy in Washington, D.C. Art: Art as Embodiment**

Theological themes and major styles of art encountered through studio lectures, slide presentations, and field trips to this city's painting, sculpture, manuscript illumination, icons, and stained glass. Application of learnings to local church.

*2 credit hours*

### **RA-113 Art As Worship, Worship As Art**

Exploration of the relationships between art-making as a spiritual discipline, using art as a focus for personal devotion, incorporating artforms into corporate worship, and seeing corporate worship itself as a form of art. *2 credit hours*

Fall 2017 D. Sokolove

### **RA-121 Liturgical Dance As Spiritual Practice**

The discovery and praxis of liturgical dance as a spiritual discipline. Emphasis on spiritual practices that assist the dancer in the creative process. *1 credit hour*



**RA-122 Picturing the Church: Two Millennia of Art and Architecture**

A survey of Christian art and architecture from the earliest evidence to present trends.

*2 credit hours*

J-Term/Spring 2019

D. Sokolove

**RA-128 The Arts and the Need of the World**

Exploration of how the arts are integral to individual and communal self-understanding and spiritual development; use of the arts in social movements; possibilities for congregations and individuals to include the arts in their service to the world. *2 credit hours*

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J-Term/Spring 2019

D. Sokolove, E. Guenther

**RA-130 Chapel Choir**

Participation in singing for community worship: reflection on the role of church music in Christian worship. Requires participation in Tuesday community Chapel services. May be taken a maximum of six semesters for credit.

*1 credit hour*

Section offered every Fall and Spring semester

**RA-133 Greatest Hits of Sacred Music**

Focusing on some of the most popular works of sacred music including Handel's Messiah, masterpieces by Bach, Haydn and others, we will focus on the power of the music and the relationship between notes themselves and the biblical sources. *2 credit hours*

J-Term/Spring 2018

E. Guenther

**RA-135 Music Skills for the Local Church**

The basics of music for pastors and others in local church ministry. Music reading, terminology, listening drills, singing of hymn tunes and basic sight reading. This course is intended for those who have little or no previous musical experience.

*2 credit hours*

**RA-136 Songs of Zion: Spirituals in the Life of The Church**

The heritage of the African-American spiritual and its manifold presence in the contemporary church; theological themes of the spiritual and the nuances of translating those themes into music; strategies for the effective use of the Songs of Zion in contemporary worship. *2 credit hours*

Summer 2018

E. Guenther

**RA-137 Lift Every Voice: Exploring Congregational Song**

Examines the United Methodist Hymnal and hymnals from other major Protestant denominations, focusing on diverse cultural traditions that are part of today's worship.

*2 credit hours*

J-Term/Spring 2019

E. Guenther

**RA-138 Music and Social Justice**

The role of music in causes of peace and justice and the particular works (from hymns to major oratorios) that address themselves to these issues. *2 credit hours*

Fall 2017

E. Guenther

Fall 2018

E. Guenther

**RA-142 Language of Grace: Readings in Modern Literature**

Twentieth century literature's affirmation, criticism and revision of basic Christian themes: faith, love and family relationships, life and death, sin and grace, the church, clergy and scriptural teaching. *2 credit hours*

J-Term/Spring 2019

K. Staudt

**RA-144 Scripture in Literature**

An exploration of how writers from different times, places, and cultural perspectives have retold and reinterpreted stories from scripture; including John Milton, Renita Williams, Frederick Buechner, Lucille Clifton, Denise Levertov, Margaret Atwood, James Weldon Johnson and others. *2 credit hours*

J-Term/Spring 2018

K. Staudt



**RA-146 Poetry as Spiritual Practice**

The practices of reading and writing poetry as ways of seeing and of being in the world. Contemporary and classic Christian poetry, the poetry of the Psalms, and the relationship between reading, writing, form and discipline in poetic practice. Writing workshops, papers and presentations on particular poetic voices, experiments with reading and writing students' own poetry. *2 credit hours*

**RA-153 Art for God's Sake: Art, Visual Culture, and Christian Understanding**

Investigate the ways that art has been used in shaping Christian faith, understandings and attitudes. Definitions and explorations of aesthetics, art theory, and the function of fine art, popular art and devotional art in the church and the wider society. *2 credit hours*  
J-Term/Spring 2018 D. Sokolove

**RA-173 Performing Scripture Bibliodrama**

Hands-on exploration, experimentation, instruction, interpretation, comparison, and coaching in the internalization and performance of scripture for worship, education, pastoral care, Bible study, evangelism, missions, and spiritual formation. *2 credit hours*  
Summer 2018 T. Radosevic

**RA-175 Biblical Storytelling**

An exploration of biblical storytelling – traditional oral presentations, electronic renderings, and a combination of the two – in various ministry settings in the context of our digital culture, including the role and practice of biblical storytelling. *2 credit hours*  
Summer 2018 T. Radosevic  
J-Term/Spring 2019 T. Radosevic

**RA-176 The Rest of the Story: Parables and Parallel Stories**

An exploration of the power of narrative in Hebrew and Christian scriptures, other complementary texts, and personal faith journeys – particularly when experienced as

performance in tandem with each other – for biblical understanding and spiritual formation. *2 credit hours*

Fall 2018

T. Radosevic

**RA-177 The Word Made Flesh: Making Scripture Seen and Heard**

An exploration of variations in scripture presentation for worship and education – embodied storytelling, photography, traditional visual arts, screen projection, music – as a visceral experience of these sacred stories. *2 credit hours*

Fall 2017

T. Radosevic

**RA-178 Drama for Ministry: Improvisation and Bibliodrama**

Improvisational techniques and bibliodrama exercises for use in church or ministry settings and for pastoral development. Includes imaginative exploration of biblical narratives and role playing from biblical and theological sources. *2 credit hours*

**RA-188 Tools for Drama in Ministry**

Basic theatre techniques for application in church and ministry settings. Includes improvisation, role playing from biblical sources, choral presentation of scripture, and performance of an original short liturgical drama. Reading includes essays in performance theory and biblical storytelling, as well as selected plays. No prior experience in drama necessary. *2 credit hours*  
Spring 2018 D. Davis

**RA-189 Writing for Drama in Worship**

Playwriting techniques for short dramas from biblical/theological texts designed for worship. *2 credit hours*

**RA-191 T.S. Eliot & the Search for God**

This course explores the spiritual quest as depicted in the poems, plays, and essays of the twentieth century's greatest poet. *1 credit hour*



**RA-196 Liturgical Dance Theory & Practice**

The discovery and praxis of liturgical dance as a worshipping arts ministry. Emphasis on best practices for ministry that assist the dancer in the creative process and instill an ethos for discipleship. *2 credit hours*

Summer 2018 J. Hoover

**RA-197 Embodied Theology: Shaping Transformative Liturgical Dance**

An introduction to body theology and its impact on sacred artistry. An opportunity to explore theological themes such as faith, reconciliation, love, and forgiveness as powerful shapers of liturgical dance. *2 credit hours*

Fall 2017 J. Hoover

**RA-198 Embodied Prayer: Dancing Into Wholeness with God**

This course explores prayer practices that integrate the body with the heart, mind, and spirit for sustaining creative ministries.

*2 credit hours*

J-Term/Spring 2018 K. Sparks

**RA-230 Elements of Design: Reaching a Visual Culture**

Basic design for ministry in the local church for worship, Christian education, and church publications. Issues of effective communication, accessibility, and copyright in digital media, print media, photography, and other visual applications. *1 credit hour*

**RA-281 A Spiritual Journey Through the "Divine Comedy"**

Exploration of theological, moral, and social themes in the greatest poem in Christian literature, with specific application to the spiritual journeys of course participants.

*2 credit hours*

**RA-295 Arts Practicum**

Individual projects with theological focus in student's choice of medium such as paint,

fabric (vestments, banners, tapestry), clay, wood, calligraphy, photography, poetry, dance, etc. Students unacquainted with dynamics of creative process in relationship to spiritual formation (art as meditation) and unacquainted with non-verbal expressions of Christian proclamation encouraged to participate. May be repeated once for credit. Pass/Fail only. *1 credit hour*

Multiple sections offered every Fall and Spring semester

**ST - Systematic Theology**

*Sathianathan Clarke, Rick Elgandy, Beverly E. Mitchell, Josiah Ulysses Young, III*

**ST-125 Theologies of Protest and Resistance**

Investigates 20th and 21st century theologies of social change and political opposition, paying special attention to the resources of Christian thought for protest. *2 credit hours*

**ST-180 Philosophy for Theology**

Introduces students to the history and questions of philosophy with special emphasis on developments that are important for understanding Christian theology. *2 credit hours*

Summer 2018 C. Dreisbach

**ST-181 Philosophical Backgrounds**

Introduction to the history and problems of philosophy, with special emphasis on the questions of philosophical theology and their implications for Christian theology and social practice. *3 credit hours*

Section offered every Fall semester

**ST-200 Foundations of Public Theology**

This course explores the political and social dimensions of basic topics in systematic theology in order to provide the groundwork for future study in public theology; exploring such topics as Reason and Revelation, Christology, Trinity, Theological Anthropology and the Church. *3 credit hours*

Fall 2017 R. Elgandy  
Fall 2018 R. Elgandy



### **ST-206 The Gospel of Peace in a World of Violence**

Introduces students to the problem of violence in Christian theology and ethics. Topics include peace and violence as themes in scripture and doctrinal tradition; historical development of Christian attitudes towards war; and discipleship and violence in the modern world. *3 credits*

### **ST-209 Salvation, Redemption, and Atonement**

Investigates the theologies of salvation, redemption, and atonement in order to contemplate the many dimensions of God's decisive action in history, as well as the relationship between salvation, other doctrines in systematic theology, and the context from which such accounts emerge. *2 credit hours*

### **ST-214 Theology and the Global Poor**

A global inquiry into the relationship between Christian theology and the poor from both historical and contemporary perspectives through the lens of gender and race/ethnicity. *3 credit hours*

Fall 2018

S. Clarke, B. Mitchell

### **ST-215 Faces of Jesus in Global Christianity and World Religions**

Critical study of interpretations of Jesus from Christian communities in Africa, Asia and the Americas, as well as from Judaism, Islam and Hinduism. Brings together careful and playful textual and artistic representations of Jesus in a search for constructive and liberative expressions of Christology. Fulfills the Interreligious World requirement toward the M.Div. degree.

*3 credit hours*

J-Term/Spring 2018 S. Clarke

### **ST-224 Theological Themes African American Film**

This two-hour course explores theological themes in African American films. Students will view highly-acclaimed movies and documentaries such as 12 Years a Slave; Glory; Selma; Fruitvale Station and repond

to questions posed in relation to them, e.g. what christological themes surface from the movies? How do the movies raise the theodicy question? *2 credit hours*

### **ST-229 Theologies of Resistance and Liberation: Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mohandas K. Gandhi**

A study of the legacies of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mohandas K. Gandhi in light of their relationships to oppressed communities and commitments to human rights. Special focus on nonviolence as a means of societal reform and a spiritual discipline. *3 credit hours*

### **ST-231 Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Justice**

An historical, theological, and socio-cultural analysis of the life and writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer with particular focus on the implications of Bonhoeffer's work on the contemporary church and society. *2 credit hours*

### **ST-242 The Black Theology of James Cone**

A study of the writings of James Cone, with attention to the problem of hermeneutics and African-American experience. *3 credit hours*

### **ST 243 The Art of Toni Morrison and the Problem Of Theodicy**

A study of three of Morrison's novels with a focus on the problem of theodicy in American society. *3 credit hours*

J-Term/Spring 2018

J. Young

### **ST-290 Paradigms & Practices of Public Theology**

This course explores major paradigms and instances of public theology with particular attention to its context in U.S. political and social life. Coursework culminates in each student developing a written project that





applies course material to an issue related to their own interests and context. *3 credit hours*

J-Term/Spring 2018  
J-Term/Spring 2019

R. Elgendy  
R. Elgendy

### **ST-294 Globalization, Mission and the Church: Ecclesiology for the 21st Century**

Introduction to various models of mission-shaped Church in our contemporary world; possibilities for re-imagining the Church of the 21st century for the advancement of God's mission in our global world; special focus on ecclesiological reflections from African-American, feminist/womanist, liberationist and emerging Churches. Fulfills the "mission of the church in the world" requirement for election to probationary membership and commissioning in The United Methodist Church as specified in The Book of Discipline 2012, Par. 324.4a. *3 credit hours*

### **ST-295 The Search for a Theology of Human Rights**

Historical analysis of the church's attempt to formulate a distinctively Christian response to the human rights movement in light of the major challenges to the integrity of the human family in the twentieth century. *3 credit hours*

### **ST-305 Systematic Theology I**

Revelation and theological knowledge: the doctrines of God, creation, providence, human nature, person and work of Christ, the Holy Spirit, church, and eschatology.

*3 credit hours*

*Prereq: BI-101 & 102: Introduction to Hebrew Bible; BI-171 & 172: Introduction to New Testament; CH-102 & 102: The Church in History;*

*Undergraduate Philosophy requirement*

Two sections offered every Fall semester

### **ST-306 Systematic Theology II**

Revelation and theological knowledge: the doctrines of God, creation, providence, human nature, person and work of Christ,

the Holy Spirit, church, and eschatology.

*3 credit hours*

*Prereq: ST-305: Systematic Theology I*  
Two sections offered every Spring semester

### **ST-402 Reformed Theology**

A study of the Reformed theological tradition stemming from Zwingli and Calvin: its background, distinguishing tenets, ethos and outstanding theologians. *3 credit hours*

*Prereq: CH-101 & 102: Church History I & II*

### **ST-407 Women Doing Theology**

Exploration of current feminist and womanist theologies in the First and Third Worlds. *3 credit hours*

*Prereq: ST-305 & 306: Systematic Theology I & II*

### **ST-410 Providence, Evil and Suffering**

What may we say – and not say – about God's fidelity, love, and redemptive power in the face of evil, suffering, chaos, and death? An examination of traditional and contemporary Christian approaches with attention to implications for the practice of ministry. *3 credit hours*

*Prereq: ST-305 & 306: Systematic Theology I & II*

### **ST-463 History of The United Methodist Church**

Introduction to the narratives forming personal and corporate identity of United Methodists today, including founders' stories, phases of the denomination, persons representative of major developments, and stories that counter present perceptions. Fulfills the UM History requirement for election to probationary membership and commissioning in the UMC as specified in The Book of Discipline 2012, Par. 324.4a.

*2 credit hours*

*Prereq: CH-102: Church History II*

Fall 2017

C. Harrell

Summer 2018

Fall 2018

R. Danker

### **ST-464 Doctrine of The United Methodist Church**

Introduction to the primary source for



United Methodist theology; preparation for the candidacy and provisional membership examinations in theology; experimentation in translating Methodist doctrine into sermons, lessons, and liturgy; and engaging the contemporary issue of clergy health in conversation with John Wesley. Fulfills the UM Doctrine requirement for election to probationary membership and commissioning in the UMC as specified in The Book of Discipline 2012, Par. 324.4a.

*2 credit hours*

*Prereq: CH-102: Church History II*

J-Term/Spring 2018 R. Danker

Summer 2018

J-Term/Spring 2019

R. Danker

### **ST-485 Contemporary Issues in Science and Religion**

Introduction to the dialogue between science and religion; exploration of resources for pastors and congregations; discussion of existing scholarship, future directions, and dialogue issues such as evolution, the environment, and cosmology. *2 credit hours*

*Prereq: BI-101 & 102: Introduction to Hebrew Bible; BI-171 & 172: Introduction to New Testament; CH-102 & 102: The Church in History*

Fall 2017

C. Bertka

## **WR – World Religions/Ecumenics**

*Sathianathan Clarke*

**WR-201 World Religions As Resource for Christian Theology and Church Ministry**  
Developing a respectful understanding of the basic beliefs and practices of the major world religions; theological options for correlating Christian faith with religious plurality and conceptualizing ministries in pluralistic settings. Fulfills the Interreligious World requirement toward the M.Div. degree.

*3 credit hours*

J-Term/Spring 2018

S. Clarke

### **WR-207 Religion and Violent Extremism: the Case Of Terrorism in the Name of Islam**

A critical study from the vantage point of the field of peace and conflict studies to deeply analyze several case studies from different parts of the world. Explores methods and processes that would advance the positive peaceful role of religion and religious institutions (including Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism and Buddhism) in various types and levels of conflicts, and which are suitable for the realities of the 21st century. *2 credit hours*

### **WR-208 Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalization: Best Practices and Lessons From the World**

Examines important concepts, models, and case studies of countering violent extremism in various parts of the world. Examines best practices and lessons regarding ideological, financial, and community-based responses - especially interfaith dialogue - of deradicalization and countering violent extremism. *2 credit hours*

Fall 2017

A. Abdalla

### **WR-210 Life After Death in World Religions and Secular Thought**

Conceptions of life after death in major world religions and secular thought. Consideration of scientific, philosophical, and theological challenges. *2 credit hours*

### **WR-226 Practical Issues Between Muslims and Christians**

An examination of spiritual resources, authority and responsibility of leaders, and relations of believers to the society at large within Muslim and Christian communities. *2 credit hours*



**WR-240 When Does Life Begin and End? Jewish Answers From Rabbinic Literature**

Intro to Rabbinic literature, including Mishnah, Talmud, Responsa, and Midrash. Focused on when life begins and ends, according to legal and literary traditions of the ancient Rabbis. *2 credit hours*  
Fall 2017 F. Reiner

**WR-260 Modern Islam and Its History**

Advanced study of the history of Islam from Muhammad's birth to the present with focus on the modern period. Emphasis given to factual material and interpretation of beliefs and practices. Fulfills the Interreligious World requirement toward the M.Div. degree. *2 credit hours*  
Fall 2017 I. Ahmad

**WR-261 Islam: History and Traditions**

A general orientation to Islam, its history and practice, across time and space until the present day. Introduces the basic belief system – the concept of Muhammadam Paradigm – and the concept of law, as well as popular and divergent forms of Islam and mysticism. Examines Islamic culture: art, architecture, music, and celebrations. *2 credit hours*

**WR-294 Religion, Violence and Peace: Christian Mission in the Context of Hindu, Muslim And Christian Fundamentalism**

Analysis of religious fundamentalism and the internal(theological and hermeneutical traditions) and external (economic, cultural, nationalist, and globalizing trends) factors which fuel its growth; exploration of contemporary avenues for Christian mission, which both confront the violence stemming from religious fundamentalism and advance the gospel of peace with justice in our fragmented world. Fulfills the Interreligious World requirement toward the M.Div. degree. *2 credit hours*

**WR-298 Doing Dialogue 'Other-Wise': Rethinking Perspectives & Reshaping Practices in Interreligious Dialogue**

Examining the methodology of interfaith dialogue from the perspectives of the often-'othered' margins and re-imagining dialogue in creative fidelity to scriptures, (spi)ritual practices and marginalized contexts. *2 credit hours*

**WR-301 Abraham's Portrait in the Hebrew Bible, New Testament, and Qur'an**

This course provides an overview of the reception of Abraham in the Hebrew Bible, New Testament, and the Qur'an. It offers an analytical framework that situates in better view the overlapping and distinctive theological trajectories of each Abrahamic faith around the person of Abraham (and Sarah). Such knowledge also helps students develop an understanding of shared identities that can foster mutual respect and collaboration among the diverse members of the Abrahamic family and beyond. *2 credit hours*



## DM – Doctor of Ministry

The Doctor of Ministry curriculum consists of courses designed specifically to meet certain track goals and objectives, rather than a general stable of courses from which all track courses may be drawn. Therefore, this section is intended to provide a sampling of the D.Min. course offerings one might find within a given track.

Core courses are frequently repeated from track to track, but occasionally in a different order or with a revised description. Updated course listings for current and future tracks are available from on the website at <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/doctor-of-ministry-current-students/>

### *Arts and Theology*

#### **DM-A601 Theological Aesthetics**

God, truth, and beauty as perceived in the senses and imagination through the arts such as painting, poetry, music, and architecture. *3 credit hours*

Winer 2018

J. Young

#### **DM- A602 Art and Arts Ministries**

The use of art to express and enhance worship in the church. *3 credit hours*

Winter 2018

D. Sokolove

#### **DM-A603 The Arts in the Bible**

The narratives of the People of God as source of new narratives, and of visual and aural representations; the arts as source of new clues for reading the texts; the Bible in the movies. *3 credit hours*

#### **DM-A604 Holy Spaces: Architecture of the Western Church**

The ordering of space and furniture as an expression of faith, from the house churches

of the New Testament to the auditoriums of contemporary mega churches. *3 credit hours*

#### **DM-A605 Drama and Ministry**

Equipping the congregation to experience and to proclaim the written word of the Scriptures through the arts of rhetoric, mime, and drama. *3 credit hours*

Spring 2018

D. Davis

#### **DM-A607 Singing God's Praises through the Ages**

Familiarity with and appreciation of the role of major works of sacred music: their power to communicate the message of the scriptures and love of God to listeners through the ages, ways music transforms individuals and a culture, and ways we can harness that power in worship today. *3 credit hours*

#### **DM-A608 Poetry for Spiritual Formation in Ministry**

Explores poetry as a contemplative practice. Attending to distinct voices of poets including Gerard Manly Hopkins, George Herbert, Wendell Berry, Mary Oliver, Lucille Clifton, Denise Levertov, Scott Cairns, Li-Young Lee and others to see how their poetry invites our own prayer. Reflecting theologically on the craft of poetry - image, sound, rhythm and form-to explore how art



made out of words can inspire, challenge and move the People of God. *3 credit hours*  
Spring 2018 K. Staudt

### **DM-A609 Iconography Workshop**

This course is built around a week-long workshop, led by iconographer Philip Davydov, in which students are introduced to traditional icon creation. The workshop includes slide presentations and discussions on topics such as practical and theoretical questions of contemporary iconography, and the history and theology of the image in the Christian church. *3 credit hours*

### **DM-A610 Spiritual Pilgrimage in Arts & Theology**

This course will explore the intersection of spirituality and the creative process by looking at the impact of writing, worship, artistic media of all kinds, and theological reflection on encounters with the Holy and the practice of ministry/spiritual leadership. *3 credit hours*

### *Church Leadership Excellence*

### **DM-L601 Effective and Visionary Leadership**

Best practices for church leaders in reading situations, facing facts, summoning vision, and shepherding the next faithful step for congregations. *3 credit hours*  
Spring 2018 L. Weems

### **DM-L602 Images of Leadership in the Bible**

An exploration of selected biblical texts in 1 and 2 Samuel, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Psalm 23, the prophets, Judges 4-5, Esther, Acts, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Romans, Philippians, and Galatians and of biblical leaders for the perspectives on leadership that they offer. *3 credit hours*  
Winter 2018 D. Dombkowski Hopkins

### **DM-L603 Leading Congregational Outreach & Growth in a Pluralistic Culture**

The missional mindset, analytical tools, and practices of hospitality by which congregations may more aptly reflect the diversities of their ministry settings. *3 credit hours*

### **DM-L604 Cultural Dynamics of Leadership**

Introduces students to the use of social science concepts, especially from contemporary organizational culture theory, as useful analytical and strategic resources for the practice of ministry. *3 credit hours*

### **DM-L605 The Tone of Church Leadership**

Focuses on the development of resonant attitudes, habits, and styles in church leadership that foster vitality in church communities and congregations. Examines theological, psychological, and ministerial literature and engages in practical methods and excursions in order to support the development of leadership this is tuned-in and life-sustaining. Evaluates theoretical as well as practical tools for practice of care-filled and faithful leadership. *3 credit hours*  
Winter 2018 M. Koppel

### **DM-L606 Trinity, Incarnation, and Church Leadership**

Church leadership as the act of participating in the movements of the Trinity and the risks of incarnation. *3 credit hours*

### **DM-L607 The Person and the Role of Church Leader**

Helps church leaders hold together two dimensions of leadership: the personhood of the leader, requiring a well-grounded spiritual, emotions, and physical grounding; and the role of the leader, particularly as



communicator and manager, and the need for creativity for visioning.  
*3 credit hours*

**DM-L608 All for the Sake of the Gospel: Paul's Mission & Ministry**

Examines Paul's strategies for leading congregations, explores Paul's mission in light of his socio-historical context, and considers how Paul's ministry relates to ministry today. *3 credit hours*

**DM-L609 Contemporary Issues in Ecclesiology**

Basics of ecclesiology, with special focus on contemporary views of the Church and its mission as represented by Jürgen Moltmann, Dietrich Bonhoeffer and others. Our aim is to strengthen knowledge of the scriptural foundations, systematic implications and missiological significance of the Church.

*3 credit hours*

Spring 2018

J. Young

**DM-L613 Church Leader As Consultant**

This class will examine the process of consulting with and within local churches through both a priestly and prophetic lens. Topics will include discernment and proclamation of vision, demographic analysis of context, identification of functional and relational strengths and aspects of leadership development.

*3 credit hours*

Winter 2018

P. Schroeder

**DM-L614 Organizational Behavior: Science/Leader**

This course serves as a foundation for understanding what influences the behavior of people in organizations. It will explore behavioral influences that affect productivity, organizational effectiveness, and organizational efficiency. This course will consider perception, motivation, decision making, communication, leadership, job and organizational design,

power and politics in organizations, organizational change, and organizational development. *3 credit hours*

**DM-L642 The Leader as Communicator**

The evidence that the ability to articulate is crucial to effective leadership, the possibilities for improvement and the unique opportunities afforded the church leader who also occupies a pulpit. *3 credit hours*

Winter 2018

R. Johnson

**DM-L931 Cultural Dynamics of Leadership**

This course introduces the student to the use of social science concepts, especially from contemporary organizational culture theory, as useful analytical and strategic resources for the practice of ministry.

*3 credit hours*

**DM-L932 Trinity, Incarnation, and Church Leadership**

Church leadership as the act of participating in the movements of the Trinity and the risks of incarnation. *3 credit hours*

*Faith, Health and Community*

**DM-H601 Health & Community**

The church's role in promoting health and wholeness through teaching, witness and advocacy. *3 credit hours*

**DM-H602 The Healing Miracles of Jesus**

The form, function, and fruitfulness of the healing narratives in the four gospels.

*3 credit hours*

**DM-H603 Theological Framing for Health Care**

Clarifying pastoral and ethical roles and responsibilities in caring for the congregation and community members.

*3 credit hours*



**DM-H604 Spirituality, Healing in Global Context**

Conversations with the healing arts outside contemporary Western orthodoxy and orthopraxis.

*3 credit hours*

**DM-H605 Congregational Health Ministry Global Context**

Student will explore the theological background for a congregational health ministry and the practical application of congregational health ministries with best practices (including tours of local faith communities).

*3 credit hours*

**DM-H606 The Wesleyan Tradition of Health & Healing**

Focus on the Wesleyan tradition and practice of health and healing. Grounded in Scriptural understandings of healing and the human body. Examination of early to Reformation church's teachings/practice of healing and health, with a focus given to Thomas Aquinas's offering of health as a holy habit. John Wesley's theology and practice will then serve as the primary text/witness for an exploration of a Methodist understanding of the theology of the body, soteriology, and ecclesial practices of health.

*3 credit hours*

**DM-H607 Spirituality, Suffering, and Meaning**

This course studies and reflects on how writers from different religious and philosophical contexts and traditions have engaged with the problem of suffering: its nature, its perceived meaning, and how to respond to it.

*3 credit hours*

**DM-H608 Bldg Leadership Capacity for Change & Service**

Engages the literature of leadership and management in dialogue with theological

themes to develop capacity for effectively transforming and serving within health settings or health ministries within congregations.

*3 credit hours*

*Life Together*

**DM-T601 Life in Community Theological Reflection and Experiential Models**

Investigation of theological literature and participation in experiential encounter in the greater Washington, DC area. The course builds on a praxis model that integrates active and reflective dimensions of learning. Through critical engagement in class and with other religious leaders, we will focus on ritual, spiritual, and care practices that sustain and invigorate living faith communities. *3 credit hours*

**DM-T602 Exodus, Covenant, Exile**

The people of God as a community of released captives, believers in community, and aliens far from home. *3 credit hours*

**DM-T603 Biblical and Pastoral Foundations for Spiritual Leadership**

Leadership for the transformation of communities energized by the discipline of engaging the intersection of biblical stories and human stories. *3 credit hours*

**DM-T605 Music for Social Transformation**

Survey of music as both product of and vehicle for great movements of social transformation. *3 credit hours*

Spring 2018

E. Guenther

**DM-T607 Spiritual Practices for Ministerial and Congregational Transformation**

Best spiritual practices for engaging oneself and one's congregation in personal and communal transformation. *3 credit hours*



**DM-T608 Howard Thurman**

The life and vision of Howard Thurman with special attention to his years as the Dean of Rankin Chapel, Howard University. *3 credit hours*

**DM-T609 Creating Sacred Space: Shaping and Empowering Ministries**

The role of church buildings and interiors in focusing and refocusing ministry and mission; the work of the leader in aligning a congregation's values to its visible expressions and proxemics. *3 credit hours*

**DM-T610 The Character of Christian Community**

Using the five chapters of Bonhoeffer's Classic, Life Together as a guide, explores the aspects of Christian community that are not as we wish or imaging. Beginning with foundation in God's action, considers strategies for spiritual life and growth in the midst of conflict. *3 credit hours*

Winter 2018 S. Wheeler  
Spring 2018 S. Wheeler

**DM-T612 Wesleyan Small Groups As Transforming Communities**

This course offers a uniquely Wesleyan perspective on transforming community, considering how Wesley's desire to promote a life a scriptural holiness led him to develop a small group structure that had the capacity to transform individuals, churches, social structures, and cultural values. *3 credit hours*

*Military Chaplaincy: Religious Leadership in a Complex, Multi-Faith Environment*

**DM-M601 Chaplaincy On the Line: Identifying Key Issues for Military Chaplains in a Changing and Multi-Faith Context**

The nature of leadership and spirituality the perspective of the commander (executive

decision-maker) and the chaplain (religious advisor / spiritual guide). Engagement with current and former military and governmental leaders to explore the human and spiritual dimensions of leadership in organizations experiencing rapid change, complex relationships, and multi-faceted religious interactions. *3 credit hours*

**DM-M602 Past, Present and Future Military Chaplaincy**

The evolving identity and practice of military chaplains against the background of the disestablishment of religion and rise of religious pluralism. *3 credit hours*

**DM-M603 Formation of Inter-Faith Chaplaincy: Chaplaincy as Faithful Religious Border Crossing**

An exploration of building respect and understanding of the basic beliefs and practices of Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam. Designed to equip chaplains in interfaith settings to accompany others into wholeness without forfeiting their own religious convictions and commitments. *3 credit hours*

**DM-M604 Images of Leadership in the Bible**

Leadership lessons from Moses, the Psalms, the book of Samuel and the Apostle Paul. *3 credit hours*

**DM-M605 The Chaplain's Role in Healing Moral Injury**

The role of chaplains in helping military personnel cultivate moral resilience, in order to help recovery from the effects of emotional and physical trauma that resulted in moral injury and as preparation for future deployments. *3 credit hours*

Winter 2018 R. Johnson





### **DM-M606 Pastoral Care for Warriors and Their Families**

Providing the resources of faith to those under pressure from military preparedness, combat, and return to civilian life. *3 credit hours*

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Fall 2017

M. Koppel

### **DM-M607 Personal Identity and the Military Chaplain**

Life cycle and systems theories provide an opportunity for the class members to reflect on their own experiences in ministry to the present and to consider the implications of these theories and their own theological understanding of God's call upon them for leadership in the military environment.

*3 credit hours*

### **DM-M608 Ethics for Senior Leaders**

Pressing moral issues facing chaplain supervisors in today's military such as sexual harassment, confidentiality, and whistleblowing examined from a virtue ethics perspective. *3 credit hours*

Fall 2017

S. Wheeler

### *Soul Care for Pastors, Chaplains, and Clinicians*

### **DM-C601 Theological Foundations of Soul Care**

A conversation with classical, modern, liberation, and post-modern theologians about contemporary pastoral practices.

*3 credit hours*

Spring 2018

B. Mitchell

### **DM-C602 Current Theory and Best Practices in Soul Care**

An overview of current theory and best practices with a strong emphasis on biblical and theological foundations. *3 credit hours*

### **DM-C603 Social Forces Impacting Pastoral Care and Counseling**

Assessing and critiquing the economic, political, and cultural forces that register in

the needs that invite pastoral care and counseling, developing responsive and proactive practices in the face of those forces. *3 credit hours*

### **DM-C604 The Care and Counseling of Couples and Families**

Specific issues that impact couples and families across the lifespan and various pastoral responses within the context of congregational care. Issues include life transitions faced by most couples and families (i.e. marriage/partnering, raising children, grief/loss, etc.) as well as more challenging topics (i.e. domestic violence, mental illness, child abuse, etc.). Review of pathways to developing and sustaining positive spiritual modeling and growth in couples and families. Considered within the context of a deepening awareness of and professional use of self in pastoral caregiving. *3 credit hours*

### **DM-C605 Grounded in the Living Word: the Bible and Pastoral Care Practices**

Conversation between the Bible and pastoral theology with attention on intersections between biblical texts and 'human texts' with their resulting tensions, ambiguities, and complexities. Examination of assumptions about theology and anthropology of biblical texts and themes and how these texts and themes shape goals and practices of pastoral care and leadership. *3 credit hours*

### **DM-C607 Pastoral Assessment, Diagnosis, and Psychopathology**

Tools for intervention when holiness and wholeness become disconnected. *3 credit hours*

### **DM-C608 Clinical Training I**

Four hundred clinical hours in an AAPC affiliated or accredited center, or two units of ACPE recognized CPE. *3 credit hours*



### **DM-C609 Clinical Training II**

Four hundred clinical hours in an AAPC affiliated or accredited center, or two units of ACPE recognized CPE. *3 credit hours*

### **DM-C610 Intercultural Pastoral Care & Counseling**

The tools for leading and sustaining congregations that thrive in multi-racial, multi-cultural environments of opportunity. *3 credit hours*

### **DM-C611 Traversing Life's Transitions**

Life span typologies as a tool for shaping the narratives of our lives *3 credit hours*

### *Public Engagement*

Wesley's mission involves equipping faith leaders to speak prophetically in the public square. This track will prepare faith leaders to theologically engage the public square with the goal of moving toward a more just transformation. The events following the assassination of Rev. Pickney will undergird the theological, political and contextual framework of this track. Students will split time between Charleston, SC and Washington DC so that students can think about and experience how the public square is a dynamic ideal. *3 credit hours*

### **DM-PE601 Public Engagement**

This course will expose student to some of the issues confronting congregations in the public arena. *3 credit hours*

### **DM-PE602 Challenging the Tenacity of White Supremacy in the U.S.**

A study of faith-inspired resistance strategies of African-Americans in their struggles against slavery, segregation, and domestic terrorism die to white supremacy in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. *3 credit hours*

### **DM-PE603 Prophetic Exegesis for Public Engagement**

The task of prophetic exegesis by combining historical-literary studies with the contextual Bible Study approach. *3 credit hours*

### **DM-PE604 Leadership in Diverse Ministry Contexts**

This course addresses the growing diversity within congregations and communities, as well as the increasing diverse expectations of clergy as public leaders. Students will learn skills to practice church and public leadership with effectiveness and integrity. *3 credit hours*  
Winter 2018 L. Weems

### **DM-PE605 Leadership for the Public Church**

This course offers a systematic exploration of public theology that integrates prior coursework and experience in leadership for the public church. It examines the questions, methods and insights of contextual, political, and liberation theologies and ethics in a way geared toward leadership of publics in church and society. *3 credit hours*  
Spring 2018 B. Epperly

### **DM-PE606 Faith-Rooted Community Organizing**

This course explores concrete strategies for engaging congregations in "loving mercy and doing justice" through community development and community organizing. The central focus will be faith-rooted organizing; an open source model practiced internationally enabling faith leaders and communities to contribute to the broader movement for justice. *3 credit hours*  
Fall 2017 D. Powe

**DM-PE607 Prophetic in the Public Square**  
Capstone course of the Public Engagement track. Integrating biblical, theological,



ethical and practical insights for the prophetic engagement of faith and public communities. *3 credit hours*

Spring 2018

S. Marullo/M. McCurry

### *Spiritual Leadership for the Global Church: The Asian Track*

#### **DM-G601 Christian Education and Spiritual Formation**

The theological foundation for making and training disciples, models from the early church to the contemporary church, new models from the global church. *3 credit hours*

#### **DM-G602 Exodus, Covenant, Exile**

The impact of these three major events on the people of Israel: the exodus, covenant and exile from the perspective of the Biblical text. *3 credit hours*

Spring 2018

Bruce Birch

#### **DM-G603 Spiritual Formation**

An advanced survey of the classics of the Christian contemplative traditions (Eastern and Western) and the spiritual disciplines grounded in them necessary for the formation of ministers. *3 credit hours*

Spring 2018

K. Shin Lee

#### **DM-G605 Leadership**

Best practices for church leaders in reading situations, facing facts, summoning vision, and shepherding the next step faithful step for congregations in a global context. *3 credit hours*

#### **DM-G606 Pastoral Care and Counseling**

In care and counseling, the pastor models the congregation's call to hospitality toward an increasingly diverse constituency in a global context. *3 credit hours*

Winter 2018

M. Koppel

#### **DM-G608 History of Missions in Asia**

Historical views and important voices from other continents, and key theological

breakthroughs in the contemporary theology of mission for the global church. *3 credit hours*

#### **DM-G609 Social Holiness in the Wesleyan Tradition**

Formative influence of John Wesley on moral insight and authority for Christians in the Wesleyan Tradition. *3 credit hours*

#### **DM-G610 Theology**

Theology, history, and practice of Christian worship and preaching with particular attention to new resources from the global church. *3 credit hours*

#### **DM-G611 Worship**

Practices of worship for spiritual growth in Asian congregations. *3 credit hours*

#### **DM-G613 Faces of Jesus in Global Christianity**

Critical study of interpretations of Jesus from Christian communities in Africa, Asia and the Americas, as well as from Judaism, Islam and Hinduism. Brings together careful and playful textual and artistic representations of Jesus in a search for constructive and liberative expressions of Christology. *3 credit hours*

#### **DM-G614 History of Christian Spiritual Practices**

A survey of major traditions of Christian spirituality spanning the time period from the New Testament to the twentieth century. Students will practice a range of Christian spiritual disciplines as part of the course work. *3 credit hours*

#### **DM-G615 Jesus in Scripture & Ministry**

This course explores the biblical portrayals of Jesus in conversation with the historical study of Jesus by scholars from the 1800s to the present. It examines each Gospel's portrayal of Jesus on its own terms, (literarily, historically, and theologically) and



then explores the questions of historians considering where those concerns and focuses overlap and diverge from contemporary interests and foci. *3 credit hours*

**DM-G616 Pastoral Theology, Ethics & End of Life Care**

Exploration of death, dying, bereavement in Asian church contexts. Examination of pastoral, theological and ethical issues in relation to ministry practice with individuals, families, and congregations. *3 credit hours*

**DM-G618 The Churches Worship: Becoming People of Wonder, Love & Praise**

Explores the roots, shape and practice of Christian worship in all its diversity and richness; paying particular attention to Protestant forms as received and practiced in the Asian context. *3 credit hours*

**DM-G619 Highlights of the Development of Christianity in the World**

A deeper exploration of several significant theological developments in the history of Western Christianity which have shaped global Christianity. *3 credit hours*

**DM-G621 Systematic Theology**

Theology, history, and practice of Christian worship and preaching with particular attention to new resources from the global church. *3 credit hours*

Winter 2018

J. Young

**DM-G622 Reformation and Revival**

The history of church reformation as a resource for church renewal in the Global Asian context. *3 credit hours*

**DM-G632 Images of Leadership in the Bible**

Leadership lessons from Moses, the Psalms, the books of Samuel, and the Apostle Paul.

*3 credit hours*

Spring 2018

D. Dombkowski Hopkins

*Spirituality and Story*

**DM-S601 Theology as Story**

The use of narrative in theology to provide rich possibilities for understanding and interpreting the content of faith, and to open new channels of conversation between the systematic theologian, the biblical scholar, the social scientist, and, most importantly, the lay person. *3 credit hours*

**DM-S602 Narrative Leadership**

Exploring the potential of story as a tool for integrating theological learning and ministry practice; borrowing insights from narrative theology, preaching, and counseling to revitalize church leadership; and helping congregations to identify their corporate stories in the context of the larger narrative of the community for the sake of advancing the plots of both. *3 credit hours*

**DM-S604 Paul's Use of Narrative to Shape Congregations**

A study of the stories that are informing and supporting Paul's instruction to the churches and how they are employed to shape congregations. Particular attention will be given to the appropriateness of "story" as a hermeneutical category for Paul's letters, the evidence of stories engaging Paul's thought, the problem of competing narratives in Paul's churches, and the significance of "story" for the church today. Some of the topics explored will include the gospel as story, Paul's own story, God's story and the stories of Israel. *3 credit hours*

**DM-S605 Narrative Collapse and Restoration: Story and Healing**

A cross disciplinary study of the phenomena of the self-narratives of persons and congregations and what happens when



those narratives suffer serious disruption; work in the therapies and strategies for addressing personal and corporate narrative collapse. *3 credit hours*  
Spring 2018

B. Epperly

### **DM-S606 The African American Novel as Theological Resource**

The use of the novel for insight into the struggle for racial justice in the United States, largely through the works of Toni Morrison and James Baldwin. *3 credit hours*

### **DM-S607 Engaging the Narratives of Other Religions**

Appropriating the stories of non-Christian faith communities and reading the Bible through the eyes of the poor and the outcast for the sake of stretching the content and contours of Christian spirituality. *3 credit hours*

### **DM-S608 James Baldwin's Understanding of God**

Baldwin's life from teens through his death as source of a unique theological vision forged against contemporary events in America and expressed in novels and essays. *3 credit hours*

### **DM-S609 Narrative, Spirituality, and Preaching**

The preaching task as spiritual journey. An in-depth encounter with God and neighbor at the intersection of the Bible's narratives, the preacher's life, and the larger community issues. *3 credit hours*

### **DM-S623 Drawn Into the Word: Oral Exegesis Ministry**

Students will explore the oral (pre-Gutenberg) tradition of the Bible as a starting point for reclaiming the impact of voice, body, and community on the interpretation, proclamation and comprehension of those narratives today. Emphasis will be placed on learning,

embodying and performing biblical stories and then reflecting orally and corporately on those experiences using performance criticism as the basis for this analysis and evaluation. The skills learned will inform practices in a multitude of formational ministry settings. *3 credit hours*

### *Residential D. Min. Track*

#### **Curricula Structure:**

- Students will be studying and participating in a ministry placement full time, year round for 1.5 years (Fall Year 1, January Year 1, Spring Year 1, May Year 1, Fall Year 2);
- Fall and Spring terms students must take two courses and participate in a one-credit ministry internship;
- January and May D.Min. term must take two courses;
- Students must maintain 6 credits per term (Fall, January, Spring, and May);

Coursework and program progression will be designed and monitored in consultation with the D.Min. Director and staff.

### **DM-R101 Ministry Placement Internship I Liturgy, and Formation**

First of four consecutive semesters of study of various types and tools of qualitative research methods to equip students to analyze their ministerial context. Course must be taken in first semester as Residential D.Min. student. *1 credit hour*

Every fall

L. Parks

### **DM-R102 Ministry Placement Internship II Liturgy, and Formation**

Study of a qualitative research method and its various tools that will facilitate the student's future or potential ministry setting or congregation.

*1 credit hour*

Every Spring

L. Parks



**DM-R103 Ministry Placement Internship III Liturgy, and Formation**

Study of the qualitative research method and its various tools that will facilitate the student's future intervention of an existing condition of potential or concern in the ministry setting, congregation or otherwise.

*1 credit hour*

Every Fall

L. Parks

**DM-R104 Ministry Placement Internship IV Liturgy, and Formation**

Study of the qualitative research method and its various tools that will facilitate the student's future intervention of an existing condition of potential or concern in the ministry setting, congregation or otherwise.

*1 credit hour*

Every Spring

L. Parks

**DM-R105 Ministry Placement Internship V Liturgy, and Formation**

Study of the qualitative research method and its various tools that will facilitate the student's future intervention of an existing condition of potential or concern in the ministry setting, congregation or otherwise.

*0 credit hour*

Every Spring

L. Parks

**DM-R106 Ministry Placement Internship VI Liturgy, and Formation**

Study of the qualitative research method and its various tools that will facilitate the student's future intervention of an existing condition of potential or concern in the ministry setting, congregation or otherwise.

*0 credit hour*

Every Spring

L. Parks

**DM-R107 Ministry Placement Internship VII Liturgy, and Formation**

Study of the qualitative research method and its various tools that will facilitate the student's future intervention of an existing condition of potential or concern in the ministry setting, congregation or otherwise.

*0 credit hour*

Every Spring

L. Parks

*Students on the F-1 visa should not begin work at their placement sites until after they have been approved for Curricular Practical Training (CPT) work authorization by the Director of International Student Services.*

**CPE Army Chaplains**

**DM-AMC601 Military Chaplains: the Past, Present, And Future of Military Chaplaincies**

The historic functions of military chaplains, reflections on the present spiritual and ethical dimensions of chaplain leaders, and considerations of all these for the best practices and future of military chaplaincy.

*3 credit hours*

Winter 2018

M. Charles

**DM-AMC602 Images of Leadership in the Bible and Future of Military Chaplaincies**

Leadership lessons from Moses, the Psalms, the books of Samuel and the Apostle Paul.

*3 credit hours*

Winter 2018

D. Dombkowski Hopkins

**DM-AMC603 Dietrich Bonhoeffer: His Life & Theology from 1930 to 1945**

A seminar on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's life and theology with a focus on the period between his study at Union Theological Seminary (New York, 1930-31) and his death in the Nazi Flossenburg concentration camp (Germany, 1945)

*3 credit hours*

**DM-AMC604 Images of Leadership in the Bible**

Leadership lessons from Moses, the Psalms, the books of Samuel and the Apostle Paul.

*3 credit hours*

**DM-AMC606 Pastoral Care for Warriors and Their Families**



Best pastoral care practices for military personnel-active and returning from deployment-and their families. *3 credit hours*

### **DM-AMC607 Narrative Collapse and Restoration**

A cross disciplinary study of the phenomena of the self-narratives of persons and congregations and what happens when those narratives suffer serious disruption; work in the therapies and strategies for addressing personal and corporate narrative collapse. *3 credit hours*

### **DM-AMC608 Ethics for Senior Leaders**

Pressing moral issues facing chaplain supervisors in today military such as sexual harassment, confidentiality, and whistle-blowing examined from a virtue ethics perspective. *3 credit hours*

### *Project Seminar*

### **DM-900 Project Seminar**

Naming and planning a DMin project, options in the end product of the project, elements of a project proposal, and the disciplines for writing the project paper. *3 credit hours*

Sections offered every D.Min. term

### **DM-901 DMin Project Paper Research Module**

This course is for Doctor of Ministry students who have successfully completed thirty hours and have had their project reader assigned by the Dmin Committee. Students enrolled in this course are in the process of researching and writing their project paper and are not taking other courses towards their D.Min. degree. They will be enrolled each spring and fall until they have either completed their degree or until they have reached the time limit for the degree. *3 credit hours*

### *Electives*

### **DM-551 Independent Study**

A student and faculty member may agree to work together on a specialized area of study in keeping with the specific research interests of the student. Plan of study and bibliography must be presented and approval through the D.Min. office. *3 credit hours*

### **DM-939 Church Leadership Study Trip**

Engagement with different ministry settings and leaders; critical and constructive reflection on the implications for one's own ministries; exposure to different types of churches and ministries, all of which are characterized by effective leadership in engaging both identity as a faith community and engagement with the environment in which the church is located. *3 credit hours*

Summer 2017

L. Weems

### **DM-965 Pilgrimage to the Alabama of the Civil Rights Movement**

Historical, theological, and socio-cultural analysis of some of the major people, places and events of the Civil Rights movement, with particular focus on the implications of the movement on the contemporary church and society. Academic immersion including visits to some of the significant venues of the Civil Rights movement in Birmingham, Montgomery, and Selma, Alabama. *3 credit hours*

Summer 2017

C. Hunt

### **DM-973 Creation Theology of Cape Cod**

An immersive exploration in the ecology of Cape Cod of images of God, humankind, the non-human world, and human responsibility. Participants will experience the natural world and practice spiritual disciplines as they join scientific theory and theology for the purpose of enriching the practice of ministry. *3 credit hours*



### **DM-975 Process Theology : Spirituality, Theology & Mission**

Exploration of the resources of process theology for congregational mission and transformation. Participants will reflect on ways process theology shapes spiritual practices, congregational leadership, mission and evangelism, worship and preaching, and congregational vitality. In particular, we will consider how process theology supports congregational mission and outreach in our current postmodern, pluralistic, and post-Christian spiritual landscape. *3 credit hours*

Winter 2018

B. Epperly

### **DM-976 Chaplains At Gettysburg, 1863**

Study of ministry in high stress conditions through an examination of the ministries of Union and Confederate chaplains who were present at the Battle of Gettysburg in July, 1863; review of legal, political, theological, and social issues that formed the background for the chaplains' participation in what some called a just and holy war.

*3 credit hours*

Fall 2017

L. Parks

### **DM-1000 Leadership: Special Topics**

Special topics in church leadership and administration. *3 credit hours*

L. Parks

### **DM-1001 Growing as a Pastoral Leader Through Feedback**

This course is designed for pastoral leaders to examine their leadership in light of contemporary leadership theory along with feedback from a 360-degree pastoral leadership inventory. *3 credit hours*

Fall 2017

L. Weems

### **DM-1003 Christian/Muslim Dialogue in Practice**

Leaders of church congregations will enter into a dialogue with a mosque leader in or near their local community. Throughout the course of this interfaith dialogue, topics specified in the online discussion boards and

blogs will be explored in-depth and shared in conversation with fellow students in a confidential and secure online environment.

*3 credit hours*

### **DM-1004 Spiritual Practices for Ministerial and Congregational Transformation**

Best spiritual practices for engaging oneself and one's congregation in personal and communal transformation. *3 credit hours*

### **DM-1010 Pastoral Care to LGBT Members and Their Families**

Increasingly lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) individuals are opening up to their family members and congregations about sexual orientation or gender identity. Yet many clergy are unprepared to provide informed pastoral care to LGBT members and their families. This course will provide specific skills and techniques for ministry with LGBT individuals and families, including issues regarding the "coming out" process, couples counseling, and other salient questions of providing pastoral care with LGBT congregation and community members.

*3 credit hours*







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We are working toward the realization of a barrier-free environment with adequate facilities and assistance for persons with disabilities.

### Equal Opportunity Statement

Wesley Theological Seminary is an equal opportunity employer. For more information on our hiring practices and opportunities please contact our Human Resources Department at [hr@wesleyseminary.edu](mailto:hr@wesleyseminary.edu).

### Inclusive Language Policy

Bearing in mind that language reflects, reinforces, and creates social reality, the

Seminary expects class conversation and written work to employ language that respects the equal dignity and worth of all human beings. In particular, linguistic sexism and racism are to be avoided.

### Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) Statement

We are in compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 as amended. Further information is available in the Registrar's Office and online at

<https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/faculty/consumer-education/>.



## Other Policies

Wesley's Student Handbook 2017-18 contains all student policies and detailed information on procedures students are expected to follow while matriculated at the Seminary. This includes procedures the whistleblower policy, sexual and other harassment policies, service animal policy, the information technology policy, and the institutional covenants of professional ethics and discipline. These policies are also available in the appendix to this catalog.

The Student Handbook may be accessed at <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Student-Handbook-2016-2017.pdf> or by contacting the Office of Community Life.

## Suggested Degree Plan Templates

Beginning on the next page, students will find hypothetical programs of study for the M.Div. and M.T.S. degrees at Wesley Theological Seminary. These may be used as a guideline while completing the degree plan worksheet in consultation with the faculty advisor or determining one's likely course load during their time at the Seminary. M.A. students should consult with their faculty advisor.



**2017-18 Suggested Three Year Full-Time Plan  
Master of Divinity Degree Program (81 Credits)**

**YEAR ONE**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>13 credits</b>
BI-101	Introduction to Hebrew Bible I (3 credits)
BI-171	Introduction to the New Testament: Gospels (3 credits)
CH-101	The Church in History: Early Church to Reformation (3 credits)
MM-101	Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry I (2 credits)
PW-101	Foundations of Christian Worship (2 credits)
<b>Spring</b>	<b>14 credits</b>
BI-102	Introduction to Hebrew Bible II (3 credits)
BI-172	Introduction to the New Testament: Epistles (3 credits)
CH-102	The Church in History: Reformation to Present (3 credits)
MM-102	Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry II (1 credit)
PW-125	Foundations of Preaching (2 credits)
Elective	Elective (2 credits)

**Students must complete 27 credits in Year 1  
to begin their PM&M placement in Year 2**

**YEAR TWO**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>13-14 credits</b>
ST-305	Systematic Theology I (3 credits)
MM-311	PMM: Colloquy 1/1 (1 credit)
CO-###	Consortium requirement (2-3 credits) (Can be used toward distribution requirements)
PC-101 or PC-111	Pastoral Care and Counseling requirement (3 credits)
Elective	Elective (2 credits)
Elective	Elective (2 credits)
<b>Spring</b>	<b>14-15 credits</b>
ST-306	Systematic Theology II (3 credits)
CM-1## or -3##	Practices of Leadership in Ministry (2 credits) <i>Note: 4 credit total. Must be fulfilled by taking a combination of 100- and 300-level CM courses.</i>
MM-312	PMM: Colloquy 1/2 (1 credit)
MM-350	Intercultural Immersion (2 credits)
PW-3##	Preaching & Worship Distribution Requirement (2-3 credits)
Elective	Elective (2 credits)
Elective	Elective (2 credits)

**YEAR THREE**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>13 credits</b>
ES-3##	Christian Ethics (3 credits)
MM-313	PMM: Colloquy 2/1 (1 credit)
PW-3##	Preaching & Worship Distribution Requirement (2 credits)
CM-1## or -3##	Practices of Leadership in Ministry requirement (2 credits) <i>Note: Must be fulfilled by taking a combination of 100- and 300-level CM courses.</i>
Elective	Elective (3 credits)
Elective	Elective (2 credits)
<b>Spring</b>	<b>14-15 credits</b>
WR-###	The Church in an Interreligious World (2-3 credits)
RA-1##	Religion and the Arts requirement (2 credits)
MM-314	PMM: Colloquy 2/2 (1 credit)
Elective	Elective (3 credits)
Elective	Elective (3 credits)
Elective	Elective (3 credits)

Credit amounts may vary by semester

22-25 credits hours of electives, to be spread out over three years.

Note: Deviation from this suggested template may result in additional years to complete graduation requirements.





**2017-18 Suggested Four Year Plan Full-Time Plan  
Master of Divinity Degree Program (81 credits)**

**YEAR ONE**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>10 credits</b>
BI-101	Introduction to Hebrew Bible I (3 credits)
BI-171	Introduction to New Testament: Gospels (3 credits)
MM-101	Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry I (2 credits)
Elective	Elective (2 credits)
<b>Spring</b>	<b>9 credits</b>
BI-102	Introduction to Hebrew Bible II (3 credits)
BI-172	Introduction to the New Testament: Epistles (3 credits)
MM-102	Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry (1 credit)
PW-101	Introduction to Corporate Worship (2 credits)

**YEAR TWO**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>10 credits</b>
CH-101	The Church in History: Early Church to Reformation (3 credits)
PC-101/PC-111	Pastoral Care and Counseling requirement (3 credits)
PW-125	Foundations of Preaching (2)
Elective	Elective (2 credits)
<b>Spring</b>	<b>11-12 credits</b>
CH-102	The Church in History: Reformation to Present (3 credits)
PW-3##	Preaching & Worship Distribution Requirement (2-3 credits)
CM-1## or -3##	Practices of Leadership requirement (2 credits)
	<i>Note: 4 credit total. Must be fulfilled by taking a combination of 100- and 300-level CM courses.</i>
Elective	Elective (2 credits)
Elective	Elective (2 credits)

**Student must complete 27 credits to begin their PM&M placement.**

**YEAR THREE**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>11-12 credits</b>
ST-305	Systematic Theology I (3 credits)
MM-311	PMM: Colloquy 1/1 (1 credits)
CO-###	Consortium requirement (2-3 credits)
Elective	Elective (2 credits)
Elective	Elective (3 credits)
<b>Spring</b>	<b>10-11 credits</b>
ST-306	Systematic Theology II (3 credits)
PW-3##	Preaching/Worship Distribution (2-3 credits)
MM-312	PMM: Colloquy 1/2 (1)
RA-1##	Religion and the Arts requirement (2)
Elective	Elective (2 credits)

**YEAR FOUR**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>10 credits</b>
MM-350	Intercultural Immersion (2 credits)
ES-3##	Christian Ethics requirement (3 credits)
MM-313	PMM: Colloquy 2/1 (1 credits)
Elective	Elective (2 credits)
Elective	Elective (2 credits)
<b>Spring</b>	<b>10-11 credits</b>
CM-###	Practices of Leadership requirement (2 credits)
	<i>Note: Must be fulfilled by taking a combination of 100- and 300-level CM courses.</i>
MM-314	PMM: Colloquy 2/2 (1 credit)
WR-###	The Church in an Interreligious World requirement (2-3 credits)
Elective	Elective (2 credits)
Elective	Elective (3 credits)

Credit amounts may vary by semester. 21-25 credits hours of electives, to be spread out over the four years.

Note: Deviation from this suggested template may result in additional years to complete graduation requirements.



**Wesley Theological Seminary**  
***Suggested Five Year Part-time Plan (Evening, Saturday and Summer)***  
***for the Master of Divinity Degree Program***

**YEAR ONE**

<b>Fall</b>	
BI-101	Introduction to Hebrew Bible I (3)- <b>evening</b>
BI-171	Introduction to the New Testament: Gospels (3)- <b>online</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
BI-102	Introduction to Hebrew Bible 2 (3)- <b>evening</b>
BI-172	Introduction to the New Testament: Epistles (3)- <b>online</b>
<b>Summer</b>	
RA-1##	Religion and the Arts requirement (2)- <b>evening or Saturday</b>

**YEAR TWO**

<b>Fall</b>	
CH-101	The Church in History: Early Church to Reformation (3)- <b>online</b>
MM-101	Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry I (2)- <b>evening</b>
CM-1## or 3##	Practices of Leadership in Ministry (1-2)- <b>online</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
CH-102	The Church in History: Reformation to Present (3)- <b>online</b>
MM-102	Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry II (1)- <b>evening</b>
PW-101	Foundations of Christian Worship (2)- <b>evening</b>
<b>Summer</b>	
CO-###	Consortium Requirement (2-3)
CM-###	Practices of Leadership in Ministry (1-2)- <b>online</b>
<i>NOTE: Total of 4 credits to fulfill requirement. Must be fulfilled by taking a combination of 100- and 300-level CM courses</i>	

**YEAR THREE**

<b>Fall</b>	
PW-125	Foundations of Preaching (2)- <b>online or Saturday hybrid</b>
ST-305	Systematic Theology I (3)- <b>evening</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
ST-306	Systematic Theology II (3)- <b>evening</b>
PC-1##	Pastoral Care and Counseling requirement (3)- <b>Saturday</b>
<b>Summer</b>	
PW-3##	Preaching & Worship Distribution Requirement (2)- <b>evening</b>

\* MM-350 PMM: Intercultural Immersion (2) *to be taken after the first 30 credit hours are completed*

**YEAR FOUR**

<b>Fall</b>	
MM-311	PMM: Colloquy 1/1 (1)- <b>evening</b>
PW-3##	Preaching & Worship Distribution Requirement (2)- <b>Saturday or Saturday hybrid</b>
WR-###	The Church in an Interreligious World requirement (2 or 3)- <b>hybrid or online</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
CM-###	Practices of Leadership in Ministry requirement (1-2)- <b>online</b>
<i>NOTE: Must be fulfilled by taking a combination of 100- and 300-level CM courses.</i>	
MM-312	PMM: Colloquy 1/2 (1)- <b>evening</b>
ES-3##	Christian Ethics requirement (3)- <b>Saturday</b>
<b>Summer</b>	
MM-350	Intercultural Immersion (2)



## YEAR FIVE

**Fall**

MM-313 PMM: Colloquy 2/1 (1)-**evening**

**Spring**

MM-314 PMM: Colloquy 2/2 (1)-**evening**

22-25 credit hours of electives remain, to be spread out over the five years, including Summers and J-Term.

*Note: Courses which fulfill denominational requirements may be offered on evenings, Saturdays, online, or during summer term on occasion. However, there is no guarantee that this will be the case.*

Deviation from this suggested template may result in additional years to complete graduation requirements



**Wesley Theological Seminary**  
**Suggested Three Year Full-time Plan for the Master of Divinity Degree Program**  
**Community Engagement Fellows (CEF) Specializing in Missional Church**

**YEAR ONE**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>15 credits</b>	
BI-101	Introduction to Hebrew Bible I (3 credits)	
BI-171	Introduction to the New Testament: Gospels (3 credits)	
CH-101	The Church in History: Early Church to Reformation (3 credits)	
CM-405	CEF Seminar 1/1 (2 credits)	
MM-101	Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry I (2 credits)	
PW-101	Introduction to Corporate Worship (2 credits)	
<b>Spring</b>	<b>14 credits</b>	
BI-102	Introduction to Hebrew Bible II (3 credits)	
BI-172	Introduction to the New Testament: Epistles (3 credits)	
CH-102	The Church in History: Reformation to Present (3 credits)	
CM-406	CEF Seminar 1/2 (2 credits)	
MM-102	Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry II (1 credit)	
Elective	MCP Elective course (2 credits)	<b>Students must complete 27 credits to begin their PM&amp;M placement.</b>

**YEAR TWO**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>13 credits</b>	
CM-150	Leadership & Practices of the Missional Church (2 credits)	
PC-111	Pastoral Care and Counseling requirement (3 credits)	
PW-125	Foundations of Preaching (2 credits)	
ST-305	Systematic Theology I (3 credits)	
CM-407	CEF Seminar 2/1 (2 credits)	
MM-311	PMM: Colloquy 1/1 (1 credit) <i>PMM Summer Internship is an alternative to full-year colloquy</i>	
<b>Spring</b>	<b>13-14 credits</b>	
ST-306	Systematic Theology II (3 credits)	
PW-3##	Preaching & Worship Distribution Requirement (2-3 credits)	
CM-408	CEF Seminar 2/2 (2 credits)	
CM-###	Practices of Leadership in Ministry requirement (2 credits) <i>Note: 4 credit total. Must be fulfilled by taking a combination of 100- and 300-level CM courses.</i>	
MM-312	PMM: Colloquy 1/2 (1 credit)	
Elective	Elective course (3 credits)	

**YEAR THREE**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>13-14 credits</b>	
ES-3##	Christian Ethics requirement (3 credits)	
PW-3##	Preaching & Worship Distribution Requirement (2-3 credits)	
MM-313	PMM: Colloquy 2/1 (1 credit)	
MM-350	Intercultural Immersion (2 credits)	
CM-409	CEF Seminar 3/1 (1 credit)	
CO-###	Consortium requirement (2 credits)	
Elective	MCP Elective course (2 credits)	
<b>Spring</b>	<b>13 credits</b>	
CM-###	Practices of Leadership in Ministry requirement (2 credits) <i>NOTE: This requirement is fulfilled by taking a combination of 100- and 300-level CM courses</i>	
WR-###	Church in an Interreligious World requirement (2-3 credits)	
RA-1##	Religion and Arts requirement (2)	
CM-410	CEF Seminar 3/2 (1 credit)	
MM-314	PMM: Colloquy 2/2 (1 credit)	
Elective	Elective course (2 credits)	
Elective	Elective course (3 credits)	

Credit amounts may vary by semester

21-25 credits hours of electives, including 4 credit hours of MCP electives, to be spread out over three years.

Note: Deviation from this suggested template may result in additional years to complete graduation requirements.



**Wesley Theological Seminary**  
**Suggested Three Year Full-time Plan for the Master of Divinity Degree Program**  
**Community Engagement Fellows (CEF) Specializing in Public Theology**

**YEAR ONE**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>15 credits</b>	
BI-101	Introduction to Hebrew Bible I (3 credits)	
BI-171	Introduction to the New Testament: Gospels (3 credits)	
CH-101	The Church in History: Early Church to Reformation (3 credits)	
CM-405	CEF Seminar 1/1 (2 credits)	
MM-101	Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry I (2 credits)	
PW-101	Introduction to Corporate Worship (2 credits)	
<b>Spring</b>	<b>14 credits</b>	
BI-102	Introduction to Hebrew Bible II (3 credits)	
BI-172	Introduction to the New Testament: Epistles (3 credits)	
CH-102	The Church in History: Reformation to Present (3 credits)	
CM-406	CEF Seminar 1/2 (2 credits)	
MM-102	Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry II (1 credit)	<b>Students must complete 27 credits to begin their PM&amp;M placement.</b>
Elective	PTP Elective course (2 credits)	

**YEAR TWO**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>14 credits</b>	
ST-200	Foundations for Public Theology (3 credits)	
PC-111	Pastoral Care and Counseling requirement (3 credits)	
PW-125	Foundations of Preaching (2 credits)	
ST-305	Systematic Theology I (3 credits)	
CM-407	CEF Seminar 2/1 (2 credits)	
MM-311	PMM: Colloquy 1/1 (1 credit) <i>PMM Summer Internship is an alternative to full-year colloquy</i>	
<b>Spring</b>	<b>13-14 credits</b>	
ST-209	Paradigms and Practices of Public Theology (3 credits)	
ST-306	Systematic Theology II (3 credits)	
PW-3##	Preaching & Worship Distribution Requirement (2-3 credits)	
CM-408	CEF Seminar 2/2 (2 credits)	
CM-###	Practices of Leadership in Ministry requirement (2 credits)	<i>Note: 4 credit total. Must be fulfilled by taking a combination of 100- and 300-level CM courses.</i>
MM-312	PMM: Colloquy 1/2 (1 credit)	

**YEAR THREE**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>13-14 credits</b>	
ES-3##	Christian Ethics requirement (3 credits)	
PW-3##	Preaching & Worship Distribution Requirement (2-3 credits)	
MM-313	PMM: Colloquy 2/1 (1 credit)	
MM-350	Intercultural Immersion (2 credits)	
CM-409	CEF Seminar 3/1 (1 credit)	
CO-###	Consortium requirement (2 credits)	
Elective	PTP Elective course (2 credits)	
<b>Spring</b>	<b>13 credits</b>	
CM-###	Practices of Leadership in Ministry requirement (2 credits)	<i>NOTE: This requirement is fulfilled by taking a combination of 100- and 300-level CM courses</i>
WR-###	Church in an Interreligious World requirement (2-3 credits)	
RA-1##	Religion and Arts requirement (2)	
CM-410	CEF Seminar 3/2 (1 credit)	
MM-314	PMM: Colloquy 2/2 (1 credit)	
Elective	Elective course (2 credits)	
Elective	Elective course (3 credits)	

Credit amounts may vary by semester

21-25 credits hours of electives, including 4 credit hours of PTP electives, to be spread out over three years.

Note: Deviation from this suggested template may result in additional years to complete graduation requirements.



**Wesley Theological Seminary**  
**Suggested Three Year Full-time Plan for the Master of Divinity Degree Program**  
**Community Engagement Fellows (CEF) Specializing in Urban Ministry**

**YEAR ONE**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>15 credits</b>	
BI-101	Introduction to Hebrew Bible I (3 credits)	
BI-171	Introduction to the New Testament: Gospels (3 credits)	
CH-101	The Church in History: Early Church to Reformation (3 credits)	
CM-405	CEF Seminar 1/1 (2 credits)	
MM-101	Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry I (2 credits)	
PW-101	Introduction to Corporate Worship (2 credits)	
<b>Spring</b>	<b>14 credits</b>	
BI-102	Introduction to Hebrew Bible II (3 credits)	
BI-172	Introduction to the New Testament: Epistles (3 credits)	
CH-102	The Church in History: Reformation to Present (3 credits)	
CM-406	CEF Seminar 1/2 (2 credits)	
MM-102	Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry II (1 credit)	<b>Students must complete 27 credits to begin their PM&amp;M placement.</b>
CM-230	Foundations of Urban Ministry (2 credits)	

**YEAR TWO**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>13 credits</b>	
PC-111	Pastoral Care and Counseling requirement (3 credits)	
PW-125	Foundations of Preaching (2 credits)	
ST-305	Systematic Theology I (3 credits)	
CM-407	CEF Seminar 2/1 (2 credits)	
MM-311	PMM: Colloquy 1/1 (1 credit) <i>PMM Summer Internship is an alternative to full-year colloquy</i>	
Elective	Elective course (2 credits)	
<b>Spring</b>	<b>13-14 credits</b>	
ST-306	Systematic Theology II (3 credits)	
PW-3##	Preaching & Worship Distribution Requirement (2-3 credits)	
CM-408	CEF Seminar 2/2 (2 credits)	
CM-###	Practices of Leadership in Ministry requirement (2 credits) <i>Note: 4 credit total. Must be fulfilled by taking a combination of 100- and 300-level CM courses.</i>	
MM-312	PMM: Colloquy 1/2 (1 credit)	
Elective	Elective course (3 credits)	

**YEAR THREE**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>13-14 credits</b>	
ES-3##	Christian Ethics requirement (3 credits)	
PW-3##	Preaching & Worship Distribution Requirement (2-3 credits)	
MM-313	PMM: Colloquy 2/1 (1 credit)	
MM-350	Intercultural Immersion (2 credits)	
CM-409	CEF Seminar 3/1 (1 credit)	
CO-###	Consortium requirement (2 credits)	
Elective	UMP Elective course (2 credits)	
<b>Spring</b>	<b>13 credits</b>	
CM-###	Practices of Leadership in Ministry requirement (2 credits) <i>NOTE: This requirement is fulfilled by taking a combination of 100- and 300-level CM courses</i>	
WR-###	Church in an Interreligious World requirement (2-3 credits)	
RA-1##	Religion and Arts requirement (2)	
CM-410	CEF Seminar 3/2 (1 credit)	
MM-314	PMM: Colloquy 2/2 (1 credit)	
Elective	Elective course (2 credits)	
Elective	Elective course (3 credits)	

Credit amounts may vary by semester

21-25 credits hours of electives, including 4 credit hours of UMP electives, to be spread out over three years.

Note: Deviation from this suggested template may result in additional years to complete graduation requirements.



**Wesley Theological Seminary**  
**Recommended Four Year Plan for Master of Divinity Degree**  
**Student Pastor Program**

**YEAR ONE**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Monday - Wednesday offerings</b>	<b>11 hours</b>
BI-101	Introduction to Hebrew Bible 1 (3 cr)	
BI-171	Introduction to New Testament: Gospels (3 cr)	
CM-251	United Methodist Polity (2 cr) <i>Online</i>	
MM-101	Spiritual Formation for Ministry I (2 cr)	
MM-321	PMM: Student Pastor Program Seminar 1/1 (1 cr)	
<b>Spring</b>	<b>Monday - Wednesday offerings</b>	<b>11 hours</b>
BI-102	Introduction to Hebrew Bible 2 (3 cr)	
BI-172	Introduction to the New Testament: Epistles (3 cr)	
MM-102	Spiritual Formation for Ministry II (1 cr)	
MM-322	PMM: Student Pastor Program Seminar 1/2 (1 cr)	
PW-101	Foundations of Christian Worship (2 cr)	
PW-102	Christian Worship for UM Students (1 cr)	

\* MM-350 PMM: Intercultural Immersion (2) *to be taken after the first thirty hours*

**YEAR TWO**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Tuesday - Thursday offerings</b>	<b>10+ hours</b>
CH-101	The Church in History: Early Church to Reformation (3 cr)	
MM-323	PMM: Student Pastor Program Seminar 2/1 (1 cr)	
RA-1##	Religion and Arts requirement (2 cr)	
CM-1XX	Leadership Requirement (1-2 cr) <i>Note: Counts toward the (4) credit Practices in Leadership in Ministry requirement.</i>	
PC-1##	Pastoral Care and Counseling requirement (3 cr)	
XX-XXX	Elective(s)	
<b>Spring</b>	<b>Tuesday - Thursday offerings</b>	<b>10+ hours</b>
CH-102	The Church in History: Reformation to Present (3 cr)	
MM-324	PMM: Student Pastor Program Seminar 2/2 (1 cr)	
CM-XXX	Evangelism (UM Ord requirement) (2-3 credits)	
PW-125	Foundations of Preaching (2 cr)	
CM-136	Leadership and Administration for Small Churches (2 cr)	
<i>Note: Counts toward the (4) credit Practices in Leadership in Ministry requirement. An additional 2 credit 100- or 300-level CM course must also be taken as meets student's schedule and interests.</i>		

**YEAR THREE**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Monday - Wednesday offerings</b>	<b>10+ hours</b>
MM-425	PMM: Student Pastor Program Seminar 3/1 (1 cr) <i>OPTIONAL</i>	
ST-305	Systematic Theology 1 (3 cr)	
PW-XXX	PW Distribution (2 cr)	
WR-###	The Church in an Interreligious World requirement (2-3 cr)	
XX-###	Electives, Consortium course, Intercultural Immersion* (3+cr)	
<b>Spring</b>	<b>Monday - Wednesday offerings</b>	<b>11+ hours</b>
MM-426	PMM: Student Pastor Track Seminar 3/2 (1 cr) <i>OPTIONAL</i>	
ST-306	Systematic Theology 2 (3 cr)	
PW-XXX	PW Distribution (2 cr)	
XX-###	Electives, Consortium course, or Intercultural Immersion* (6+ cr)	

**YEAR FOUR**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Tuesday - Thursday offerings</b>	<b>9 hours</b>
ST-463	United Methodist History (2 cr) <i>May also be completed during summer or online</i>	
ES-3##	Christian Ethics requirement (3 cr)	
XX-###	Electives, Consortium course, or Intercultural Immersion* (5+ cr)	
<b>Spring</b>	<b>Tuesday - Thursday offerings</b>	<b>9 hours</b>
ST-464	United Methodist Doctrine (2 cr) <i>May also be completed during summer or online</i>	
XX-###	Electives or Intercultural Immersion* (7 cr)	
<i>(Hours of final semester will depend on timing of Intercultural Immersion requirement and electives chosen)</i>		

Note: Deviation from this suggested template may result in additional time to complete graduation requirements.



**Wesley Theological Seminary**  
**Suggested Two Year Full-time Plan**  
**for the Master of Theological Studies Degree Program**

**YEAR ONE**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>15 credits</b>
BI-101	Introduction to Hebrew Bible 1 (3 credits)
BI-171	Introduction to the New Testament: Gospels (3 credits)
CH-101	The Church in History: Early Church to Reformation (3 credits)
Elective	Elective course (2 credits)
Elective	Elective course (2 credits)
Elective	Elective course (2 credits)
<b>Spring</b>	<b>15 credits</b>
BI-102	Introduction to Hebrew Bible 2 (3 credits)
BI-172	Introduction to the New Testament: Epistles (3 credits)
CH-102	The Church in History: Reformation to Present (3 credits)
Elective	Elective course (2 credits)
Elective	Elective course (2 credits)
Elective	Elective course (2 credits)

**YEAR TWO**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>15-16 credits</b>
IS-301	M.T.S. Paper (3 credits) <i>Proposal due in October; paper due in April</i>
ST-305	Systematic Theology 1 (3 credits)
XX-###	Religion and Society course(s) (2-3 credits)
Elective	Elective course (3 credits)
Elective	Elective course (2 credits)
Elective	Elective course (2 credit)
<b>Spring</b>	<b>15-16 credits</b>
ST-306	Systematic Theology 2 (3 credits)
XX-###	Religion and Society course(s) (2-3 credits)
Elective	Elective course (2 credits)
Elective	Elective course (2 credits)
Elective	Elective course (2 credits)
Elective	Elective course (2 credits)
Elective	Elective course (2 credits)

Credit amounts may vary by semester

30-32 credit hours of electives, to be distributed over the two years.

Note: Deviation from this suggested template may result in additional years to complete requirements for graduation.





**Wesley Theological Seminary**  
**Suggested Three Year Full-time Plan**  
**for the Master of Theological Studies Degree Program**

**YEAR ONE**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>10 credits</b>
BI-101	Introduction to Hebrew Bible 1 (3 credits)
BI-171	Introduction to the New Testament: Gospels (3 credits)
Elective	Elective course (2 credits)
Elective	Elective course (2 credits)
<b>Spring</b>	<b>10 credits</b>
BI-102	Introduction to Hebrew Bible 2 (3 credits)
BI-172	Introduction to the New Testament: Epistles (3 credits)
Elective	Elective course (2 credits)
Elective	Elective course (2 credits)

**YEAR TWO**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>10-11 credits</b>
CH-101	The Church in History: Early Church to Reformation (3 credits)
XX-###	Religion and Society course (2-3 credits)
Elective	Elective course (3 credits)
Elective	Elective course (2 credits)
<b>Spring</b>	<b>10 credits</b>
CH-102	The Church in History: Reformation to Present (3 credits)
Elective	Elective course (3 credits)
Elective	Elective course (2 credits)
Elective	Elective course (2 credits)

**YEAR THREE**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>10-11 credits</b>
IS-301	M.T.S. Paper (3 credits) <i>Proposal due in October; paper due in April</i>
ST-305	Systematic Theology 1 (3 credits)
XX-###	Religion and Society course (2-3 credits)
<b>Spring</b>	<b>10 credits</b>
ST-306	Systematic Theology 2 (3 credits)
Elective	Elective course (3 credits)
Elective	Elective course (2 credits)
Elective	Elective course (2 credits)

30-32 hours of electives to be spread out over the three years.

Note: Deviation from this suggested template may result in additional years to complete requirements for graduation.



## Board Approved Policies

### NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

May 16, 2014

Wesley Theological Seminary (the “Seminary”) is committed to complying fully with all applicable federal and District of Columbia non-discrimination laws. In accordance with this commitment, the Seminary shall not discriminate against any individual in the provision of educational services (admission, financial aid, etc.), student housing or employment, including but not limited to, by reason of that individual’s actual or perceived race, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, familial status, family responsibilities, genetic information, disability, or political affiliation.

### SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

May 12, 2015

#### ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES, THE USE OF ALCOHOL & SMOKING

In accordance with federal and/or local laws, the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of all illegal drugs, as well as prescription drugs or controlled substances taken for non-medical reasons, is prohibited. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Seminary specifically notes that the possession, use, or distribution of marijuana violates federal law, notwithstanding the partial “decriminalization” of marijuana possession and use under District of Columbia law, and accordingly remains strictly prohibited on campus, including in dormitories.

Consumption of alcohol by individuals under 21 years of age is illegal. Those individuals found to be consuming alcohol underage or hosting an underage individual consuming alcohol will be subject to disciplinary action and possible revocation of housing. Alcohol is not permitted in any common areas (all community space on campus, including community kitchens, lounges, study areas, courtyards or plazas) - neither storage nor consumption. Any alcohol brought to campus must go immediately and directly to a resident’s apartment or dormitory room. Wesley Seminary prohibits the unlawful and/or abusive use, possession and distribution of alcohol on campus.

Smoking is not permitted in any Seminary building. Any resident smoking must stand at least 25 feet from any campus building. There is a designated smoking area in the Rose Garden, the seating area surrounded by hedges in the parking lot near the north end of Straughn Hall and the library.



**COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY**  
**Original Board Approved October 2001**  
**Update Board Approved May 2015**

The mission of Wesley Theological Seminary is to prepare persons for Christian ministry, to foster theological scholarship, and to provide leadership on issues facing the church and the world. Our aim is to nourish a critical understanding of Christian faith, cultivate disciplined spiritual lives, and promote a just and compassionate engagement in the mission of the church to the world.

Wesley is a representative community of persons in the church, accountable, as all Christian communities are, to the intention of God that all may be one. Wesley affirms its identity as a community that intentionally seeks to include persons of both sexes and various national and ethnic backgrounds, ages, and special conditions as Board members, administrators, faculty, staff, and students. Wesley's Commitment to Diversity is to be lived out in our admission of students; hiring of faculty, staff and administration; and selection of members of the Board of Governors (Board); and in our life together as a community.

Wesley Theological Seminary is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, marital status, political belief, national origin, physical and mental disabilities, age, or any other human condition. The Seminary is also an equal opportunity educational environment. No person who meets our admission requirements will be denied admission or be subjected to discrimination in recruitment or educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, or other Seminary administered programs on the basis of age, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or any other category protected by law.<sup>1</sup> We are working toward the realization of a barrier-free environment with adequate facilities and assistance for persons with disabilities.

As reflected in this Commitment to Diversity policy, Wesley seeks to provide an institutional environment where all persons may pursue their studies, careers, duties, and activities in an atmosphere free of threat of unwelcome and unwanted sexual actions. Wesley strongly condemns sexual offenses, and does not tolerate sexual offenses. In compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), 20 U.S.C., &1681 et seq, Wesley has procedures in place intended to prevent sexual harassment and sexual violence and intended to prevent sexual discrimination, and has designated a Title IX Coordinator to provide oversight in investigating issues concerning sexual harassment and sexual assault. Wesley will respond promptly, fairly, and decisively to all reports of sexual assault. Members of the community accused of sexual assault will be subject to the process set forth in Wesley's *disciplinary procedures* when the alleged incident has occurred on-campus or when the incident has occurred off campus and materially affects the learning environment or operations of the seminary.

Wesley Theological Seminary is compliant with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (The Clery Act) as amended in 1998, which requires all

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<sup>1</sup> A "person with a disability" includes "any person who (1) has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more of such person's major life activities; (2) has a record of such an impairment, or (3) is regarded as having such an impairment." *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.*



post-secondary institutions to publish and distribute certain information regarding campus crimes, including reports of campus sexual assault, sexual assault policies, and *security programming* to all current students, employees, and to any applicant who so requests.

## I. INSTITUTIONAL OVERSIGHT OF WESLEY'S COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

To support Wesley's commitment to diversity, a Diversity Committee will be established and will be accountable to Wesley's Board of Governors.

### A. Diversity Committee

#### 1. Composition

The Diversity Committee shall be comprised of the following persons of Wesley Theological Seminary:

- One faculty member appointed by the faculty;
- One staff member appointed by the staff;
- One member appointed by and from the Board;
- One member of the administration appointed by the administration. If this is not the personnel officer, the personnel officer shall serve ex-officio;
- One member of the student body appointed by the Student Council;
- Wesley's Diversity Officer, if that person is not already a member of the Diversity Committee;
- The Diversity Committee shall include at least one person of color, at least one who is not a person of color, at least one man and one woman. If at any time the committee does not meet this requirement, the president shall appoint an additional member or members to remedy the deficiency. The additional member(s) shall serve for one year and may be reappointed by the president if the deficiency continues.

In odd-numbered years, the Board, faculty, and student body representatives shall be selected for a term of two years. In even-numbered years the staff and administration representatives shall be selected for a term of two years. Members may serve no more than 3 consecutive terms. By April 15th of each school year, the members shall choose their own chairperson, from among themselves, for the upcoming school year. If a chairperson is not chosen by September 1 of any year, the president shall appoint a chairperson.

#### 2. Duties

Select a chair who will preside at all meetings and call meetings of the Diversity Committee in consultation with the Diversity Officer;

Nominate a Diversity Officer;

Act as an Advisory Board to and assist the Diversity Officer;

Ensure that the Wesley Community is educated and informed on issues of diversity by encouraging and helping to facilitate awareness activities and opportunities;



Report annually through the Diversity Officer to the appropriate committee of the Board all significant matters related to the Diversity Committee;

If deemed necessary, recommend to the Board changes to this policy statement;

Serve as the formal grievance committee for grievances arising under the Commitment to Diversity;

Develop procedures to implement Wesley's Commitment to Diversity;

Monitor Wesley's recruitment, application, admission, and selection procedures to assure that these procedures support Wesley's Commitment to Diversity; if the Committee has concerns about any of these procedures or their effect on the Wesley community, concerns should be taken up with the person(s) responsible for the area of concern and reported to the president;

Provide general oversight for diversity issues at Wesley;

Action of the Committee shall be in keeping with the objectives of Wesley's Commitment to Diversity.

## B. Diversity Officer

### 1. Qualifications

A Diversity Officer shall be nominated by the Diversity Committee by April 15th of each year and confirmed by the president. The person chosen shall be a person whose role in the community is perceived to exhibit integrity, sensitivity and leadership. The Officer shall be chosen from among the regular staff or from the faculty, but shall not be a person who is a member of the Administrative Council or the Board. The term of office shall be one year. A person may serve no more than three consecutive years.

### 2. Duties

The Diversity Officer shall:

- Coordinate the activities of the Diversity Committee;
- Manage the logistics for all meetings of the Diversity Committee in consultation with the chair and be responsible for disseminating information to the Diversity Committee members;
- Receive diversity grievances and pursue appropriate action;
- On behalf of the Diversity Committee, report annually to the appropriate committee of the Board all significant matters related to the Diversity Committee. Because the president of Wesley is responsible finally to the Board of Governors for the administration of the policies of the Board, the Diversity Officer shall be accountable to the president for the prudent administration of the office.

## C. Responsibilities and Involvement of the Administration

1. Notify the Diversity Committee of upcoming administration, faculty and staff retirements and vacancies.

2. Disseminate this policy statement to all board members, administrators, faculty, staff, and students. Include this policy statement in all policy manuals (faculty, staff and student);

3. Support activities that educate the Wesley community about diversity Issues;



4. Foster a harassment-free work place and educational environment (see Appendix);
5. Advise all employees and students of Wesley's commitment to a campus free of harassment of any sort, including racial or sexual harassment or harassment based on age, ethnicity, sexual orientation or disability.

D. Recruitment, Selection and Advancement Procedures Wesley's recruitment efforts for all administration, faculty and staff positions and student candidates are intended to ensure that educational and employment opportunities are known to a diversified pool of potential applicants. The recruitment and selection procedures for Board, administration, faculty, and staff openings shall be in accordance with Wesley's Commitment to Diversity. Promotion procedures shall reflect the spirit and intent of Wesley's Commitment to Diversity. The Diversity Officer shall be kept informed throughout the entire recruitment process for hiring administrative personnel, staff and faculty. (S)he shall have the opportunity, prior to the actual hiring, to review the process and comment regarding the adequacy of the process.

#### E. Evaluation

This policy statement will be kept under continuing review by the Diversity Officer. To assess the effectiveness of Wesley's Commitment to Diversity, the Diversity Officer should ensure that

1. Evidence of a failure of a supervisory or management official or admissions officer to adhere to Wesley's Commitment to Diversity is reviewed by the Diversity Committee, and if deemed necessary reported to the appropriate Seminary officer, the president, or the appropriate committee of the Board;
2. The Diversity Committee assesses the adequacy of this policy statement in supporting diversity at Wesley and if deemed necessary recommends revisions to this policy statement to the Board.

## II. PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING AND INVESTIGATING GRIEVANCES

Where Wesley administrators, faculty, staff, students or applicants for employment or admission believe themselves to have been injured by Wesley's failure to abide by its Commitment to Diversity, including its policy against workplace or learning environment harassment, the following grievance procedures will be followed.

### I. Definitions

1A. An informal grievance is a confidential verbal or written assertion or inquiry made to the Diversity Officer about a perceived violation of Wesley's Commitment to Diversity, with the purpose of achieving an informal resolution of the matter.

1B. A formal grievance is a written assertion made to the Diversity Officer that Wesley's Commitment to Diversity has been violated. It shall contain a descriptive narrative, which specifically outlines the nature of the alleged violation, the person(s) responsible for the alleged violation, when it took place, and who was involved.



1C. A grievant is the person who files an informal or formal grievance on behalf of him/herself or others with permission.

1D. A respondent is the person, or persons, against whom an informal or formal grievance has been filed.

1E. A resolution is effected when the grievant and the respondent are satisfied with the result of the grievance procedure.

1F. A determination is the Seminary's final decision on a formal grievance. NOTE 1: These procedures anticipate that in most if not all instances, the person who feels him/herself aggrieved would have sought resolution by talking directly with the person(s) whose conduct is at issue.

#### NOTE

2: Students who wish to avail themselves of these procedures regarding an alleged act of discrimination or harassment must first have sought resolution through the Office of the Dean.  
2. Informal Grievance Stage 2A. An informal grievance must be communicated to the Diversity Officer within 180 days of the alleged violation, or within 60 days of the effective date of a personnel action.

NOTE: There may be circumstances related to the specific nature of the complaint which may suggest that the Diversity Officer may not be the appropriate person for consultation and investigation of the complaint. In such instances, the Diversity Committee may designate a member of the Diversity Committee to act for the Officer. The Diversity Committee designee will follow the procedures as spelled out for the Officer in this section. The person bringing a complaint and wanting to use this provision must within the time frames cited above make such a request to any member of the Diversity Committee. The request may be verbal or in writing.

2B. The initial consultation will be for the purpose of ascertaining the nature of the complaint. The Officer shall conduct an initial interview with the person or persons making the allegation for the purpose of obtaining as many details regarding the circumstances being complained about as is possible.

2C. The Officer shall pursue the matter as indicated by the information provided which may include discussions with the respondent and/or other persons pertinent to effecting an informal resolution of the matter. The Officer shall ensure in this process that all information developed shall be kept confidential while an informal resolution is being pursued. 2D. If the matter is not resolved within 21 days of the initial interview (or as extended by mutual agreement of the parties involved), the Officer must notify the person initiating the inquiry of the inability to resolve the matter, and his/her right to file a formal grievance.

2E. The Officer shall report the outcome of all informal grievances to the Diversity Committee. If resolution is achieved, confidentiality will be maintained in the Officer's report regarding the names of the parties involved.

### 3. Formal Grievance Procedure



3A. All formal grievances must first have been subject to the informal grievance procedure.

3B. When resolution at the informal grievance stage is not effected, the grievant may exercise a right to file a formal complaint by writing a letter or statement of grievance to the Diversity Officer. The time limit for filing a formal grievance is within 30 days of notification that resolution at the informal level has not been successful. The Diversity Officer shall acknowledge in writing the receipt of the grievance.

NOTE: The provision for a Designee to be named by the Diversity Committee as provided in 2A of the Informal Grievance Procedure may also be utilized in this procedure.

3C. The Officer will put the substance of the complaint in writing and send copies to the grievant, to the respondent, and to the Seminary Officer over the department of the respondent. For students, the notification shall be to the Associate Dean for Community Life. In addition, the notification that a formal grievance has been filed will be placed in the personnel file(s) of the person(s) involved.

3D. In the initial face to face contact with the respondent, the Officer will outline the substance of the allegations and offer an opportunity to informally meet with both parties to discuss the allegations and attempt resolution.

3E. If resolution is not possible, an investigation shall be conducted. The Officer will notify each party of the investigative process. The investigation may include interviews with relevant administrators, faculty, staff, students, or others. The investigation may include gathering evidence and affidavits. Each party will be given ample opportunity to fully document their positions prior to the conclusion of the investigation. Once the investigation is completed, both parties are provided copies of the investigative file. After both parties have had an opportunity to review the file, they will be invited to an informal meeting with the Officer where resolution again will be attempted. If resolution is reached and both parties agree, no further action will be contemplated and the matter will be considered closed. If resolution is not reached, the Officer shall file an investigative report with the Diversity Committee.

3F. The Diversity Committee shall review the investigative report and propose findings, conclusions and recommendations for the grievances which, if accepted by the grievant, the respondent and the Seminary's representative, shall constitute a determination of the matter.

3G. If there is no such determination by agreement, then the proposed findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Diversity Committee shall be presented to the president and the Personnel and Academic Affairs Committee of the Board for review and a final determination of the matter.

NOTE: If the determination at steps 3F or 3G involve a finding of discrimination, harassment, or other violation of Wesley's Commitment to Diversity, the recommendations must include a provision that the Seminary take immediate action to: (1) stop or prevent further violation, discrimination, or harassment; (2) prevent retaliation; and (3) initiate appropriate remedial measures.





3H. No member of the work force shall file litigation against Wesley concerning any grievance raised within the purview of Wesley's Commitment to Diversity, unless and until all of the administrative remedies set forth herein are carried out and a final decision has been made on the grievance. This paragraph shall not in any way be construed to constitute an infringement upon any rights persons may have under applicable federal, state and/or local statutes.

NOTE: The original "Appendix" referred to in this document, "Harassment in the Workplace or Learning Environment," was subsequently replaced by the "Sexual Harassment Policy" approved by the Board of Governors on October 17, 2003.

**Board Approved 10/17/2003**  
**Sexual Harassment POLICY**

**I. PROHIBITION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

Wesley Theological Seminary, a graduate theological school of the United Methodist Church, has adopted a statement of mission, which gives expression to the Seminary's understanding of its purpose, its commitments and its approach to embodying those commitments. The current Mission Statement reads in part: "Since the whole church is called to be in ministry that engages the gifts and talents of lay and clergy alike, our degree programs are tailored to fit varying vocational goals. All reflect an emphasis on preparing those called to leadership in the church. The range of educational programs at Wesley displays our understanding that all ministers - elder and deacon, lay and ordained, professional and nonprofessional - are all called to proclaim the reconciling and liberating gospel of Jesus Christ to a broken world. Beyond our degree programs, the Seminary's work of preparing persons for ministry is carried out in programs of continuing education for pastors, in lay certification programs, and through educational programs offered to the community at large. Wesley's commitment is to equip the whole people of God for the work of ministry."

In support of this mission, Wesley Theological Seminary is committed to creating and maintaining a community in which administrators, faculty, staff and students can work, study and live together in an atmosphere free of all forms of discrimination, harassment, exploitation, or intimidation. Specifically, all persons associated with the Seminary should be aware that the Seminary condemns harassment of any kind including sexual harassment or harassment predicated on race, ethnicity, disability, age, gender, or sexual orientation. Such behavior is an affront to God and to human dignity, is prohibited both by law and by existing Seminary policies, and cannot be permitted within the community. It is the intention and responsibility of the Seminary to take whatever action may be needed to prevent and correct behavior which is contrary to this policy and to work positively to ensure an environment and a process which upholds the requirements of basic human justice.

As set forth in this policy, sexual harassment is prohibited by the Seminary. Grievance procedures are available for any individual who believes that he or she has been subject to sexual harassment. The Seminary will investigate fully any such grievance, and will take prompt corrective action if a determination is made that sexual harassment has occurred.



## Sexual Harassment Is Illegal

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and the federal regulations adopted under that Act, prohibit sexual harassment in the employment setting.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, including sexual harassment, in any educational programs and activities of educational institutions that receive federal funding. Students and employees are covered by Title IX. Sexual harassment is also prohibited by the District of Columbia Human Rights Act.

### What Constitutes Sexual Harassment?

Sexual harassment includes unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, when (1) submission to such conduct is made, either explicitly or implicitly, a term or condition of an individual's employment or academic standing; (2) submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as a basis for employment decisions or for academic evaluation, grades, or advancement, or (3) such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or academic performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work or academic environment. Conduct that occurs in the process of selection for employment or for admission to an academic program is covered by this policy, as well as conduct directed toward Seminary students, faculty or staff members. Sexual harassment includes any unwanted sexual attention such as:

- Visual conduct such as staring, leering, or making sexual gestures;
- Verbal conduct such as sex-oriented teasing or joking, making sexually demeaning comments, using sexual epithets, slurs, or nicknames, whistling or catcalls, and repeated and unwelcome comments about another's appearance or clothing;
- Discussion of one's own sexual problems or experiences, or questions about another's sexual experiences;
- Repeated unwanted asking for dates;
- Inappropriate touching, such as caresses, attempts to kiss or fondle, and any other physical conduct offensive to another;
- Pressure for sex; and
- Display or transmission (electronic or otherwise) of obscene or sexually oriented objects, photographs, or messages.
- Sexual harassment does not refer to occasional compliments of a socially acceptable nature or consensual personal and social relationships without employment or academic effect. It refers to behavior which is not welcome and which is personally intimidating, hostile or offensive.

## II. POLICY REGARDING CONSENSUAL "ROMANTIC" RELATIONSHIPS

Wesley Theological Seminary does not prohibit consensual romantic relationships, except in the circumstances outlined below. However, such relationships can present a number of difficulties which should be carefully considered. For example, it is not always possible to tell when a relationship is truly welcome, and all



members of the Wesley community must be aware of the possibility that a relationship they thought was consensual was not. Further, it may prove uncomfortable if a relationship ends and both parties are still members of the community.

While the development of romantic relationships between genuinely consenting adults can obviously be a positive event in appropriate circumstances, faculty and administrators, as individuals in authority, must recognize that the imbalance of power between themselves and students renders mutuality of consent in relationships with students problematic and raises potential conflicts of interest. Further, when the authority and power inherent in administrative and faculty relationships to students is abused, whether overtly, implicitly, or through misinterpretation, there is potentially great damage to individual students, to the persons complained of, and to the educational climate of the institution. For these reasons, Wesley Theological Seminary prohibits romantic or amorous relationships between faculty and students, and between administrators and students. For the same reasons, Wesley Theological Seminary also prohibits romantic or amorous relationships between students and learning partners, and between students and parishioners in the Practice in Ministry and Mission sites. Likewise, the Seminary prohibits romantic or amorous relationships between supervisors and those whom they supervise.

### III. PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING AND INVESTIGATING COMPLAINTS BROUGHT UNDER THIS POLICY

The Seminary has established procedures for submitting and investigating grievances by any member of the Wesley community who believes himself or herself to have been injured by a violation of the Seminary's Commitment to Diversity, including its policy against workplace or learning environment harassment. The procedures for submitting and investigating grievances are set forth in the Faculty, Staff, Student, and Administrative Policy Manuals. If you believe that you are the subject of sexual harassment, please do not assume that the Seminary faculty or administration is aware of what is happening. If harassment continues after you have asked someone to stop or if you feel uncomfortable talking to that person directly, you should follow the grievance procedures established by the Seminary. Complaints of harassment will be investigated promptly. Investigations will be conducted with discretion, and confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible, consistent with the needs of the investigation. If prohibited or unlawful harassment is found to have occurred, prompt corrective action will be taken.

No one will be retaliated against for making a sexual harassment complaint in good faith even if no determination is made that harassment has occurred. However, anyone who knowingly makes a false claim or knowingly provides false information in the course of an investigation will be subject to disciplinary action. Anyone who retaliates against someone for making a harassment complaint or providing information during a harassment investigation will also be subject to disciplinary action.

### IV. POLICY DISSEMINATION/EDUCATION

Educational programs need to be developed and carried out to prevent or reduce the incidents of sexual harassment. Appropriate support for the victims and offenders should be provided by the



Seminary. This policy shall be printed in all Seminary policy manuals (Faculty, Staff, Administrative and Student); publicized initially in the community with articles and policy announcements; reviewed annually with all supervisory personnel and all persons in leadership positions; reviewed specifically with all persons entering the Seminary as new employees, both faculty and staff; specifically referenced in new student and Practice of Ministry and Mission orientations; and explained thoroughly in all counseling situations in which the provisions of the policy have been invoked. The Office of the President shall be responsible for the implementation and dissemination of this policy.

### **Disabilities Policy & Procedures**

Approved by the Board of Governors on 5/14/2010

Wesley Theological Seminary is committed to providing equal access to Seminary educational programs for all qualified students with learning, physical, medical, or psychological disabilities. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the D.C. Human Rights Act prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities. Specifically, these laws require the Seminary to provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with a disability to ensure their equal access and participation in Seminary programs.

Once admitted to Wesley, students needing accommodations are encouraged to communicate with the Associate Dean for Community Life. Students should submit to the Office of Community Life relevant, current documentation from a qualified professional, which will be evaluated by a consultant with a degree in special education.

All documentation should include the following information:

- The presenting problem and relevant history,
- test scores and discussion of results, if relevant,
- a diagnosis with rationale,
- a description of the disability, including duration and severity,
- substantial medication side effects, if any,
- information on substantial disability-based limitations and how they relate to the educational environment, and
- suggested educational accommodations with rationale for recommendations.

The Associate Dean reserves the right to request additional documentation, if needed. All costs for testing are the responsibility of the student. Students should check with their health insurance companies to see what testing costs, if any, are covered.

Students must return testing documentation as early as possible, preferably by June 30 for fall admission, and by November 30 for January admission. Later submission of documentation may result in a delay of accommodation implementation.

Based on the consultant's evaluation, the Associate Dean will recommend accommodations in a letter to the student.



After attending at least one of each of his or her classes, the student must fill out a notification form, listing the professors she or he wishes to notify about the student's learning disability; the academic advisor should also be included. This form is available from the Associate Dean's Office and must be filled out every semester. Once the student has authorized such a release, the Associate Dean notifies faculty identified by the student of the student's need for accommodations.

Information and records about student disabilities are treated as confidential information under applicable federal and state laws, as well as Seminary policies, and are only provided to individuals on a need-to-know basis when authorized by the student.

A faculty member's first notification of a student's need for accommodation normally comes in the form of a letter from the Associate Dean's Office verifying that the student has appropriate documentation of a disability and that accommodations may be necessary. Occasionally, a student will come directly to a faculty member and request accommodations. If a student requests accommodations directly from a faculty member and no letter of verification has been sent by the Associate Dean, it is the faculty member's responsibility both to inform the student that services are available and to refer the student to the appropriate office to begin the process of verification of a disability and the subsequent notification of faculty. Accommodations should not be provided without a letter from the Associate Dean. Faculty is encouraged to consult with the Associate Dean if there are questions regarding accommodation issues.

Except in cases of minor accommodations, such as sitting in the front of the classroom, faculty should not provide accommodations without verification from the Associate Dean. To provide accommodations without verification, or to refuse to provide accommodations recommended by the Associate Dean's Office, exposes a faculty member and the Seminary to legal liabilities.

Students should meet with their professors early in the semester to discuss possible accommodations once the Associate Dean's Office has verified the student's disability. Students should schedule an appointment with the Associate Dean after 30 hours of course work to discuss the student's progress and accommodations.

## **WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY SERVICE AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMAL POLICY**

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Wesley Theological Seminary ("Wesley") is committed to complying with federal and District of Columbia laws mandating reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities who require the assistance of a service animal or an emotional support animal. In general, a "disability" is a physical or mental condition or impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. Subject to the terms of this policy, qualifying persons with disabilities may be accompanied by service animals in all parts of the campus that are otherwise open to such persons, and qualifying persons with disabilities who reside in Wesley's residence halls may keep an appropriate emotional support animal in their individual room or apartment. Specific



responsibilities apply to persons who bring a service animal or emotional support animal onto the Wesley campus. Likewise, all members of the Wesley community have their own responsibilities with respect to such persons and their animals.

## Definitions

There are important differences between a “service animal” and an “emotional support animal.”

A **service animal** is a dog (or in rare instances, a miniature horse) that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability. For a dog to qualify as a service animal, the work or tasks performed by the dog must be directly related to the individual’s disability. Examples of such work or tasks include, but are not limited to, assisting individuals who are blind or have low vision with navigation and other tasks; alerting individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to the presence of people or sounds; pulling a wheelchair; fetching dropped items; assisting an individual during a seizure; providing physical support and assistance with balance and stability to individuals with mobility disabilities; and helping persons with psychiatric and neurological disabilities by preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors. The crime-deterrent effects of an animal's presence, or the provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship, do not constitute work or tasks for the purposes of this definition.

An **emotional support animal**, sometimes referred to as a therapy, comfort or assistance animal, is an animal that provides therapeutic benefits to a person with a psychiatric or mental disability. Typically, an emotional support animal is prescribed for an individual with a disability by a medical or mental health professional as an integral part of the person’s treatment. An emotional support animal is often a dog, but other types of animals may also qualify. Unlike a service dog, an emotional support animal need not be individually trained. As explained further below, an emotional support animal (unless it also acts as a trained service dog) is only allowed within a person’s residence on the Wesley campus.

## Permitted Service Animals

In compliance with applicable law, Wesley generally allows service dogs in buildings, classrooms, dining areas, recreational facilities, residence halls, meetings, activities and events when the animal is accompanied by an individual with a disability who indicates the service dog is trained to provide, and does provide, a specific service to them that is directly related to their disability. Generally, Wesley personnel may not make inquiries about a service dog when it is readily apparent that the dog is trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability (for example, the dog is observed guiding a person who is blind or has low vision). Where the need for a service dog is not readily apparent, Wesley personnel may inquire (a) whether the animal is required because of a disability, and (b) what work or task the animal has been trained to perform. Wesley personnel are not to inquire about the nature or extent of the person’s disability, and may not require documentation from the person, such as proof that the dog has been trained or licensed as a service animal.

Although not legally obligated to do so, students and others who expect to regularly bring or keep a service dog on the Wesley campus are encouraged to advise the Associate Dean for



Community Life of their use of a service dog, in order to ensure that appropriate accommodations are provided and misunderstandings are avoided. All persons bringing service dogs onto the Wesley campus are also encouraged, but not required, to have their dog wear a vest or other symbol identifying it as a service animal.

### **Permitted Emotional Support Animals**

Wesley permits emotional support animals to live with disabled persons who reside in Wesley's residence halls where (a) the animal's presence is necessary for the disabled resident to have an equal opportunity to use and enjoy his or her residence as compared to a person without disabilities, and (b) the animal's presence will not pose a substantial and direct threat to personal or public health or safety, impose an unreasonable financial or administrative burden on the Seminary, or constitute a fundamental alteration of the nature of the services and programs provided by Wesley.

Emotional support animals may not be brought into Wesley residence halls without the express, advance written approval of the Associate Dean for Community Life. An individual wishing to have an emotional support animal must make a request to the Associate Dean and provide appropriate supporting documentation.<sup>1</sup> Requests to have an emotional support animal in a residence hall should be submitted at least 30 days in advance of the proposed date for bringing the animal on campus.

### **Responsibilities of Handlers of Service and Emotional Support Animals**

A person using a service or emotional support animal (its "handler") is solely responsible for the care and control of their animal. It is the responsibility of an animal's handler to ensure that the animal behaves appropriately. To the extent possible, the service or emotional support animal should be unobtrusive to other individuals and to the learning, living and working environment. The animal's owner and handler are responsible for any damage to persons or property caused by the animal.

A service dog should be on a leash at all times, except when providing a needed service to the disabled person or if the condition or needs of the handler preclude the use of a leash. An emotional support animal is to remain in the handler's individual room or apartment at all times, except when being transported from the residence hall in order to toilet, exercise or go off campus. When outside the handler's room or apartment, the animal must be under the control of the resident, such as on a leash or in a carrier.

A service or emotional support animal may toilet or exercise on the Wesley campus only in areas designated for the purpose by the Associate Dean. Cleaning up after the animal is the responsibility of the handler. In the event that the handler is not physically able to do so, he or she is responsible for hiring someone to perform this task. The handler or other person responsible for cleaning up after the animal should carry the necessary equipment to perform this task in a hygienic manner, and dispose of the animal's waste in appropriate containers. These steps must be followed whether the animal toilets on the Wesley campus or in the surrounding neighborhood.



A service or emotional support animal living in a residence hall is expected to be well-behaved and not to disturb other residents of the residence hall. In the event that the animal's presence results in significant and repeated disturbance to other residents, the matter should be brought to the attention of the Associate Dean so that the matter can be attempted to be resolved.

### **Responsibilities of Other Persons Regarding Service and Emotional Support Animals**

All members of the Wesley community are responsible for understanding and respecting the right of a disabled person to bring and use a service dog on the Wesley campus, or to have an emotional support animal in a Wesley residence hall, in conformance with this Policy. Service and emotional support animals are working animals, not pets, and are to be treated accordingly. Persons who come into contact with a service or emotional support animal and its handler must (a) allow a service dog to accompany its handler at all times and in all places on campus, except where such animals are specifically prohibited for health or safety reasons; (b) allow the emotional support animal to accompany its handler at appropriate times and places on campus; (c) not attempt to separate a handler from his or her animal; (d) not touch, pet or feed a service or emotional support animal, unless invited to do so; (e) not deliberately startle a service or emotional support animal; and (f) not question the handler about his or her disabilities, which are a private matter.

### **Removal of Service and Emotional Support Animals**

A handler may be directed to remove a service or emotional support animal that is not housebroken. Wesley may also direct the removal of a service or emotional support animal that Wesley concludes poses a substantial and direct threat to the health and/or safety of individuals. This may occur, for example, if the animal acts aggressively, appears very ill, exhibits a substantial lack of cleanliness, or if the nature of the particular area or event in question (medical, food preparation, heavy machinery, etc.) makes the animal's presence hazardous. A service or emotional support animal may be ordered removed from a particular situation or from the campus by a Wesley official in the event that the animal is out of control, and the handler does not take effective action to control it. Likewise, if an emotional support animal's presence or actions results in significant and repeated disturbance to other residents of a residence hall, and the matter cannot be adequately resolved, the handler will be required to remove the animal from campus.

If a service animal is properly removed pursuant to this policy, Wesley will work with the disabled person to determine a reasonable alternative means by which he or she can participate in the program or activity without having the service dog present.

### **Conflicting Disabilities**

Some people may have allergic or other adverse reactions to animals that are substantial enough to qualify as disabilities. In the event that such a circumstance arises and creates a conflict with a person using a service dog or emotional support dog, the affected individual(s) should contact the Associate Dean, so that the Seminary can seek to resolve the matter appropriately.







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