Possible Curricular Design: M.A. seeking UMC Deacon’s Orders

**Degree**: Master of Arts

**Purpose**: To provide a general theological degree, including the Basic Graduate Theological Studies courses as set forth in the United Methodist Disciple for Deacon’s Orders

**Requirements:**  Successful completion of the BGTS required courses within the 36 credit hours of the degree program and the completion of the IS-100 MA Integrative Seminar.

**Basic Graduate Theological Studies, as dictated by the UMC**:

**Courses without pre-requisites (22-23 credits):**

* BI 101 - Introduction to Hebrew Bible I (Fall course, 3 credits)
* BI 102 - Introduction to Hebrew Bible II (Spring course, 3 credits)
* BI 171 - Introduction to New Testament: Gospels (Fall course, 3 credits)
* BI 172 - Introduction to New Testament: Epistles (Spring course, 3 credits)
* CH 101 - The Church in History: Early Church through Reformation (Fall course, 3 credits)
* CH 102 - The Church in History: Reformation to Present (Spring course, 3 credits)
* PW 101 – Foundations in Worship (2 credits)
* Evangelism Course (CM-270, CM-271, CM-222, or CM-273) (2-3 credits)
* CM-205 Mission of the Church in the World (2 credits) or

MM-350 Intercultural Immersion

* CM-251 United Methodist Polity (Usually offered Fall and Summer, Online, 2 credits)
* CF-295 History & Ministry of the Deacon (2 credits)

**Courses with pre-requisites (8 credits):**

* ST 305 - Systematic Theology I (Fall course, 3 credits)
* ST 306 - Systematic Theology II (Spring course, 3 credits)
* ST 463 - United Methodist History (Usually in Fall and Summer, 2 credits)
* ST 464 – United Methodist Doctrine (Usually in Spring and Summer, 2 credits)

**Required for all MA students:**

**To be taken in final semester:**

* IS-100 MA Integrative Seminar (1 credit)