**Master of Arts in Christian Ministry**

The purpose of the Master of Arts in Christian Ministry (MACM) is to provide theologically informed and competent lay and ordained leaders in specialized ministry for the local church and the church at large. This program may also provide the academic requirements for ordination as Deacon in The United Methodist Church. A baccalaureate degree is required for admission.

**Curricular Components**

The MACM degree program requires the completion of 54 credit hours and is equivalent to two years of full- time study. Full-time enrollment is 9-15 credit hours per semester. Half-time enrollment is six to eight credit hours per semester. Enrollment overload (over 15 credit hours per semester, over three credit hours in winter, or over six credit hours in summer) is discouraged and requires the permission of the student’s advisor and the Dean of Academic Programs or VPAAD. All requirements must be completed within six years.

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| **Requirement** | **Credit hours required** | **How Is The Requirement Fulfilled?** |
| Introduction to Ministry | 3 | MIN 301 |
| Preparing for Local Ministry (0.5 ea) | 1 | CTX 301 and CTX 302 |
| Spiritual Formation Retreat | 0.5 | SFR 30\* |
| Introduction to the Hebrew Bible | 3 | HBS 301 |
| Introduction to the New Testament | 3 | NTS 301 |
| Hebrew Bible or NTS 4\*\* New Testament | 3 | HBS 4\*\* or NTS 4\*\* |
| Traditions I | 3 | HST 301 |
| Traditions II | 3 | HST 302 |
| Introduction to Systematic Theology | 3 | THL 301 |
| Upper Level Theology | 3 | THL 4\*\* |
| MACM Ministry Collaboration Group | 0.5 | CTX 4\*\* |
| Introduction to Christian Ethics | 3 | ETH 301 |
| **Courses in Specialization** | | |
| Specialization Coursework | 12 |  |
| Practica (4 required, 0.5 each) | 2 | PCM \*\*\* |
| **Electives** | | |
| Denominational Studies | 8 |  |
| **Summative** | | |
| Praxis Project Proposal | 1 | MACM 401 |
| Praxis Project and Conference | 2 | MACM 402 |
| **Total Hours** | **54 credit hours** | |

**Specialization**

The specializations for the MACM degree program provide for complementary combinations of disciplines so that the specializations can be tailored to a student’s ministry goals. These specializations have been designed in light of the mission of Saint Paul and the strengths of the faculty. A specialization (14 hours, to include 12 credit hours to be defined plus the two hours of Focused Contextual Education requirements) is to be declared within the first ten hours of the program. Specializations are offered in: Deacon Ministries (faculty advisor, Jeanne Hoeft), Pastoral Care and Health and Welfare (faculty advisor, Jeanne Hoeft), and Social Justice Ministries (faculty advisor, TBD).

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| **Specialization – MACM** | **Semester Credit Hours** |
| Curricular Components  \*approval of course choices by specialization advisor is required | |
| 1. Coursework:   May include up to 6 hours from supporting disciplines as tailored to the student’s vocational goals   1. Focused Contextual Education:   Must be related to area of specialization; may include immersion or CPE, if appropriate | 12  2 |
| **Total Hours** | **= 14** |