**Master of Divinity**

The Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree, a professional degree for ministry, prepares persons for leadership in the renewal of the church. In many denominations, the MDiv is the approved academic preparation for ordination. In The United Methodist Church, it is the academic requirement for ordination as elder. Students who complete the MDiv degree may enter ordained ministry in parishes, institutional chaplaincy, church- related agencies, or other forms of specialized ministry. Students are encouraged to work closely with their own denominational officials regarding requirements and steps toward ordination. A baccalaureate degree is required for admission.

**Curricular Components**

The MDiv degree program requires the completion of 79 credit hours. Three- and four-year plans for degree completion are available from faculty advisors or the Registrar's office. Students may opt to complete the degree on a part-time basis, as long as they complete the degree within eight years of matriculation.

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| **Requirement** | **Credit hours required** | **How Is The Requirement Fulfilled?** |
| Introduction to Ministry | 3 | MIN 301 |
| Preparing for Local Ministry I & II (0.5 ea) | 1 | CTX 301 and CTX 302 |
| Spiritual Formation Retreat (2 req, 0.5 ea) | 1 | SFR 30\* |
| Ministry Practicum (4 req, 0.5 ea) | 2 | PCM \*\*\* |
| Ministry Collaboration Group (3 req, 0.5 ea) | 1.5 | CTX 4\*\* |
| Mid-degree Seminar | 0.5 | ASR 401 |
| Summative Seminar | 2 | ASR 42\* |
| Introduction to the Hebrew Bible | 3 | HBS 301 |
| Hebrew Bible | 3 | HBS 4\*\* |
| Introduction to the New Testament | 3 | NTS 301 |
| Upper Level New Testament | 3 | NTS 4\*\* |
| Introduction to Christian Ethics | 3 | ETH 301 |
| Christian Religious Education | 3 | CRE \*\*\* |
| Traditions I | 3 | HST 301 |
| Traditions II | 3 | HST 302 |
| Introduction to Systematic Theology | 3 | THL 301 |
| Upper Level Theology | 3 | THL 4\*\* |
| Upper Level History or Upper Level Theology | 3 | HST 4\*\* or THL 4\*\* |
| Church Leadership | 3 | CHL \*\*\* |
| Introduction to Pastoral Theology and Care | 3 | PCR 301 |
| Introduction to Preaching | 3 | PRE 401 |
| Worship | 3 | WOR 4\*\* |
| Church and Society or Upper Level Ethics | 3 | CHS \*\*\* or ETH 4\*\* |
| Engaging World Religions | 3 | EWR 3\*\* |
| Evangelism | 3 | EVN 3\*\* |
| **Electives** | | |
| Denominational Studies | 8 |  |
| Electives | 6 |  |
| **Total Hours** | **79 credit hours** | |

**Specializations**

Specializations enable students who demonstrate strength and potential to focus in a particular area of interest and expertise, provided they have a satisfactory overall level of academic achievement. After completion of 15 to 60 credit hours, MDiv students may apply for a specialization in: Black Church Ministries; Evangelism; Restorative Justice and Prison Ministry; Wesleyan Studies; or Women, Society, and Church Studies. A specialization in Evangelism may meet the academic requirements for professional certification in Christian Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Spiritual Formation or Evangelism in The United Methodist Church. Students should consult with faculty in the area of specialization to complete application materials for specializations. Whenever possible, students approved for specializations will be assigned the faculty member in that area as their academic advisor.

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| **Black Church Ministries – MDiv** | **Semester Credit Hours** |
| Faculty Advisor: Angela D. Sims  Curricular Components  \*approval of course choices by specialization advisor is required | |
| 1. Required Course: ***(3 credit hours)***   CHS 349 The Black Church in the USA   1. Supporting Courses: ***(6 credit hours)***   Choose courses in CHL, EVN or PCR   1. Required Content Areas: ***(6 credit hours)***   Choose upper level courses and include a course project related to specialization  ETH 4\*, HBS 4\*, HST 4\*, NTS 4\*, PRE 4\*, or THL 4\* | |
| **Total Hours** | **=15** |

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| **Restorative Justice and Prison Ministry – MDiv** | **Semester Credit Hours** |
| Faculty Advisor: James Brandt  Curricular Components  \*approval of course choices by specialization is required | |
| 1. Required Courses: ***(6 credit hours)***   CHS 346 American Criminal Law and Restorative Justice  CHS 347 Prison Industrial Complex and Systemic Sin  IMM 338 Immersion: Prison Ministry  Integrative Seminar   1. Required Content Areas: ***(6 credit hours)***   Choose two 3-credit upper level courses and include a course project related to specialization  HBS 4\* or NTS 4\* or THL 4\* Bible or Theology   1. Supporting Courses: ***(3 credit hours)***   Choose one 3-credit course, approved by the RJ & PM Advisor, and in that course arrange for a paper or project to engage issues of Restorative Justice and Prison Ministry. Courses may come from any discipline other than Bible or Theology. | 1  2  2  1  6  3 |
| **Total Hours** | **=15** |

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| **Wesleyan Studies – MDiv** | **Semester Credit Hours** |
| Faculty Advisor: Henry H. “Hal” Knight  Curricular Components  \*approval of course choices by specialization advisor is required | |
| I. Primary Courses: *choose* ***(9 credit hours)***  CRE 364 Uncovering an Ecology of Faith Formation (3)  DST 311 United Methodist Doctrine (2-3)  DST 312 The Means of Grace in the Wesleyan Tradition (3)  DST 313 Wesley and the Movements of the Spirit (3)  DST 320 United Methodist History (2)  DST 332 African American Methodism (3)  HST 470 John Wesley’s Theology and Ethics (3)  HST 472 Wesley, Edwards, and the 18th Century Awakening (3)  HST 474 Early American Methodism (3)  THL 444 Pentecostal and Charismatic Theology (3)  THL 450 Studies in a Particular Theologian: John Wesley (3)  CRE 528 A Ministry of Christian Formation in the Wesleyan Tradition (2)  THL 527 Theology and Spirituality in the Wesleyan Tradition (2-3)  **OR** other similar courses as approved by the specialization advisor  II. Supporting or Additional Primary Courses: *choose* ***(6 credit hours)*** | |
| **Total Hours** | **=15** |

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| **Women, Society, and Church Studies – MDiv** | **Semester Credit Hours** |
| Faculty Advisor: Kris Kvam  Curricular Components  \*approval of course choices by specialization advisor is required | |
| I. Required Courses: ***(2 credit hours)***  MIN 340 Topics in Women, Society, and Church Studies I  MIN 341 Topics in Women, Society, and Church Studies II  II. Primary Courses: *choose* ***(6 credit hours)***  Choose coursework where Women, Society, and Church Studies is a primary hermeneutic lens.  ETH 441 Feminist, Womanist and Mujerista/Latina Ethics  ETH 450 Mornings with Alice: Moral Problems and Ethical Possibilities  THL 420 Seminar in Theological Studies  THL 424 Theology in Context  THL 432 Theological Anthropology  THL 441 Christian Scripture and Feminist Hermeneutics  THL 446 Liberation Theology in the U.S.  THL 450 Studies in a Selected Theologian  III. Supporting Courses: Coursework where Women, Society, and Church Studies offers a supporting lens. These courses should be approved for the specialization by the course instructor and the specialization advisor. ***(7 credit hours)*** | 1  1  6  7 |
| **Total Hours** | **=15** |