

## COURSE OF STUDY BASICS

Course of Study is The United Methodist Church's theological education program designed for licensed local pastors and those certified for ordained ministry. At Saint Paul School of Theology, COS school prepares pastoral leaders for local church ministry. This year-round experience teaches foundational classes that expose students to both theory and application. At Saint Paul, we offer all 20 courses multiple times a year in a flexible format to help you complete your educational requirements on your terms.

### CLASS ELEMENTS

COS school classes have a standardized class and assignment structure for clarity and flexibility.

#### 20 Contact Hours

2-hour virtual orientation, 10 hours online lectures and forums, and 8-hour class day in-person or online.

#### 2 Required Readings

Carefully selected textbooks on major thoughts

#### 1 Growing Leadership Portfolio

Three writing assignments to analyze the course texts, reflect on personal leadership development, and plan a practical ministry project.



### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

#### 20 Courses

Each is offered at least two times per year and on different days, so you can take more than one class at a time.

#### 4 Areas of Study

Bible, Theology, Congregational Life, and Pastoral Identity

#### \$375 Per Course

\$7,500 total program tuition

### CLASS STRUCTURE

#### Week 1

2-hour, online orientation\*

#### Week 3

Online forum activity

#### Week 5

8-hour class day, online or in-person\*

#### Week 7

10 pages of writing due

#### Week 2

2.5-hour, online lecture

#### Week 4

2.5-hour, online lecture

#### Week 6

10 pages of writing due

\*Synchronous attendance required for these two sessions



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