Welcome to United!

Spirit Led, Renewing the Church!

United Theological Seminary • 4501 Denlinger Road • Dayton, Ohio 45426
Our purpose is to recruit and educate faithful leaders for the mission of Jesus Christ in the World.

The Historic Christian Faith
We believe that the faith in Jesus Christ passed down to us through the centuries by the fathers and mothers of the Church is crucial for the life and witness of the Church today. The Bible is our centerpiece for theological formation and reflection. Through sacraments, creeds, the writings of great teachers and other resources, we grow in the knowledge and love of God.

The Cultivation of Holiness
We believe in the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit, who helps us to become the people God created us to be. Yet holiness is not simply about personal transformation. It is also about changing the world through faithful discipleship.

The Renewal of the Church
We believe that all renewal, whether of individuals, congregations or the Church universal, is the work of the Holy Spirit, who is always ready to lead the faithful in this redemptive activity.
“May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.” (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 NRSV)

Our United community is called to work alongside God’s grace to help you respond to the call God has placed on your life. That call involves all of you: spirit, soul and body. Your theological education should as well.

At United we strive to order our curriculum and common life to help you become more fully who you are called to be. By participating in the United community you will be challenged to know God better and to serve God more faithfully. Our hope is that because of United, your mind and heart will more intensely reflect the love of Christ, your spirit will be more attuned to the Holy Spirit and your body will be more engaged in service among the vulnerable in the world God created.

As you discern God’s call in your life, we invite you to consider becoming part of our Spirit-led United community. If you would like to learn more about United, visit our website, e-mail our Admissions team or call us.
Our outstanding faculty consists of professors who regularly publish and remain on the leading edge of their disciplines. We also draw upon experienced and nationally known church leaders who bring wisdom and insights developed through the practical work of ministry.

Affiliated with The United Methodist Church, United is a broadly ecumenical community. We teach courses that fulfill a variety of denominational requirements and believe theological education is at its best when a broad array of perspectives is represented in the classroom. Thus while honoring our Wesleyan heritage, we are an intentionally ecumenical and theologically diverse community of learning.
United offers flexible options for on-campus and online courses taught by an outstanding faculty of Christian scholars who publish regularly and who are passionate about helping you achieve your ministry goals. At United, you can choose between 3- and 4-year Master of Divinity degree plans and customize your class format to fit your schedule.

**On-Campus**
You can complete your degree in residence on United's Dayton, OH, campus. Some courses are also available at our Buckhannon, WV, campus. You will find small face-to-face classes, personal engagement with our faculty and a wealth of community and church resources for theological education.

**United Online**
Can’t relocate to Dayton? Our broad selection of online courses allows you to remain in your ministry context and complete your degree by spending a minimum amount of time on campus each year. United’s media-rich online options offer high-quality education with the added flexibility of attending classes from any location with internet access.

**On-Campus and Online**
You can combine any online and on-campus courses to create the degree plan that works for you.

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Master of Divinity (M.Div.)

78 semester hours

The M.Div. is designed for those preparing to enter ministry as ordained religious leaders, lay professional ministers or persons who wish to pursue the academic study of Christianity. This degree program integrates theological reflection with training in practical ministry and spiritual growth. Though no specific concentration is required, students may choose to concentrate their studies in one of three areas: Church Renewal, Wesleyan and Methodist Studies or Care Giving (Pastoral Care and Counseling). Master of Divinity students take 57 hours of core courses and 21 hours of electives.
Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.)

**48 semester hours**

The M.T.S. is designed for persons who wish to pursue the academic study of Christianity or to increase their religious understanding and their ministerial capacity to serve the Church and community. This program offers considerable flexibility with regard to the focus of study. Students take 21 hours of core requirements, 18 hours of discipline-specific courses, 6 hours of electives, 3 hours of Thesis and attend the M.T.S. colloquy.

Master of Arts in Christian Ministries (M.A.C.M.)

**45 semester hours**

The M.A.C.M. is designed for those preparing for the work of the Deacon in The United Methodist Church; those seeking ordination in a denomination that requires a 45-semester hour seminary degree; those seeking to supplement existing professional specialties with theological studies; and lay persons seeking to serve the church with specific competencies. The M.A.C.M. equips people for leadership and service to the Church with 30 hours of core courses and 15 hours of electives. Like the M.T.S., it offers students the opportunity to focus their work on specific areas of interest.
This advanced professional degree is a mentor-based, contextual model designed for Christian leaders who are seeking to strengthen their prophetic and pastoral competence, retool for new and emerging ministries and equip others for ministry and outreach.

**Program Components**

- Six Intensive Seminars
- Six Focus Group Sessions: Semesters I-IV
- Preparation for Final Project: Semester V
- Final Project Exam and Completion: Semester VI
- Doctor of Ministry Focus Groups

Groups are available in preaching, leadership, digital ministry, social change, urban development, Christian education, sports chaplaincy, missional church and more. For a complete list, visit united.edu and select Doctor of Ministry Program.

**pre-doctoral program**

United has an educational program for students who wish to pursue a Doctor of Ministry degree, but do not have the required Master of Divinity degree. Find out more at our website, www.united.edu.
Not ready to commit to a graduate degree? United provides a variety of educational offerings that meet a range of needs for theological education. You may take up to three graduate courses as a non-degree student or test the waters as a Visiting Student. We invite you to explore United’s certificate, non-degree and continuing education opportunities.

**Basic Graduate Theological Studies (B.G.T.S.)**

This 27-hour program is designed for: pastors in churches that do not require a master’s degree for ordination but who would like graduate training to strengthen their ministries; lay persons who desire greater knowledge of theological subjects; and those who hold professional degrees and are seeking to enter the Order of Deacon in The United Methodist Church.

**Certificate of Theological Studies (C.T.S.)**

C.T.S. is a master’s level non-degree certificate program that can be completed in one year of full-time study. Like the B.G.T.S., the Certificate of Theological Studies can be used for vocational training or for personal edification.

**Course of Study**

Course of Study (COS) is prescribed by The United Methodist Church for the education of persons serving as Local Pastors. The COS includes licensing school and the basic and advanced courses. United offers a program that fulfills the requirements for Advanced Course of Study and a 5-year Basic Course of Study in a hybrid format (partly online and partly face-to-face).

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School for Discipleship and Renewal

United's School for Discipleship and Renewal offers a variety of classes, workshops, conferences and retreats, held both at United and at off-campus sites. Specialized ministry programs are offered in the following areas:

- Worship, Preaching and the Arts
- Urban Ministry
- Media Ministry
- Supervision and Leadership through the Kenneth H. Pohly Center for Supervision and Leadership
- Women in Ministry through the Harriet L. Miller Women’s Center
- Hispanic Christian Academy
- The Holy Spirit and Church Renewal

UMC Certification

United's UMC Certification program offers hybrid courses that are geared to the church professional. Certification is offered in:

- Christian Education Ministry
- Children’s Ministry
- Music Ministry
- Older Adult Ministry
- Spiritual Formation Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Urban Ministry
- Ministry with People with Disabilities
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“...And the God of peace be with you”
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.

Matthew 28:19 – 20