

Focus Groups

United's Doctor of Ministry program offers an educational process that includes both collegial and self-directed learning. Students meet in Focus Groups in addition to attending Intensive sessions.

Broad categories of Focus Groups include:

- Preaching
- Leadership
- Administration
- Pastoral Care and Counseling
- Impartation
- Christian Education
- Digital and Media Ministry
- Sports Chaplaincy
- International Mission
- Biblical Storytelling
- Church Renewal

Within these broad categories you will find groups that focus on specialized topics that may be suited to you and your ministry setting. For full descriptions of each group please visit www.united.edu, click on Degrees/ Programs, then Doctor of Ministry. On the right side of that page, click on Focus Groups and a list of group names will appear. Click on any of the titles and a paragraph will open with a description of the group. To learn more about the Faculty Mentor(s) leading a group, click on D.Min. Mentors.*

*If you have questions about any group or need help in deciding, please contact us at 937-529-2201 and ask for Admissions or the Doctoral Office.

Focus Group offerings are subject to change. Please visit www.united.edu for the most up-to-date information. United Theological Seminary reserves the right to cancel a Focus Group when enrollment is insufficient to warrant offering the group.

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Doctor of Ministry Mentor-Based Program



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Doctor of Ministry

A Faculty Mentor-Based Program

United's Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) is an advanced professional degree program centered in the practice of ministry.

Each United doctoral student studies his or her own ministry context to identify a need within the community. Working with a Faculty Mentor, Focus Group colleagues, and ministry partners, the student designs a "replicable model of ministry" to address the need. All projects must be action oriented with the objective of producing a change within the context.

Why is United's Program Unique?

- Students stay with the same Faculty Mentor from the first day until graduation.
- The student's own ministry setting is the learning environment.
- Classes are held during Intensives each January and August.*
- Students develop new models of ministry under the guidance of religious leaders.
- Thesis writing begins on the first day of the program.

*The student spends five days each semester on United's campus and two sessions (32 contact hours each) each semester with the Focus Group. The program also utilizes distance education to maximize communication and minimize travel time and costs.

Faculty Mentor-Based Program

United's Faculty Mentoring process brings expertise and wisdom to bear on the student and the Focus Group with academic instruction, guidance and feedback on written work.

Faculty Mentors are selected on the basis of leadership, knowledge, academic credentials and gifts and graces for ministry within the focused area. They help each student maximize his or her potential for serving the people of God.

Contact Us and Find Out More
 Contact United for more information or to apply for this program.

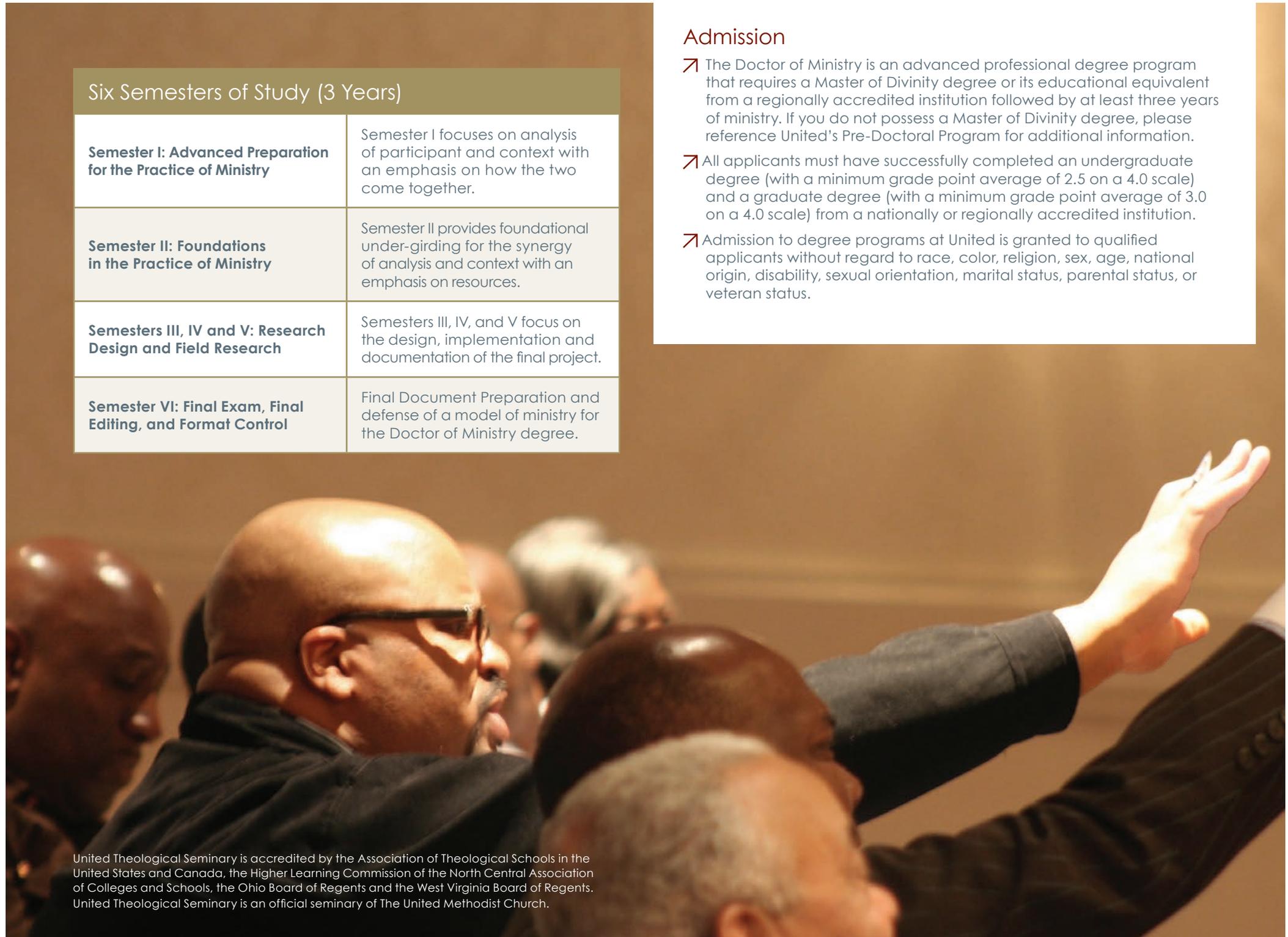
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Six Semesters of Study (3 Years)

Semester I: Advanced Preparation for the Practice of Ministry	Semester I focuses on analysis of participant and context with an emphasis on how the two come together.
Semester II: Foundations in the Practice of Ministry	Semester II provides foundational under-girding for the synergy of analysis and context with an emphasis on resources.
Semesters III, IV and V: Research Design and Field Research	Semesters III, IV, and V focus on the design, implementation and documentation of the final project.
Semester VI: Final Exam, Final Editing, and Format Control	Final Document Preparation and defense of a model of ministry for the Doctor of Ministry degree.

Admission

- The Doctor of Ministry is an advanced professional degree program that requires a Master of Divinity degree or its educational equivalent from a regionally accredited institution followed by at least three years of ministry. If you do not possess a Master of Divinity degree, please reference United's Pre-Doctoral Program for additional information.
- All applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree (with a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale) and a graduate degree (with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale) from a nationally or regionally accredited institution.
- Admission to degree programs at United is granted to qualified applicants without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, or veteran status.



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