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Course of Study School of Ohio

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Course of Study School of Ohio Hybrid Courses

No Pre-Work
User-Friendly
Lower Cost
Course of Study is the educational program developed by the United Methodist Church for the education of persons serving as licensed Local Pastors. The regional Course of Study School of Ohio (COSSO) is supported by the Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO) in Columbus and United Theological Seminary in Dayton. COSSO offers courses on both campuses, with MTSO hosting the traditional program and United hosting the hybrid program.

Faculty
The faculty is made up of well-qualified instructors, including faculty from the two seminaries and from the surrounding community.

The ONLY Hybrid COS Program
United offers the only hybrid COS program in the country. The hybrid format provides for one face-to-face, on campus session, with the rest of the course delivered online. Most courses will begin on campus.

Online Modules
The online portion of each course is taught in modules. Modules can include an online lecture or video, links to other resources or materials, required readings, and discussion threads with other students and the instructor.

Face-to-Face (F2F) Sessions
Unlike traditional COS courses, the hybrid format means you travel to the United campus for only one face-to-face (F2F) weekend. On the F2F weekend, classes will be offered in a Friday/Saturday intensive format.

Transfer Credits
All COSSO hybrid courses offered at United are transferable to other UMCOS programs.

Advantages
No Pre-Work: Online modules eliminate the need for required pre-class assignments.
User-Friendly: Online modules allow course content to be delivered in flexible segments. If you don’t understand something in a lecture, you can repeat it. If you are a “morning person,” you can “attend” the online sessions first thing in the morning. The lectures and online learning are still there for night-owls!
Lower Cost: Because you travel only once to campus, you save on housing costs, gas, and commuting time.
In-Depth discussion: Online learning actually facilitates interaction between the students and instructor because students have more time to think, reflect on, and process the material before responding to each other, which provides for much more in-depth discussion.

Online Learning Readiness
In order to determine if you’re ready for taking courses online, you may want to take the “Online Learning Readiness Quiz” and review the “Online Learning Checklist.” From the United.edu website, click the “United Online” button, the quiz and checklist will be listed on the right hand side.

Get Started
Eligibility
Licensed local pastors (who have already completed Licensing School) with part-time or full-time church appointments are eligible to register for COSSO Hybrid courses.

Registration
United now offers online registration. Detailed instructions and schedules are available on the website. Go to United.edu, Under “Degrees/Programs” select Course of Study (COS) that is listed under “Non-Degree Programs.”

Review the course listings to determine which courses to take.
When you are ready to register for classes, press the “Start COS Application” button located on the right side. Fill out the application.
Upon confirmation of the application, you will receive an email with your own United email account information.

Register and Find Out More at United
Contact United for more information or to register for COS courses.

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