

# MA Curricular Plan

For Advanced Course of Study Students

## Advanced Course of Study Description from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church:

After completing the basic Course of Study, a local pastor may choose to continue the process toward Provisional membership through the Advanced Course of Study. It includes 32 hours of Masters level education in a seminary recognized by the University Senate. It must include United Methodist History, United Methodist Doctrine and United Methodist Polity (§1324.6d).

## Degree Information

**Degree:** Master of Arts

**Requirements:** Successful completion of 36 credit hours of the degree program, all required Advanced Course of Study coursework, and CQ640 MA Integrative Colloquy.

**Modality:** Fully online, fully on campus, or flexible

## Courses

### Required for Degree (3 cr. hrs.)

- CQ640 MA Integrative Colloquy

### Required for ACOS (27 cr. hrs.)

#### Biblical Studies (6 cr. hrs.)

- Any 600 level Old Testament course
- Any 600 level New Testament course

#### Church History and Theology (12 cr. hrs.)

- Any 600 level History of Christianity course
- Any 600 level Theology course
- DN511 United Methodist History
- DN512 United Methodist Doctrine and Polity

#### Practical Theology (9 cr. hrs.)

- PW5## Introductory Worship Course
- WR601 Methods of Interreligious and Intercultural Encounter
- ER501 Foundations for Evangelism

### Additional courses (6 cr. hrs.)

Consult your Board of Ordained Ministry to ensure that you include all specific conference requirements, if any.

# MA Course Planning Sheet

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## Instructions

Follow the order of courses below when available. Hybrids should be taken whenever they are offered to ensure you remain on track to graduate.

### Fall Semester

#### Semester courses

- TH500 Craft of Theo Think, Read, Write
- Any 600 level Theology Course
- Any 600 level Church History Course
- Any 600 level New Testament Course
- Any 600 level Old Testament Course
- WR601 Interrel/cul Encounter

#### Hybrid courses

- DN512 UM Doc and Pol (A1)
- Elective (A2)

### Spring Semester

#### Semester courses

- TH500 Craft of Theo Think, Read, Write
- Any 600 level Theology Course
- Any 600 level Church History Course
- Any 600 level New Testament Course
- Any 600 level Old Testament Course
- WR601 Interrel/cul Encounter

#### Hybrid courses

- ER501 Foundations for Evangelism
- PW504 Work of Worship
- DN511 UM History (A1)

- CQ640 MA Integrative Colloquy, take in final semester

### Three-Semester Plan

The three-semester plan is recommended for persons with high academic achievement, who work less than 25 hours a week, and who have not been out of school for more than 5 years.

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semesters: Take 3 classes in first semester and 5 in second = 9/15 credit hours
- 3<sup>rd</sup> semester: Take 4 classes in final semester = 12 credit hours

### Two-Year Plan

The two-year plan is recommended for persons who work more than 25 hours a week, who are new to the theological field, or who have been out of school for more than 5 years.

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semesters: Take 3 classes each semester = 9/9 credit hours
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> semesters: Take 3 classes each semester = 9/9 credit hours

### Transfer of Credits or Advanced Standing

Check off the courses for which you have received prior credit and simply skip those courses when moving through course order