Comprehensive Course Planning Guide 2026-2027

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SUMMER 2026	
Last day to register without a late fee (ThD, Masters, General Certificates)	May 15
Memorial Day - United closed	May 25
ThD, Masters, General Certificate term begins	May 26
Last day to add a course	May 26
Last day to drop with a full refund	June 5
"Intent to Graduate" form due	June 12
Juneteenth - United closed	June 19
Independence Day - United closed	July 3
Gathering Week/Reading Week	July 20-24
Gathering Week/Reading Week	July 27-31
Last day to withdraw from a course	August 14
ThD, Masters, General Certificate term ends	August 28
Conferral	August 31
FALL 2026	
Last day to register without a late fee (DMin)	August 7
Last day to add or drop a course (DMin)	August 17
DMin term begins	August 17
DMin Intensive	August 17-21
Last day to register without a late fee (ThD, Masters, General Certificates)	August 28
Labor Day - United closed	September 7
ThD, Masters, General Certificate term begins	September 8
Last day to add a course (ThD, Masters, General Certificates)	September 8
Last day to drop with a full refund (ThD, Masters, General Certificates)	September 18
"Intent to Graduate" form due	September 25
Spring 2027 registration opens	October 5
Gathering week/Reading week (Masters)	October 12-16
• Contextual Ministry Retreat (Masters)	October 12-14
• Hybrid (Masters)	October 14-16
Reading week (Master)	November 23-27
Thanksgiving - United closed	November 26-27
Last day to withdraw from a course (ThD, Masters, General Certificates)	November 27
Holy Spirit Seminar	December 4
ThD, Masters, General Certificate term ends	December 11
DMin term ends	December 15
Christmas Break - United closed	December 24-31
Conferral	December 31

SPRING 2027	
New Year's Day - United closed	January 1
Immersion trips	TBD
Last day to register without a late fee (DMin)	January 15
Martin Luther King Jr. Day - United closed	January 18
Last day to add or drop a course (DMin)	January 25
DMin term begins	January 25
DMin Intensive	January 25-29
Last day to register without a late fee (ThD, Masters, General Certificates)	January 29
ThD, Masters, General Certificate term begins	February 8
Last day to add a course (ThD, Masters, General Certificates)	February 8
Last day to drop with a full refund (ThD, Masters, General Certificates)	February 19
"Intent to Graduate" form due	February 26
Reading week (Master)	March 8-12
Summer 2027 registration opens	March 1
Holy Week/Reading week (Master)	March 22-26
Good Friday - United closed	March 26
Fall 2027 registration opens	April 5
Last day to withdraw from a course (ThD, Masters, General Certificates)	April 30
ThD, Masters, General Certificate term ends	May 14
DMin term ends	May 15
Commencement/Conferral	May 22

GENERAL PLANNING INFORMATION

Academic Calendar
United has three 14-week terms in the Fall, Spring, and Summer. See academic calendar for actual dates.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
	Spring Term				Summer Term			Fall Term			

Program Plans
United supports three standard program plans: Accelerated, traditional, and balanced. You can find program lengths and the recommended plans for your program later in this guide. Here is the workload expectation while classes are in session:

1. Accelerated = 50 hours a week (4 classes a term)
2. Traditional = 37.5 hours a week (3 classes a term)
3. Balanced = 25 hours a week (2 classes a term)

Learning Experiences
Most programs support three distinct learning experiences:

1. **On-Campus/Virtual:** Dayton/virtual classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Since Dayton classes only meet during the fall and spring terms, be prepared to take hybrid classes in the summer. Below is the on-campus schedule of classes (specific courses and meeting times can be located at the end of this document):

Tuesdays	Thursdays
9:00-10:30am: Hebrew (every other year)	9:00-10:30am: Hebrew (every other year)
10:30am-1:30pm: Contextual Ministry	
12:10pm: Chapel	
1:00pm: Lunch	
2-5pm: Afternoon classes	2-5pm: Afternoon classes
6-9pm: Evening classes	

2. **Online**: Online courses meet asynchronously. While there are weekly assignments, online courses provide greater flexibility during the week to complete coursework. The MTS and MA programs can be completed fully online. Students in MDiv are required to come to campus twice in mid-October for the 2 ½ day Contextual Ministry retreat. MACM and MMin students are required to attend the retreat once.

3. **Hybrid:** Distance students who prefer to take courses on site, but who cannot travel multiple times a week to Dayton may choose to take hybrid courses with their virtual or online courses. Hybrid courses are available in the fall and summer terms. Students who choose to take hybrid classes will attend campus for 2 ½ days per hybrid course, or up to a full week for two courses.

Master of Divinity
MDiv Academic Requirements (72 cr. hrs.)

MDIV CORE REQUIREMENTS (51 CR. HRS.)
Biblical Studies (12 cr. hrs.)
- OT500 Introduction to the Old Testament (3)
- NT500 Introduction to the New Testament (3)
- Any 600 Level OT Course (3)
- Any 600 Level BI/NT Course (3)

Church History and Theology (12 cr. hrs.)
- CH501 Intro to Church History 1 (3)
- CH502 Intro to Church History 2 (3)
- TH502 Introduction to Theology (3)
- Any 600 Level TH/CH Course (3)

Practical Theology (12 cr. hrs.)
- ER503 Church Renewal for Mission (3)
- Any 500 Level Preaching Course (3)
- PC507 Pastoral Care Giving (3)
- Any Practical Theology Course (ER, LD, PC, PW) (3)

Contextual Ministries (12 cr. hrs.)
- CM501 Field Education Unit 1 (0)
- CM510 Contextual Ministry 1 (3)
- CM511 Contextual Ministry 2 (3)
- CM601 Field Education Unit 2 (0)
- CM610 Contextual Ministry 3 (3)
- CM611 Contextual Ministry 4 (3)

Cross-Cultural Immersion (3 cr. hrs.)
- CM620 Methods of Interreligious and Intercultural Encounter (3)
- CM621 Immersion Trip (0)

MDIV ELECTIVES (21 CR. HRS.)
Students may use elective courses to fulfill concentration, track, and denominational requirements. United Methodists are required to have 6 credits in UM History, Doctrine, and Polity, as well as courses in Evangelism and Worship.

MDIV NON-CREDIT REQUIREMENTS
- SS500 Online Master Student Orientation (0)
- SS601 MDiv Mid-Program Review (0)
- SS701 MDiv Final Program Review (0)

Concentrations

The MDiv degree program graduates persons in the general practice of ministry.

The MDiv curriculum provides options for academic concentrations. These include Biblical Interpretation, Holy Spirit and Renewal, Church Planting, Ministry Leadership, Counseling and Pastoral Care, Preaching, and Wesleyan and Methodist Studies.

Students interested in a concentration are encouraged to discuss their interests and needs with their advisors and area faculty.

MDiv with Concentration in Biblical Interpretation
Core Requirements plus four courses (12 credit hours) from the following:
- BI501 Low-Impact Hebrew and Greek
- BI611 Biblical Interpretation; or CH/BI630 History of Biblical Interpretation
- Any two (6 cr. hrs.) of the following
    - Any 600 Level NT Course not taken to fulfill core requirement
    - Any 600 Level OT Course not taken to fulfill core requirement
    - BI622 Wesleyan Biblical Interpretation

MDiv with Concentration in Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care
Core Requirements plus four courses (12 credit hours) from the following:
- PC601 Pastoral Theology
- PC618 Counseling Skills for Care Giving
- Plus six credits from the following:
    - Any 600 Level Pastoral Care courses
    - PC699 Clinical Pastoral Education (6 cr. hrs.)

MDiv with Concentration in Ministry Leadership
Core Requirements plus four courses (12 credit hours) from the following:
- Any LD500 level or LD600 level courses

MDiv Concentration in Nonprofit Administration
United offers a concentration in Nonprofit Administration using courses delivered by Dakota Wesleyan University.
Core Requirements plus four courses (12 credit hours) from the following:
- NPA 630 or BUS 655: Applied Project or Project Management
- NPA 610: Financial Resource Development
- NPA 615: Financial Management
- NPA 620: Governance, Personnel and Volunteer Management
- NPA 650: Vision, Strategy, and Evaluation
- NPA 661: Communications and Community Outreach

MDiv with Concentration in Preaching
Core Requirements plus four courses (12 credit hours) from the following:
- BI501 Low-Impact Hebrew and Greek
- BI611 Biblical Interpretation
- CH630 History of Biblical Interpretation
- PW501 Preparing to Preach; or PW502 Introduction to African American Preaching if not previously taken
- PW614 Preaching Across the Bible
- PW612 Advanced Preaching
- PW618 Prophetic Preaching
- PW621, PW622, or PW623 Preaching Seminar A, B, or C

MDiv with Concentration in Wesleyan and Methodist Studies
Core Requirements plus four courses (12 credit hours) from the following:
- BI622 Wesleyan Biblical Interpretation
- CH603 John Wesley
- CH605 Pietism
- CH616 Holiness, Pentecostal, and Charismatic Renewal Movements

- CH679 The Evangelical United Brethren
- CH652 History of Methodism
- TH651 United Methodist Doctrine & Polity
- TH652 Global Methodist Theology and Polity
- TH638 Wesleyan Theology

MDIV Houses of Study Tracks

MDIV with AME Zion Church Track
Core Requirements plus the following three courses (9 credit hours):
- DN532 AME Zion Church Leadership, Administration, Polity and Practice (3)
- DN533 History of AME Zion Church (3)
- DN534 AME Zion Church Revitalization, Growth and Sustainability (3)

MDIV with Fresh Expressions Track
Core Requirements plus at least three courses (9 credit hours) from the following:
- ER65 Fresh Expressions and Adventurer Ministry (3)
- ER651 Deep Roots, Wild Branches: The Blended Ecology of Church (3)
- ER652 Cultivating Contextual Intelligence (3)
- ER653 Fresh Expressions of Discipleship, Evangelism, and Preaching (3)
- ER65 Incarnational Church Planting (3)
- ER655 Ministry in a Digital Age (3)

MDIV with Full Gospel Baptist Fellowship Track
Core Requirements plus the following three courses (9 credit hours):
- DN552Full Gospel Distinctives (3)
- DN553 Full Gospel Worship & Liturgy (3)
- DN554 Handling SHIFTS in Church and Culture (3)

MDiv with Global Methodist Track
Core Requirements plus the following three courses (9 credit hours):
- CH652 History of Methodism (3)
- DN542 Global Methodist Theology and Polity (3)
- PW504 Work of Worship (3)

The Global Methodist Church requires MDiv students seeking elders orders to take the following additional classes:
- TH603 Philosophical Foundations for a Christian Worldview (3)
- BI611 Biblical Interpretation or BI622 Wesleyan Biblical Interpretation (3)
- LD511 Leadership for Ministry (3)
- ER501 Foundations for Evangelism (3)

Two courses from the following:
- LD510 Church Stewardship and Finance (3)
- Any 600 level Preaching Course (3)
- BI501 Low Impact Hebrew/Greek (3)
- NT691 Greek 1 (3)
- NT692 Greek 2 (3)
- OT691 Hebrew 1 (3)
- OT692 Hebrew 2 (3)
- Any Pastoral Care elective (3)
- PC699 Clinical Pastoral Education (6)
- Any Theology Elective (3)

MDIV with Global Pentecostal Track
Core Requirements plus at least three courses (9 credit hours) from the following:
- BI610 The Holy Spirit in Scripture (3)
- CH616 Holiness, Pentecostal, and Charismatic Renewal Movements (3)
- TH601 Doctrine of the Holy Spirit (3)
- ER618 Global Christianity and Renewal (3)

MDiv Recommended Plans

Accelerated

Year 1, Fall	Year 1, Spring	Year 1, Summer
☐ CM510 Contextual Ministry 1	☐ CM511 Contextual Ministry 2	☐ 500-level Preaching course
☐ CH501 Intro Church History 1	☐ CH502 Intro Church History 2	☐ Practical Theology Elective
☐ NT500 Intro New Testament	☐ OT500 Intro Old Testament	☐ Elective
☐ ER503 Church Ren for Mission	☐ TH502 Intro to Theology	☐ Elective
Year 2, Fall	**Year 2, Spring**	**Year 2, Summer**
☐ CM610 Contextual Ministry 3	☐ CM611 Contextual Ministry 4	☐ Elective
☐ 600-level OT course	☐ PC507 Intro to Pastoral Care	☐ Elective
☐ 600-level TH/CH course	☐ 600-level BI/NT course	☐ Elective
☐ CM620 Interrel/Intercul Enc	☐ Elective	☐ Elective

Traditional

Year 1, Fall	Year 1, Spring	Year 1, Summer
☐ CM510 Contextual Ministry 1	☐ CM511 Contextual Ministry 2	☐ Elective
☐ CH501 Intro Church History 1	☐ CH502 Intro Church History 2	☐ Practical Theology Elective
☐ NT500 Intro New Testament	☐ OT500 Intro Old Testament	
Year 2, Fall	**Year 2, Spring**	**Year 2, Summer**
☐ CM610 Contextual Ministry 3	☐ CM611 Contextual Ministry 4	☐ 500-level Preaching course
☐ ER503 Church Ren for Mission	☐ TH502 Intro to Theology	☐ Elective
☐ CM620 Interrel/Intercul Enc	☐ PC507 Intro to Pastoral Care	
Year 3, Fall	**Year 3, Spring**	**Year 3, Summer**
☐ 600-level OT course	☐ 600-level BI/NT course	☐ Elective
☐ 600-level TH/CH course	☐ Elective	☐ Elective
☐ Elective	☐ Elective	

Balanced

Year 1, Fall	Year 1, Spring	Year 1, Summer
☐ CM510 Contextual Ministry 1	☐ CM511 Contextual Ministry 2	☐ Elective
☐ CH501 Intro Church History 1	☐ CH502 Intro Church History 2	☐ Practical Theology Elective
Year 2, Fall	**Year 2, Spring**	**Year 2, Summer**
☐ CM610 Contextual Ministry 3	☐ CM611 Contextual Ministry 4	☐ 500-level Preaching course
☐ NT500 Intro New Testament	☐ TH502 Intro to Theology	☐ Elective
Year 3, Fall	**Year 3, Spring**	**Year 3, Summer**
☐ ER503 Church Ren for Mission	☐ PC507 Intro to Pastoral Care	☐ Elective
☐ CM620 Interrel/Intercul Enc	☐ OT500 Intro Old Testament	☐ Elective
Year 4, Fall	**Year 4, Spring**	**Year 4, Summer**
☐ 600-level OT course	☐ 600-level BI/NT course	☐ Elective
☐ 600-level TH/CH course	☐ Elective	☐ Elective

Non-Credit Requirements
Students are responsible for adding the following non-credit requirements when appropriate:
- SS500 Online Masters Student Orientation: First Semester
- SS601 MDiv Mid-Program Review: Between 36-52 earned credits
- CM621 Immersion Experience: Any semester following completion of CM620
- SS701 MDiv Final Review: Final Semester

For Elder's Orders in GMC
☐ BI611 Biblical Interpretation or BI622 Wesleyan Biblical Interpretation
☐ DN542 Global Theology and Polity
☐ CH652 History of Methodism
☐ ER501 Foundations for Evangelism
☐ TH603 Philosophical Foundations
☐ LD511 Leadership for Ministry
☐ PW504 Work of Worship
Pick two from any of the following categories:

☐ ☐ 600-level preaching, Hebrew or Greek, any PC course, Church Finance and Admin, Clinical Pastoral Education, TH Electives

For Elder's Orders in UMC
☐ CH652 History of Methodism
☐ DN512 UM Doctrine and Polity
☐ ER501 Foundations for Evangelism
☐ PW504 Work of Worship

For House of Study (HoS) Tracks
Take one HoS elective every summer.

Master of Arts in Christian Ministries

Academic Requirements (45 cr. hrs.)

MACM CORE REQUIREMENTS (27 CR. HRS.)

Biblical Studies (6 cr. hrs.)
- NT500 Introduction to the New Testament (3)
- OT500 Introduction to the Old Testament (3)

Church History and Theology (9 cr. hrs.)
- CH501 Intro to Church History 1 (3)
- CH502 Intro to Church History 2 (3)
- TH502 Introduction to Theology (3)

Practical Theology (6 cr. hrs.)
- Any 500 Level Introductory Worship Course; or Any 500 Level Introductory Preaching Course (3)
- ER503 Church Renewal for Mission (3)

Contextual Ministry (6 cr. hrs.)
- CM501 Field Education Unit 1 (0)
- CM510 Contextual Ministry 1 (3) (Includes Fall Retreat)
- CM511 Contextual Ministry 2 (3)

MACM ELECTIVES (18 CR. HRS.)
Students may use elective courses to fulfill denominational requirements.

MACM NON-CREDIT REQUIREMENTS
- SS500 Online Masters Student Orientation (0)
- SS603 MACM Mid-Program Review (0)
- SS703 MACM Final Program Review (0)

MACM Houses of Study Tracks

MACM with AME Zion Church Track
Core Requirements plus the following three courses (9 credit hours):
- DN532 AME Zion Church Leadership, Administration, Polity and Practice (3)
- DN533 History of AME Zion Church (3)
- DN534 AME Zion Church Revitalization, Growth and Sustainability (3)

MACM with Fresh Expressions Track
Core Requirements plus at least three courses (9 credit hours) from the following:
- ER6 Fresh Expressions and Adventurer Ministry (3)
- ER651 Deep Roots, Wild Branches: The Blended Ecology of Church (3)
- ER652 Cultivating Contextual Intelligence (3)
- ER653 Fresh Expressions of Discipleship, Evangelism, and Preaching (3)
- ER65 Incarnational Church Planning (3)
- ER655 Ministry in a Digital Age (3)

MACM with Full Gospel Baptist Fellowship Track
Core Requirements plus the following three courses (9 credit hours):
- DN552 Full Gospel Distinctives (3)
- DN553 Full Gospel Worship & Liturgy (3)
- DN554 Leading Through Change: Handling SHIFTS in Church and Culture (3)

MACM with Global Methodist Track
Core Requirements plus the following three courses (9 credit hours):
- CH652 History of Methodism (3)
- DN542 Global Methodist Theology and Polity (3)
- PW504 Work of Worship (3)

The Global Methodist Church also requires MACM students seeking deacon's orders take the following:
- Any 500 Level Introductory Preaching Course (3)
- PC507 Introduction to Pastoral Care Giving (3)
- BI611 Biblical Interpretation or BI622 Wesleyan Biblical Interpretation (3)

MACM with Global Pentecostal Track
Core Requirements plus three courses (9 credit hours) from the following:
- BI610 The Holy Spirit in Scripture (3)
- CH616 Holiness, Pentecostal, and Charismatic Renewal Movements (3)
- TH601 Doctrine of the Holy Spirit (3)
- ER618 Global Christianity and Renewal (3)

MACM Recommended Plans

Accelerated

Year 1, Fall	Year 1, Spring	Year 1, Summer
☐ CM510 Contextual Ministry 1	☐ CM511 Contextual Ministry 2	☐ 500-level worship or preaching
☐ CH501 Intro Church History 1	☐ CH502 Intro Church History 2	☐ Elective
☐ NT500 Intro New Testament	☐ OT500 Intro Old Testament	☐ Elective
☐ ER503 Church Ren for Mission	☐ TH502 Into to Theology	☐ Elective
Year 2, Last Semester		
☐ Elective		
☐ Elective		
☐ Elective		

Traditional

Year 1, Fall	Year 1, Spring	Year 1, Summer
☐ CM510 Contextual Ministry 1	☐ CM511 Contextual Ministry 2	☐ 500-level worship or preaching
☐ CH501 Intro Church History 1	☐ CH502 Intro Church History 2	☐ Elective
☐ Elective	☐ TH502 Intro to Theology	☐ Elective
Year 2, Fall	**Year 2, Spring**	**Year 2, Summer**
☐ NT500 Intro New Testament	☐ OT500 Intro Old Testament	Off
☐ ER503 Church Ren for Mission	☐ Elective	
☐ Elective	☐ Elective	

Balanced

Year 1, Fall	Year 1, Spring	Year 1, Summer
☐ CM510 Contextual Ministry 1	☐ CM511 Contextual Ministry 2	☐ 500-level worship or preaching
☐ CH501 Intro Church History 1	☐ CH502 Intro Church History 2	☐ Elective
Year 2, Fall	**Year 2, Spring**	**Year 2, Summer**
☐ NT500 Intro New Testament	☐ OT500 Intro Old Testament	☐ Elective
☐ ER503 Church Ren for Mission	☐ TH502 Intro to Theology	☐ Elective
Year 3, Last Semester(s)		
☐ Elective		
☐ Elective		
☐ Elective		

Non-Credit Requirements

Students are responsible for adding the following non-credit requirements when appropriate:

- SS500 Online Masters Student Orientation: First Semester
- SS603 MACM Mid-Program Review: Between 21-32 earned credits
- SS703 MACM Final Review: Final Semester

For Deacon's Orders in GMC

☐ BI622 Wesleyan Biblical Interpretation
☐ CH652 History of Methodism
☐ DN542 Global Theology and Polity
☐ LD511 Leadership for Ministry
☐ PC507 Pastoral Care
☐ PW501 Preparing to Preach
☐ PW504 Work of Worship

For Deacon's Orders in UMC

☐ PW504 Work of Worship
☐ CH652 History of Methodism
☐ DN512 UM Doctrine and Polity
☐ ER501 Foundations for Evangelism

For House of Study (HoS) Tracks

Take one HoS elective every summer.

Master of Ministry

MMin Academic Requirements (36 cr. hrs.)

Biblical Studies (6 cr. hrs.)
- NT500 Introduction to the New Testament (3)
- OT500 Introduction to the Old Testament (3)

Church History and Theology (9 cr. hrs.)
- CH501 Intro to Church History 1 (3)
- CH502 Intro to Church History 2 (3)
- TH502 Introduction to Theology (3)

Practical Theology (6 cr. hrs.)
- Any 500 Level Introductory Worship Course; or Any 500 Level Introductory Preaching Course (3)
- ER503 Church Renewal for Mission (3)

Contextual Ministry (6 cr. hrs.)
- CM501 Field Education Unit 1 (0)
- CM510 Contextual Ministry 1 (3) (Includes Fall Retreat)
- CM511 Contextual Ministry 2 (3)

MMIN ELECTIVES (9 CR. HRS.)
Students may use elective courses to fulfill denominational requirements. TH510 Theological Research and Methodology is recommended for those preparing for the Doctor of Ministry.

MMIN NON-CREDIT REQUIREMENTS
- SS500 Online Master Student Orientation (0)
- SS705 MMin Final Program Review (0)

MMin Recommended Plans

Accelerated

Year 1, Fall	Year 1, Spring	Year 1, Summer
☐ CM510 Contextual Ministry 1	☐ CM511 Contextual Ministry 2	☐ 500-level worship or preaching
☐ CH501 Intro Church History 1	☐ CH502 Intro Church History 2	☐ Elective
☐ NT500 Intro New Testament	☐ OT500 Intro Old Testament	☐ Elective
☐ ER503 Church Ren for Mission	☐ TH502 Intro to Theology	☐ Elective

Traditional

Year 1, Fall	Year 1, Spring	Year 1, Summer
☐ CM510 Contextual Ministry 1	☐ CM511 Contextual Ministry 2	Off
☐ CH501 Intro Church History 1	☐ CH502 Intro Church History 2	
☐ PW504 Work of Worship	☐ Elective	
Year 2, Fall	**Year 2, Spring**	**Year 2, Summer**
☐ NT500 Intro New Testament	☐ TH502 Intro to Theology	
☐ ER503 Church Renewal for Mission	☐ OT500 Intro Old Testament	
☐ Elective	☐ Elective	

Balanced

Year 1, Fall	Year 1, Spring	Year 1, Summer
☐ CM510 Contextual Ministry 1	☐ CM511 Contextual Ministry 2	☐ 500-level worship or preaching
☐ CH501 Intro Church History 1	☐ CH502 Intro Church History 2	☐ Elective
Year 2, Fall	**Year 2, Spring**	**Year 2, Summer**
☐ ER503 Church Ren for Mission	☐ TH502 Intro to Theology	☐ Elective
☐ NT500 Intro New Testament	☐ OT500 Intro Old Testament	☐ Elective

Non-Credit Requirements

Students are responsible for adding the following non-credit requirements when appropriate:

- SS500 Online Masters Student Orientation: First Semester
- SS705 MMin Final Review: Final Semester

For Deacon's Orders in UMC

☐ PW504 Work of Worship

☐ CH652 History of Methodism

☐ DN512 UM Doctrine and Polity

☐ ER501 Foundations for Evangelism

Master of Theological Studies

MTS Academic Requirements (48 cr. hrs.)

MTS CORE REQUIREMENTS (27 CR. HRS.)

- **Biblical Studies (9 cr. hrs.)**
  - o   NT500 Introduction to the New Testament
  - o   OT500 Introduction to the Old Testament
  - o   Any 600 Level Bible Course (BI, NT, OT)

- **Church History and Theology (9 cr. hrs.)**
  - o   CH501 Intro to Church History 1
  - o   CH502 Intro to Church History 2
  - o   TH502 Introduction to Theology

- **Research, Methodology, and Mission (6 cr. hrs.)**
  - o   TH510 Theological Research and Methodology
  - o   ER503 Church Renewal for Missions

- **Thesis (3 cr. hrs.)**
  - o   CQ650 MTS Thesis

MTS ELECTIVES (21 CR. HRS.)
A minimum of 15 hours must be related to the student's chosen focus area and all electives must be in the following areas: BI, NT, OT, CH, or TH. All electives must be chosen in consultation with the student's faculty advisor.

MTS NON-CREDIT REQUIREMENTS
- SS500 Online Master Student Orientation (0)
- SS602 MTS Mid-Program Review (0)
- SS702 MTS Final Program Review (0)

MTS Recommended Plans

Traditional

Year 1, Fall	Year 1, Spring	Year 1, Summer
☐ CH501 Intro Church History 1 ☐ NT500 Intro New Testament ☐ Elective (Bible or CH/TH)	☐ CH502 Intro Church History 2 ☐ TH502 Intro to Theology ☐ Elective (Bible or CH/TH)	☐ TH510 Theological Research and Methodology ☐ ER503 Church Renewal for Missions ☐ Elective (BI, NT, OT, CH, TH)
Year 2, Fall	**Year 2, Spring**	**Year 2, Summer**
☐ Any 600-level BI, NT, or OT course ☐ Elective (Bible or CH/TH) ☐ Elective (Bible or CH/TH)	☐ OT500 Intro Old Testament ☐ Elective (BI, NT, OT, CH, TH) ☐ Elective (Bible or CH/TH)	☐ CQ650 MTS Thesis*

Balanced

Year 1, Fall	Year 1, Spring	Year 1, Summer
☐ CH501 Intro Church History 1 ☐ NT500 Intro New Testament	☐ CH502 Intro Church History 2 ☐ TH502 Intro to Theology	☐ TH510 Theological Research and Methodology ☐ Elective (BI, NT, OT, CH, TH)
Year 2, Fall	**Year 2, Spring**	**Year 2, Summer**
☐ Any 600-level BI, NT, or OT course ☐ Elective (Bible or CH/TH)	☐ OT500 Intro Old Testament ☐ Elective (Bible or CH/TH)	☐ ER503 Church Renewal for Missions ☐ Elective (BI, NT, OT, CH, TH)
Year 3, Fall	**Year 3, Spring**	**Year 3, Summer**
☐ Elective (Bible or CH/TH) ☐ Elective (Bible or CH/TH)	☐ Elective (Bible or CH/TH) ☐ CQ650 MTS Thesis*	

*Take CQ650 MTS Thesis in your last semester.

Non-Credit Requirements

Students are responsible for adding the following non-credit requirements when appropriate:

- SS500 Online Masters Student Orientation: First Semester
- SS602 MTS Mid-Program Review: Between 24-36 earned credits
- SS705 MTS Final Review: Final Semester

Master of Arts

MA Academic Requirements (36 cr. hrs.)

MA CORE REQUIREMENT (3 cr. hrs.)

- CQ640 MA Integrative Colloquy (3)

MA ELECTIVES (33 cr. hrs.)

Create a flexible degree plan or use a recommended degree plan published in the Course Planning Guide.

MA NON-CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

- SS500 Online Master Student Orientation (0)
- SS706 MA Final Program Review (0)

MA Recommended Plans: General

Accelerated

Year 1, Fall	Year 1, Spring	Year 1, Summer
☐ _____	☐ _____	☐ _____
☐ _____	☐ _____	☐ _____
☐ _____	☐ _____	☐ _____
☐ _____	☐ _____	☐ CQ640 MA Integrative Colloquy*

Traditional

Year 1, Fall	Year 1, Spring	Year 1, Summer
☐ _____	☐ _____	☐ _____
☐ _____	☐ _____	☐ _____
☐ _____	☐ _____	☐ _____
Year 2, Last Semester		
☐ _____		
☐ _____		
☐ CQ640 MA Integrative Colloquy		

Balanced

Year 1, Fall	Year 1, Spring	Year 1, Summer
☐ _____	☐ _____	☐ _____
☐ _____	☐ _____	☐ _____
Year 2, Fall	**Year 2, Spring**	**Year 2, Summer**
☐ _____	☐ _____	☐ _____
☐ _____	☐ _____	☐ CQ640 MA Integrative Colloquy*

*CQ640 MA Integrative Colloquy must be taken in your final semester. Switch with elective as needed.

Non-Credit Requirements

Students are responsible for adding the following non-credit requirements when appropriate:
- SS500 Online Masters Student Orientation: First Semester
- SS706 MA Final Review: Final Semester

MA Recommended Plans: UMC's Advanced Course of Study

Accelerated

Year 1, Fall	Year 1, Spring	Year 1, Summer
☐ ER503 Church Renewal for Mission ☐ PW504 Work of Worship ☐ Any 600 level OT course ☐ Any 600 level TH course	☐ ER501 Foundations for Evangelism ☐ Any 600 level NT course ☐ Any 600 level CH course ☐ Elective	☐ CH652 History of Methodism ☐ DN512 UM Doctrine and Polity ☐ Elective ☐ CQ640 MA Integrative Colloquy*

Traditional

Year 1, Fall	Year 1, Spring	Year 1, Summer
☐ ER503 Church Renewal for Mission ☐ PW504 Work of Worship ☐ Any 600 level OT course	☐ ER501 Foundations for Evangelism ☐ Any 600 level NT course ☐ Any 600 level CH course	☐ CH652 History of Methodism ☐ DN512 UM Doctrine and Polity ☐ Elective
Year 2, Last Semester		
☐ Any 600 level TH course ☐ Elective ☐ CQ640 MA Integrative Colloquy		

Balanced

Year 1, Fall	Year 1, Spring	Year 1, Summer
☐ ER503 Church Renewal for Mission ☐ Any 600 level OT course	☐ ER501 Foundations for Evangelism ☐ Any 600 level CH course	☐ CH652 History of Methodism ☐ DN512 UM Doctrine and Polity
Year 2, Fall	**Year 2, Spring**	**Year 2, Summer**
☐ Any 600 level TH course ☐ Elective	☐ Any 600 level NT course ☐ Elective	☐ PW504 Work of Worship ☐ CQ640 MA Integrative Colloquy*

*CQ640 must be taken in your last semester. If you plan to graduate in fall or spring, CQ640 can be switched out with an elective.

Non-Credit Requirements

Students are responsible for adding the following non-credit requirements when appropriate:

- SS500 Online Masters Student Orientation: First Semester
- SS706 MA Final Review: Final Semester

2026-2027 Course Offerings

Summer 2026

Term Dates: May 26 – Aug 28

Online Courses	Professor	Prerequisites	On Site
CM620 Interrel and Intercul Encounter	Lisa Hess	Any intro Bible, TH502, CM510/1	N/A
CR621 Tent-Making & Local Church	Lisa Hess		N/A
ER501 Foundations for Evangelism	Jack Jackson		N/A
ER503 Church Renewal for Mission	Eliseo Meija		N/A
LD511 Leadership for Ministry	Elvin Sadler		N/A
PC618 Counsel Skills for Care Giving	Reggie Abraham		N/A
PC617 Trauma, Crisis, Grief	Reggie Abraham		N/A
CH616 Holiness, Pentecostal, and Renewal Movements	Estrelda Alexander		N/A
TH510 Theo Research/Method	Adam Wirrig		N/A
TH602 Intro to Christian Ethics	Andrew Park		N/A
TH639 Theology for the Wounded	Andrew Park		N/A
DN522 Full Gospel Distinctives	Brian Hodges		N/A
DN542 GM Theology and Polity	Tom Hanover		N/A

Intensive Courses	Professor	Prerequisites	On Site
BI501 Low Impact Hebrew and Greek	Anthony LeDonne		July 20-24

A Hybrid Courses	Professor	Prerequisites	On Site
PW501 Preparing to Preach	Xavier Johnson	Any Intro Bible	July 27-29
CH652 History of Methodism	Wendy Deichmann		July 27-29
PW504 Work of Worship	Debrah Wong		July 27-29

B Hybrid Courses	Professor	Prerequisites	On Site
PW502 Intro to African Amer Preach	Xavier Johnson	Any Intro Bible	July 29-31
DN512 UM Doctrine and Polity	Sue Nelson Kibby		July 29-31
ER650 Fresh Expression of Church and Adventurer Ministry	Michael Beck		July 27-29

Other Courses	Professor	Prerequisites	On Site
PC699 Clinical Pastoral Care	Reggie Abraham		N/A
CQ640 MA Colloquy	Lisa Hess	Last Semester	N/A
CQ650 MTS Thesis	Adam Wirrig	Last Semester	N/A

Fall 2026

Term Dates: Sept 8 – Dec 11

Dayton	Professor	Prerequisites	On Site
CM510 Contextual Ministry 1	Madeline Henners		Tue 10:30a – 1:30p EST, retreat Oct 12-14
CM610 Contextual Ministry 3	Madeline Henners	CM501, 510, 511	Tue 10:30a – 1:30p EST, retreat Oct 12-14
CH501 Intro to Church History 1	Justus Hunter		Tue 2-5pm EST
OT613 Leviticus	Vivian Johnson		Tue 2-5pm EST
ER503 Church Renewal for Mission	Pete Bellini		Tue 6-9pm EST
NT500 Intro New Testament	Anthony LeDonne		Tue 6-9pm EST
TH626 History of Doctrine: Early and Medieval	Justus Hunter		Thu 2-5pm EST

Virtual Courses	Professor	Prerequisites	Virtual
CH501 Intro to Church History 1	Justus Hunter		Tue 2-5pm EST
OT613 Leviticus	Vivian Johnson		Tue 2-5pm EST
ER503 Church Renewal for Mission	Pete Bellini		Tue 6-9pm EST
NT500 Intro New Testament	Anthony LeDonne		Tue 6-9pm EST
TH626 History of Doctrine: Early and Medieval	Justus Hunter		Thu 2-5pm EST

Online Courses	Professor	Prerequisites	On Site
CH501 Intro to Church History 1	Justus Hunter		N/A
CH501 Intro to Church History 1	David Kim		N/A
CH614 African American Church	Xavier Johnson		N/A
CM620 Interrel and Intercul Encounter	Lisa Hess	Any intro Bible, TH502, CM510/1	N/A
ER503 Church Renewal for Mission	Pete Bellini		N/A
ER673 Conference: Holy Spirit Sem	Pete Bellini		See Conf Website
LD631 Online Teach Strats for Min Ed	Heather Shellabarger		N/A
NT500 Intro to New Testament	Anthony LeDonne		N/A
NT691 Greek 1	Anthony LeDonne		N/A
OT612 Wisdom Literature	Mark Boda		N/A
PW501 Preparing to Preach	Xavier Johnson		N/A
PW504 Work of Worship	Debbie Wong		N/A
TH500 Think, Read, Write Theo	Jimmy Mallory		N/A
TH603 Philosophical Foundations	Pete Bellini		N/A

A Hybrid Courses	Professor	Prerequisites	On Site
CM510 Contextual Ministry 1	Madeline Henners		Oct 12-14
CM610 Contextual Ministry 3	Madeline Henners	CM501, 510, 511	Oct 12-14

B Hybrid Courses	Professor	Prerequisites	On Site
PW622 Preaching Seminar B	Xavier Johnson		Oct 14-16

Other Courses	Professor	Prerequisites	On Site
PC699 Clinical Pastoral Care	Reggie Abraham		N/A
CQ640 MA Colloquy	Lisa Hess	Last Semester	N/A
CQ650 MTS Thesis	Adam Wirrig	Last Semester	N/A

Spring 2027

Term Dates: Feb 8 – May 14

Dayton	Professor	Prerequisites	On Site
CM511 Contextual Ministry 2	Madeline Henners		Tue 10:30a – 1:30p EST
CM611 Contextual Ministry 4	Madeline Henners	CM501, 510, 511	Tue 10:30a – 1:30p EST
CH502 Intro to Church History 2	Cal Lane		Tue 2-5pm EST
CH Elective	TBD		Tue 2-5pm EST
TH502 Intro to Theology	Andrew Park		Tue 6-9pm EST
OT500 Intro to Old Testament	Vivian Johnson		Tue 6-9pm EST

Virtual Courses	Professor	Prerequisites	Virtual
CH502 Intro to Church History 2	Cal Lane		Tue 2-5pm EST
CH Elective	TBD		Tue 2-5pm EST
PC507 Intro to Pastoral Care	Reggie Abraham		Tue 2-5pm EST
TH502 Intro to Theology	Andrew Park		Tue 6-9pm EST
OT500 Intro to Old Testament	Vivian Johnson		Tue 6-9pm EST
NT618 Jesus & the Kingdom of God	Joel Green		Thu 2-5pm EST

Online Courses	Professor	Prerequisites	On Site
CM511 Contextual Ministry 2	Madeline Henners		N/A
CM611 Contextual Ministry 4	Madeline Henners	CM501, 510, 511	N/A
ER501 Foundations for Evangelism	Jack Jackson		N/A
ER684 Conference: X-Seminar	Pete Bellini		See Conf Website
LD631 Online Teach Strats for Min Ed	Heather Shellabarger		N/A
PC507 Intro to Pastoral Care	Reggie Abraham		N/A
PC623 Bioethics for Chaplaincy	Reggie Abraham		N/A
NT Elective	TBD		N/A
NT692 Greek 2	Anthony LeDonne	NT691	N/A
OT500 Intro to Old Testament	Vivian Johnson		N/A
CH502 Intro to Church History 2	David Kim		N/A
CH502 Intro to Church History 2	Adam Wirrig		N/A
CH652 History of Methodism	Wendy Deichmann		N/A
TH500 Think, Read, Write Theo	Jimmy Mallory		N/A
TH502 Intro to Theology	Andrew Park		N/A

Other Courses	Professor	Prerequisites	On Site
PC699 Clinical Pastoral Care	Reggie Abraham		N/A
CQ640 MA Colloquy	Lisa Hess	Last Semester	N/A
CQ650 MTS Thesis	Adam Wirrig	Last Semester	N/A