

Doctor of Ministry

Ready to Enroll in a VIU Program?

Doctor of Ministry Core Courses (5 credit hours each)

- DM 800: Leadership in Pastoral Care
- DM 801: Church Growth and Leadership
- DM 802: Cross Cultural Perspectives in Pastoral Leadership
- DM 803: Counseling, Family Life, and Pastoral Leadership
- DM 804: The Media, Leadership and the Church
- DM 805: Spiritual Development of the Pastor, Church and Community
- DM 806: Ethics and the Church in Today's Culture – A Pastoral Perspective
- DM 807: Conflict Management and Resolution in Church Life
- DM 809: Women in Ministry: The Controversy of Ordination of Women
- DM 810: Leadership Principles Applied to Pastoral Ministry and Church Extension
- DM 811: Missions in the 21st Century
- DM 812: The New Apostolic Reformation: Paradigms and Procedures
- DM 813: Psychology and Theology: Conflicting or Complementary
- DM 814: Contemporary Theology and Evangelical Belief
- DM 816: Renewal Ministry from a Historical Church Perspective
- DM 817: Revival and Church Planting – Principles of Translation
- DM 818: Preaching: Its place and Importance in Contemporary Worship
- DM 819: Contemporary Worship: The Strengths and Weaknesses

Doctoral Project

Upon approval of the proposal the student may begin writing his or her Doctoral Project according to the specific format. The Doctoral Project is the finishing work for the doctoral degree, and is what provides the right to be called “Doctor.” It earns 10 credits towards the degree program. The guidelines for the writing of the Project are found in the book *Research Writing Made Easy*. Through the combination of foundational coursework, diligent study, and the guidance of a doctoral project coordinator, students successfully complete projects that are both personally gratifying and that contribute to the advancement of God's kingdom.

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Distance Learning Degree Programs

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Course of Study

Purpose

The purpose of this degree program is to equip the student for a higher level of competence in the practice of ministry than that achieved in the foundational work normally resulting in an M.Div. degree. The Doctor of Ministry degree program is designed to serve the need of ministers for an experience of continuing education which renews the personal life of faith, further develops professional competence, and stimulates continued growth in biblical and theological foundations for ministry.

Program Goals

Upon completion of the program, the student will be able to:

- Serve the need of ministers for an experience of continuing education.
- Renew the personal life of faith.
- Develop professional competence.
- Stimulate continued growth in biblical and theological foundations for ministry.

Prerequisite

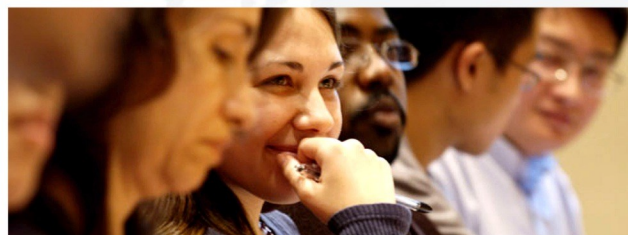
The Doctor of Ministry requires a prerequisite of 15 graduate credit hours in Biblical Studies or Theology as well as holding a Master's degree.

Nature of the Program

The program of studies leading to the Doctor of Ministry degree is a 45-credit (consisting of 35 credit hours in coursework and 10 credit hours for the doctoral project) program of study beyond the Master's degree designed for men and women who are engaged in pastoral and related ministries. The candidates are challenged to develop their ministerial skills and to refine and articulate a biblical theology of ministry while in a setting of ministry.

Core Courses

The student will complete seven courses, each of which constitute five semester credit hours. A 20-page paper is to be written on each topic. The choice belongs to the student, unless the committee determines a weakness in the students' prior academic background. Upon completion of the core topics the student will be advanced to candidacy. Completion of each core topic earns 5 credit hours. Course descriptions are provided to the student in a separate document as requested. The student has the option to choose seven core courses OR choose one emphasis.



Program Emphasis

Doctor of Ministry Emphasis Courses (5 credit hours each)

Human Behavior

- CC 840: Clinical Applications of Counseling in the Church
- CC 850: Psychopathology, Sin and Demonic Influence
- CC860: Psychotherapy, Pastoral Counseling and Inner Healing
- CC 870: Psychology and Theology: A Personal Integration
- CC 880: Personality Theory, Therapy: A Christian Worldview
- DM 803: Counseling, Family Life, and Pastoral Leadership
- DM 807: Conflict Management and Resolution in Church Life
- DM 899: Doctoral Project (10 credit hours)

Education and Leadership

- ED 810: Conflict Resolution in Educational Leadership
- ED 820: Human Behavior and Management in Education
- ED 830: Psychology of Learning in Education
- ED 840: Philosophy of Educational Leadership
- ED 850: Educational Leadership for Private School and Church
- DM 801: Church Growth and Leadership
- DM 810: Leadership Principles Applied to Pastoral Ministry and Church Extension
- DM 899: Doctoral Project (10 credit hours)

The doctoral student must submit a bibliography of the books used for the core papers.

Doctoral Project Proposal

The student is then to write a proposal for the Doctorate, describing the project according to the prescribed format. The completed proposal is to be approved by the Doctoral Committee of the University. The process and format for a Doctoral Proposal is described in *Research Writing Made Easy*. These resources will be provided by the Student Services Department.