

# VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL

## **Master of Divinity**

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING IN THE 2012-13 YEAR  
84 semester hours

### **Required Core (42 hours)**

\_\_\_\_\_ 2503 Hebrew Bible [3] (Must be taken as part of the first 27 hours of coursework) First year-first semester.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2511 New Testament [3] (Must be taken as part of the first 27 hours of coursework) First year-second semester.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2701 Formation of Christian Traditions [3] (Must be taken as part of the first 27 hours of coursework) First year-first semester

\_\_\_\_\_ 2703 Christianity in the Reformation Era [3] First year-second semester

\_\_\_\_\_ 2750 History of Religion in America [3] May be taken at any point. Taught every semester.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2656 Constructive Christian Theology I [3] (Can only be taken after the completion of 24 hours of coursework. Students must have completed 2503 Hebrew Bible, 2511 New Testament, 2701 Formation of Christian Tradition and one other history course, preferably 2703 Christianity in the Reformation Period. Must be taken prior to 2657 Constructive Christian Theology II) Second year-first semester

\_\_\_\_\_ 2657 Constructive Christian Theology II [3] (Must be taken after 2656 Constructive Christian Theology I) Second year-second semester

\_\_\_\_\_ 2758 Ethics in Theological Perspectives [3] (Students must have completed three other courses from the Required Core curriculum.) Second year-second semester

\_\_\_\_\_ 5006 Supervised Ministry and Seminar [3] (Taken after the completion of at least 24 credit hours.) Second year-both semesters

\_\_\_\_\_ 5002 Master of Divinity Degree Project [3] (completion of the sequence 2656 and 2657 Constructive Christian Theology I and II, and the two-semester sequence of 5006 Supervised Ministry and Seminar. Students benefit from having taken 2750 History of Religion in America and 2758 Ethics in Theological Perspectives.) Third year-first semester

**Three** of the following courses [9]: Ministerial Arts

\_\_\_\_\_ 2550 Pastoral Care and Theology Taught every semester

\_\_\_\_\_ 2801. Fundamentals of Preaching, or an approved course (Designated in YES)

\_\_\_\_\_ 2706. History of Christian Liturgy, or an approved course (Designated in YES)

\_\_\_\_\_ an approved course in Leadership and Ministry (Designated in YES)

\_\_\_\_\_ an approved course in Religious Education (Designated in YES)

**Core Electives (21 hours)**

- A. Any two electives in the area of either Hebrew Bible or New Testament (any course taught by faculty of these two areas) [6 hrs]
- B. One elective from the area of Constructive Theology (any course taught by faculty of the area of Theological Studies) [3 hrs]
- C. One elective in field education selected from the list of qualified courses [3 hrs]
- D. One elective in the Interreligious Encounter cluster selected from the list of qualified courses [3 hrs] (Designate in YES)
- E. One elective in the Gender and Sexuality Studies cluster selected from the list of qualified courses [3 hrs] (Designated in YES)
- F. One elective in the Race and Class Studies cluster selected from the list of qualified courses [3 hrs] (Designated in YES)

Sem/Yr	Course #	Course Title	Hours

**Free Electives (21 hours)**

[12 credit hours of graduate level courses may be taken outside the Divinity School.]

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\_\_\_\_\_ Completion of **Project 360** as part of second semester of Supervised Ministry Seminar **and** submission to Director of Field Education, Placement Supervisor, Academic Advisor and Associated Dean of Academic Affairs.

If the student desires a conversation with these people, the student may call a conference where the student will receive counsel and guidance about the student’s vocational and/or academic plans. Additionally, if any of the other parties feels the student would benefit from a more formal “Middler Review Conference”, any of them may call a conference.