VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL
Master of Divinity
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING IN THE 2018-2019 YEAR
72 semester hours

Required Common Courses (39 hours)

____ 5000 First Semester Orientation Course [3, P/F]

____ 6500 Hebrew Bible [3] (Must be taken as part of the first 27 hours of coursework) First year-
first semester.

____ 6600 New Testament [3] (Must be taken as part of the first 27 hours of coursework) First year-
second semester.

____ 6700 Global Christianity I [3] (Must be taken as part of the first 27 hours of coursework) First
year-first semester

____ 6708 Global Christianity II [3] (Must be taken as part of the first 27 hours of coursework) First
year-second semester

____ 6801 Introduction to Christian Theology I [3] (Can only be taken after the completion of 24
hours of coursework. Students must have completed 6500 Hebrew Bible, 6600 New Testament, 6700
Global Christianity I, and preferably 6708 Global Christianity II.) Second year-first semester

____ an approved course in Theological Studies [3] (Designated in YES). Must be taken after 6801
Introduction to Christian Theology.

____ an approved course in Ethics [3] (Designated in YES). May be taken at any point.

____ 7900 Supervised Ministry and Seminar [6] (Taken after the completion of at least 24 credit
hours.) Second year-both semesters

____ 7998 Master of Divinity Degree Project [3] (completion of 6801 Introduction to Christian
Theology, and the two-semester sequence of 7900 Supervised Ministry and Seminar. Students benefit
from having taken an ethics course.) Taken in third year, fall semester

Two of the following courses [6]: Ministerial Arts

____ 7000 Pastoral Theology and Care (Taught once a year)

____ 6901. Fundamentals of Preaching, or an approved course (Designated in YES, typically an
approved course is taught every semester.)

____ 6701. 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)
**Concentration (12 hours)**

Concentrations are comprised of 12 credit hours including a praxis course or experience (e.g. archival research, ethnography, interfaith dialogue) to be determined in consultation with the concentration faculty advisors.

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**Optional Second Concentration (12 hours, which reduces electives below)**

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**Electives (21 hours)**

Student will select the remaining 21 credit hours based on their interests and in discussion with their advising team. [12 credit hours of graduate level courses (5000+) may be taken outside the Divinity School. Cross-listed course do not count against these outside hours.]

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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.

_____ Completion of “**ATS Graduate Student Questionnaire**” prior to Commencement.