

THE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MISSIONS

Available at the Stephen Olford
Center of the Germantown Campus

Purpose Statement

The Doctor of Ministry with an Emphasis in Expository Preaching is designed to enhance the art and practice of expository preaching.

Program Outcomes

- Deeper understanding of the nature and purpose of expository preaching informed by a biblical, theological, and practical study of expository preaching
- Advanced competency in the preparation and delivery of expository sermons
- Demonstrable research skills evidenced by a fresh contribution to the praxis of expository preaching through a doctoral dissertation or project
- Expertise in advancing the ministry and practice of expository preaching
- Professional growth in related ministry dimensions such as personal spiritual

offerings include Seminar 1 Monday through Friday, beginning the second Monday after January 2, and Seminar 2 Monday through Friday, beginning the third Monday after January 2. Post-seminar assignments are to be completed

and courses graded by the end of the semester in December and May respectively. Faculty will announce deadlines for post-seminar assignments in course syllabi to meet the published semester grading period.

- Applicants must be employed by or hold a recognized position in vocational Christian ministry at the time of their application.
- A grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale throughout all master's level studies.
- Three full years of vocational Christian ministry after completion of master's study.

Prospective students are requested to contact the Doctor of Ministry Office if they have questions about whether they have established an adequate foundation for the Doctor of Ministry study as indicated above. International applicants are welcome, but must contact the Doctor of Ministry Office for additional admission requirements.

Academic Foundation

The standard academic preparation for the Union University Doctor of Ministry is a Master of Divinity from a regionally accredited seminary, university, graduate school of religion, or divinity school. (These are collectively referred to below as "accredited graduate divinity schools.") Preference is given to applicants whose master's work includes at least 6 semester hours of biblical Greek and 6 semester hours of biblical Hebrew.

Union University recognizes that many prospective students have enrolled in accredited graduate divinity schools in programs of study other than the Master of Divinity. Such degrees include the Master of Christian Studies, the Master of Religious Education, or the Master of Arts in a discipline such as Old Testament. We therefore have established that "Master of Divinity Equivalency" also meets the academic requirement for admission to the Doctor of Ministry. Each applicant in this category will be evaluated

Biblical, Theological, and Historical Studies

1. Old Testament , 9-12 hours, including at least 6 hours of survey
2. New Testament , 9-12 hours, including at least 6 hours of survey
3. Theology, 6-9 hours, including at least 6 hours of survey
4. Church History, 6-9 hours, including at least 6 hours of survey
5. Hermeneutics (Interpreting the Bible), 3-6 hours

Languages and Preaching Studies

6. Biblical Greek , 0-9 hours
7. Biblical Hebrew, 0-9 hours
8. Homiletics (Communicating the Bible), 6-9 hours

Ministry Studies

9. Leadership or Religious Education, 3-9 hours
10. Christian Ethics or Christian Apologetics, 3-9 hours
11. Christian Counseling or Pastoral Care, 3-9 hours
12. Evangelism and/or Missions, 3-9 hours

For each of these 12 categories, the first number in the right column is the **l b l a i a** number of semester hours required in that category to meet Master of Divinity Equivalency. Thus, 51 of the 81 required semester hours are specified. The remaining 18 hours may be gained in a number of ways, including courses that fit in categories not mentioned above, such as spiritual formation or philosophy of religion. Thus, for example, all students must have earned at least 6 church history hours in order to meet Master of Divinity Equivalency. The second number in the right column is the **u j a i a** number of hours that students should complete in that category as they seek Master of Divinity Equivalency. Thus, for example, once prospective students have completed 9 hours in church history, they should broaden their preparation by selecting courses from the other categories. The Doctor of Ministry Program Director provides case-by-case assessment of each student seeking Master of Divinity Equivalency. Applicants will be informed in writing when Master of Divinity Equivalency has been established only after Union University has received official transcripts from all accredited graduate divinity schools the student has attended.

