

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MISSIONS

Purpose Statement

The Doctor of Ministry with an emphasis in expository preaching, offered at the Stephen Olford Center and in Singapore, is designed to enhance the art and practice of expository preaching. The Doctor of Ministry with an emphasis in leadership, offered in Singapore only, is designed to provide advanced competency in biblical leadership.

- Students will gain advanced competency in the preparation and delivery of expository sermons or of biblical leadership.
- Students will demonstrate professional growth in related ministry dimensions, such as biblically balanced ministry, church renewal and revival, evangelism and global missions, and biblical leadership.
- Students will produce a fresh contribution to the practice of expository preaching or of biblical leadership through a doctoral dissertation or project.

Program Emphases

The first emphasis of the Doctor of Ministry is advanced-level professional preparation in either expository preaching or biblical leadership. The second emphasis is equipping students to research and develop appropriate new insights and expertise into their current ministry field through their doctoral dissertation. The D.Min. program seeks to advance God's kingdom in churches around the world by preparing pastors and other ministry leaders with the highest professional skill in expository preaching or biblical leadership.

Calendar (Olford Center)

The Doctor of Ministry is delivered in two semesters per year. All seminars are delivered on site at the Stephen Olford Center. Seminars will require pre-seminar assignments. The student begins the program with the Summer/Fall Semester by enrolling in the July Seminar(s). Seminar 1 will meet Monday through Friday of the second week, beginning the second Monday following July 5, and Seminar 2 will meet Monday through Friday of the third week, beginning the third Monday following July 5. The Winter/Spring Semester

Expected Student Learning

Outcomes (Stephen Olford Center)

- Students will have a deeper understanding of the nature and purpose of expository preaching.
- Students will gain advanced competency in the preparation and delivery of expository sermons.
- Students will demonstrate professional growth in related ministry dimensions, such as biblically balanced ministry, church renewal and revival, and evangelism and global missions.
- Students will produce a fresh contribution to the practice of expository preaching through a doctoral dissertation or project.

Expected Student Learning

Outcomes (Singapore)

- Students will have a deeper understanding of the nature and purpose of expository preaching or of biblical leadership.

Application Deadlines

Applicants must complete all elements of their application and be officially accepted into the program before they can enroll in their first seminars. The size of each entering class is limited, and preference is given to students who apply early. The deadline for receiving the application and application fee is March 1. The deadline for receiving all other application materials is May 1. A personal or telephone interview with the Program Director is scheduled by the Doctor of Ministry Office after all elements of the application are received. The deadline for the admission interview is May 15. Applicants are notified of their admission status not later than

- b. The dissertation chair recruits the dissertation committee, consisting of two other persons. One of these will be an STM faculty member. The third person may be an STM faculty member, but may also be a UU faculty member from another discipline or may be a qualified non-faculty member, such as a pastor.
- c. The professor of the research seminar has responsibility for assigning the grade for the DMIN 620 seminar.

Phase 2: From the completion of the Ministry Research Seminar to the completion of all seminars.

1. The dissertation chair works with the student in research and further development of the project.
2. The dissertation chair works with the student and with the IRB (Institutional Review Board) to gain any necessary IRB approval.
3. The dissertation proposal is submitted to the DMin Committee of the STM faculty, a committee appointed annually by the Dean of the School of Theology and Missions. The DMin Committee works with the dissertation committee and the student until the DMin Committee approves the proposal.

Phase 3: From the completion of all seminars to graduation.

1. After DMin Committee has given formal approval of the proposal and after the successful completion of all nine DMin seminars, the DMin program director will notify the student of official candidacy status. If a student moves from one church or ministry to another after the student has achieved candidacy status, but before graduation, the student must take at least a one-semester leave of absence from the program in order to develop a new proposal. This new proposal must be submitted to the DMin Committee for approval. In addition, the student must submit a new ministry endorsement letter within six months of beginning the different ministry.
2. The student must register for DMIN 800 the next semester after completing all nine seminars. Enrollment in DMIN 800 must continue for at least two consecutive semesters. During this time, the dissertation chair will

- work closely with the student to bring the dissertation to final form. It is during these two semesters ONLY that the dissertation chair will get teaching load credit (or financial consideration) for chairing a dissertation.
3. The student may register for DMIN 800 for up to four consecutive semesters. No break in registration will be permitted. (In exceptional circumstances, the student may appeal to the Dean of the School of Theology and Missions for a break in this continuous enrollment requirement or for extension beyond four semesters.)
4. The dissertation in final form must be submitted to the dissertation chair not later than Friday of the first week of the regular semester (fall or spring) at which the student expects to graduate. The chair will have one month to work with the student to make any further revisions.
5. A formal dissertation defense before the entire dissertation committee must occur not later than the beginning of fall break or spring break of the semester of graduation.
6. Any last-minute revisions must be finalized not later than one week before graduation. Three final copies of the dissertation must be submitted not later than one week before graduation.

Graduation Requirements

- Complete required semester hours for the degree with a cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Complete all required seminars for the track in which the student is enrolled (expository preaching or leadership).
- Complete and successfully defend the dissertation as defined in “Doctoral Processes.”
- File the Application for Graduation with the Doctor of Ministry Office. The deadline is March 1 for candidates who plan to complete requirements by the May Commencement and October 1 for candidates who plan to complete requirements by the December Commencement.

618. Leadership Through Preaching (3) Fall

This seminar is an in-depth examination of Old Testament and New Testament genres and how understanding these genres should aid preachers to develop sermons. The course will expose students to both hermeneutics and homiletics.

620. Ministry Research Seminar (3) Winter

Prerequisite: DMIN 610.

An introduction to methods of research necessary for completion of the DMinEP dissertation or project.

624. Missions, Evangelism, and Ministry (3) Spring

An in-depth examination of the mission of the church emphasizing evangelism and ministry.

625. Sermon Content and Delivery (3) Winter

Prerequisites: DMIN 610 and 615.

Aspects of sermon content will be studied with a view to improving message content. Also, there will be an analysis and assessment of the dynamics of communication in relations to the practice of expository preaching. Biblical principles related to communication will be explored, as well as contemporary theory and models.

629. Strategic Planning (3) Spring

A workshop on the strategic planning process in the context of ministry with a biblical and theological critique.

630. Expository Preaching and New Testament Texts (3) Summer

Prerequisites: DMIN 610 and 615.

An in-depth study of the genres of literature in the New Testament, focusing on hermeneutical and homiletical issues related to preparing expository messages from the New Testament.

635. Expository Preaching and Old Testament Texts (3) Winter

Prerequisites: DMIN 610 and 615.

An in-depth study of the genres of literature in the Old Testament, focusing on hermeneutical and homiletical issues related to preparing expository messages from the Old Testament.

636. Spiritual Formation of the Minister (3) Fall

An in-depth examination of the relationship between personal spiritual development and pastoral ministry.

639. Spiritual Formation of the Congregation (3)

An in-depth examination of the spiritual development of a congregation in the areas of ethics, crises, and conflicts.

640. Expository Preaching and Evangelism (3) Winter

Prerequisites: DMIN 610 and 615.

A consideration of how preaching engages culture and the world. Focuses on the dynamics of evangelistic preaching and preaching cross-culturally.

800. Project and Dissertation (3 each) Winter and Summer

Prerequisite: Successful completion of all nine DMIN seminars and permission of the Doctor of Ministry Program Director.

The writing of an original dissertation that contributes significantly to the praxis of expository preaching or ministry leadership.

Other Variable Credit and Variable Content Courses

655. Independent Study (1-3)

Individual research and study under the guidance of a Doctor of Ministry in Expository Preaching professor.

679, 779. External Domestic Study Programs (1-4)

All courses and their application to the program must be defined prior to travel.

680, 780. Study Abroad Study Programs (1-4)

All courses and their application to the program must be defined prior to travel.

785, 786, 787. Doctoral Elective Seminar (3)

Group seminars which do not appear in the School course offerings.