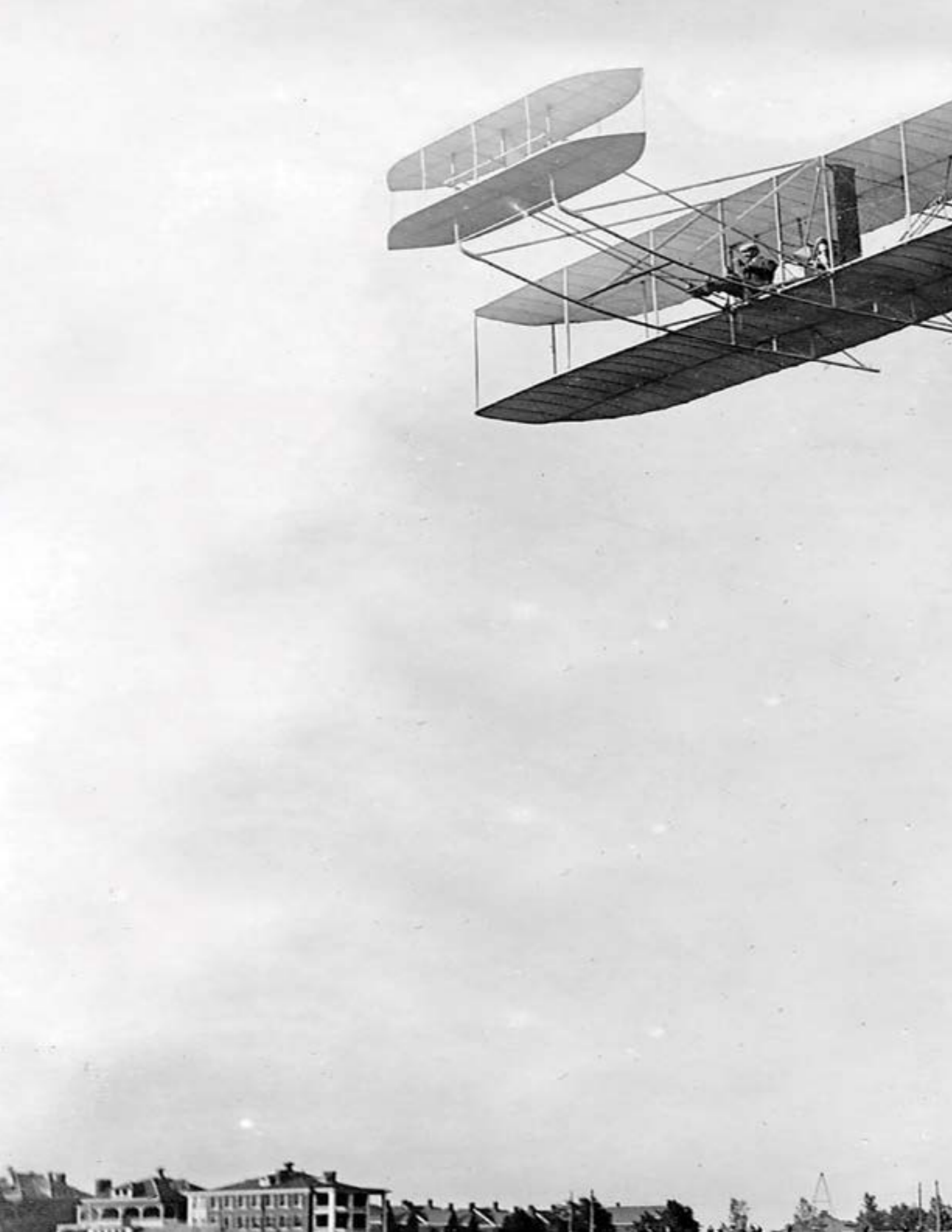


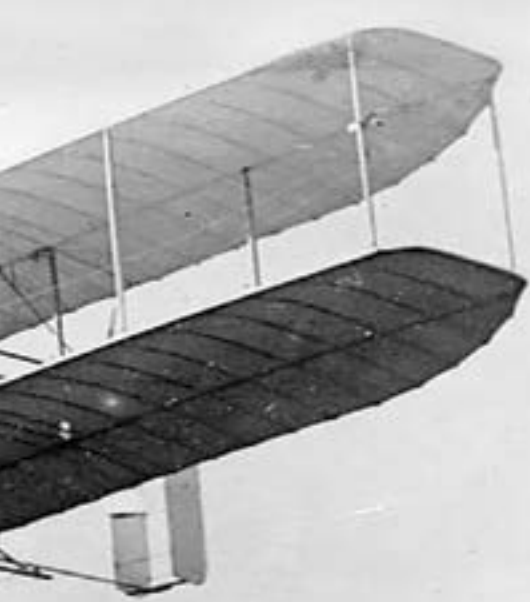


What are Your God-Given Dreams?

Explore them at United Theological Seminary







Where Dreams Take Flight!

When Bishop Milton Wright, father of aviation pioneers Wilbur and Orville, founded United Theological Seminary in 1871, he had a vision to help pastors and church leaders follow God's dream for their lives. Just as Bishop Wright encouraged his sons to dream and experiment, which led to the creation of the flying machine in Dayton, Ohio, so we empower students at United to follow their calling.

God has placed a call and a dream on the hearts of each of our students. At United, you will gain practical training and spiritual formation to help your dreams take flight.





Learning at United

United Theological Seminary is one of thirteen United Methodist seminaries in the United States. While we are a seminary of The United Methodist Church, we welcome students from many backgrounds. Representing different denominations, races and nationalities, students come together in an environment that fosters respect, learning and growth, united by the desire to go higher as they follow God's call on their lives.

At United, we are committed to the historic faith in Jesus Christ passed down to us through scripture, sacraments, creeds and the fathers and mothers of the Church; scriptural holiness for personal transformation and the transformation of the world; and church renewal through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our mission is to prepare faithful, fruitful leaders to make disciples of Jesus Christ. United's outstanding faculty are faithful Christians who are active in local churches and invested in the academic and spiritual growth of future leaders of the Church. Strong academically, yet richly practical, an education at United prepares you to go higher in ministry in the Church and beyond.

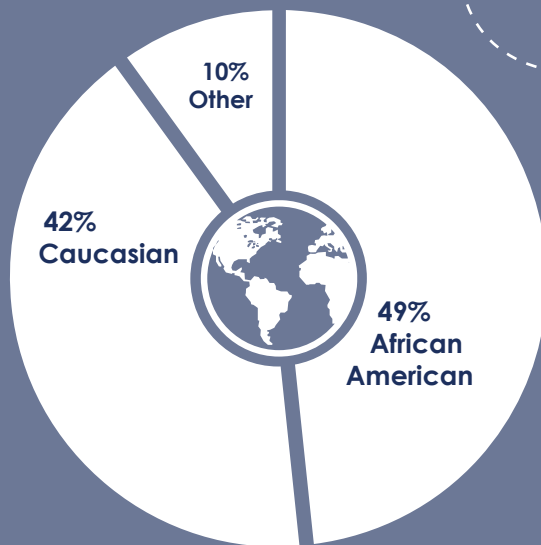
United Students

459

Total Students

187 Doctoral

272 Masters



37%
Female



63%
Male

23 International students from
10 countries



37 Denominations



*Fall 2019 enrollment, figures represented those who responded.
All figures rounded to the nearest whole number.

Learning That Fits Your Lifestyle

What does your life look like?

Do you have a job? Family obligation?

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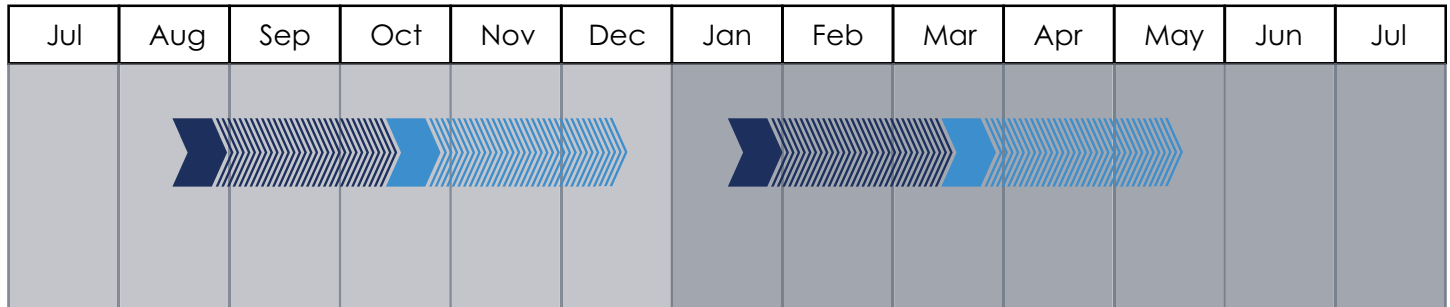
When God places a call on your life and you discern seminary might be the next step, that doesn't mean everything else stops. That's why United offers flexible learning options to make high-quality education accessible for working pastors and professionals. Choose the learning style that works best for you, or mix and match to get the right combination for your busy schedule. Our **Academic Calendar** (see next page) features traditional on-campus formats, hybrid and intensive courses offered on campus during Gathering weeks, online courses, and innovative virtual courses that make it possible to attend and participate in on-campus courses in real time from a distance. Whatever your call, you'll find opportunities to participate in a rich learning community that fits your lifestyle.

During my four years at United, I felt very much a part of a community that extended beyond my screen.

Caleb Fritz '18

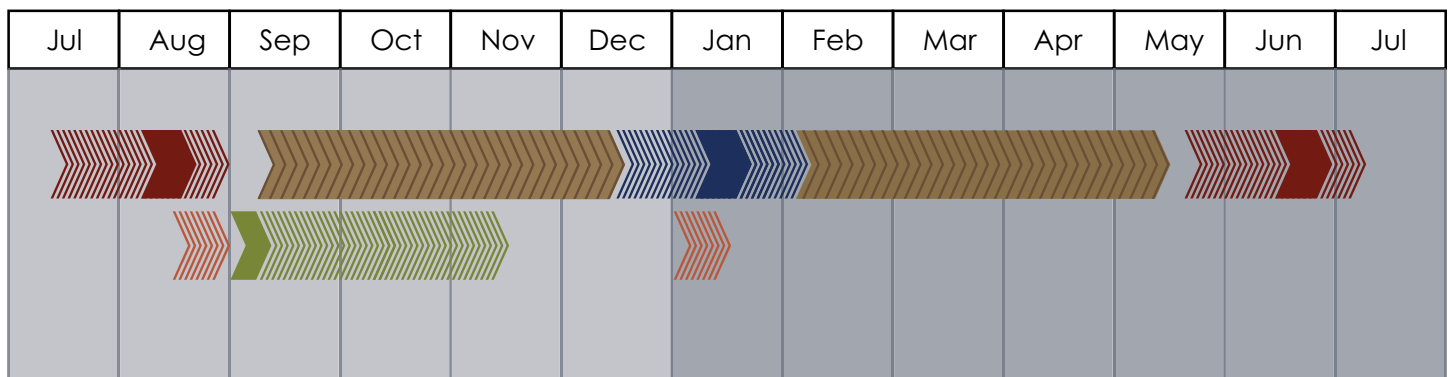


Doctoral Academic Calendar



- Intensive
- Peer Group Meeting

Master Academic Calendar



- Traditional Classes (Dayton, LIVE, Online)
- Hybrid Courses
- Intensive
- Immersion Trip
- Contextual Ministries (Retreat & Coursework)

Key

*For illustration purposes. Specific dates for the academic calendar may be found in the [Academic Catalog](#).

●	Fall Semester	●	Spring Semester
●	On Campus	⏏	Off Campus

Academic Portfolio

	Credit Hours	On Campus	Online	Focused Study
Advanced Leadership				
Doctor of Ministry	60	Hybrid	Hybrid	Focus Groups

Ministerial Leadership

Master of Divinity	78	Yes	Primarily	Concentrations
Master of Arts in Christian Ministries	45	Yes	Primarily	Concentrations
Master of Ministry	36	Yes	Primarily	-

General Theological Studies

Master of Theological Studies	48	Yes	Fully	Focus Areas
Master of Arts	36	Yes	Fully	Flexible Curriculum

United offers a comprehensive portfolio of programs, designed to support your academic and spiritual growth while preparing you to follow God's call. Our programs fall into three categories:

Advanced Leadership:

United's Doctor of Ministry program builds professional leadership capabilities from a ministerial perspective. Through the Doctor of Ministry, identify a need in your community and develop a model of ministry to produce change for the glory of God.

Ministerial Leadership:

The Master of Divinity, Master of Ministry, and Master of Arts in Christian Ministries programs develop strong leadership skills for ministry and service in the Church and community. Whether you are called to religious, non-profit or secular vocations, a theological and spiritual foundation prepares you to live out your calling.

General Theological Studies:

Through academic study of the Bible, historic faith and theological traditions, the Master of Arts and Master of Theological Studies programs expand your knowledge and help you grow in your faith. Multiple degree plans provide flexibility to focus in a specific area of study.



Doctor of Ministry

Expand your ministry by becoming a Doctor of the Church.

6 semesters. 3 years.

Program Design

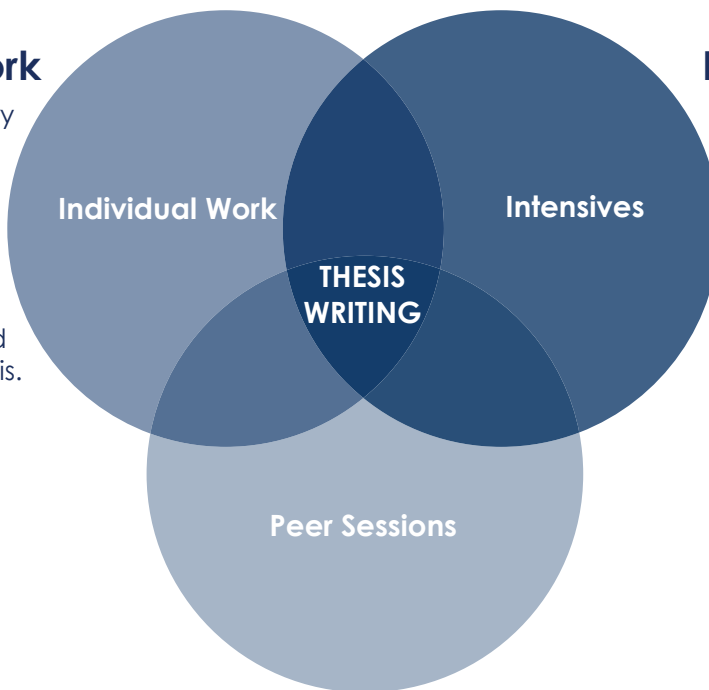
The DMin program is designed for those who are actively engaged in ministry. Complete it from wherever you live. Your own ministry setting is the learning environment. Working with a faculty mentor, a peer group focused on an area of ministry, and ministry partners, you will develop an original research project designed to address a need within your unique ministry context. Thesis writing begins on the first day of the program, and chapters are due each semester to make your project manageable and help you graduate on time.

Time on Campus

- Two week-long intensives each year (January and August)
- Two 3-4 day focus group meetings each year (one on campus and one at a location of the mentor and group's choice, dates selected by mentor and focus group)

Individual Work

Assess your ministry context and design a project to address a need. Phases of your project are due each semester, providing accountability and momentum toward completing your thesis.



Intensives

Begin each semester learning from national leaders about major issues impacting ministry today. Work closely with mentors and peers to troubleshoot and progress through your project step by step.

Peer Sessions

Meet with your focus group twice per year to expand your knowledge base through assigned coursework. Collaborate with your mentor and peers to refine your project.

Your mentor, with you the whole way...

Learn from experienced religious leaders in United's mentor-based program. Your mentor will lead your focus group through an area of ministry relevant to the church today. You will receive feedback, academic guidance and support in your ministry from your mentor and peers during your time in the DMin program.

*Focus Group offerings are subject to change. The Doctor of Ministry office is available at any time to assist you in identifying an appropriate group for your specific area of interest.

Focus Groups*

- 21st Century Church
- Church Renewal and Evangelism
- Holy Spirit and Supernatural Ministry
- Pastoral Leadership and Church Administration
- Preaching
- Social Justice

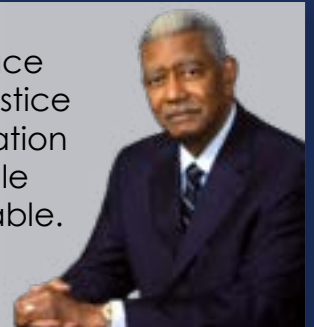


Preparing for the Doctor of Ministry

The Doctor of Ministry program presupposes a Master of Divinity degree (or its educational equivalent) followed by a least three years of ministry. If you have another type of master's degree, our **Master of Ministry** or **Pre-Doctoral program** can prepare you for the educational rigor of the doctoral program, while accomplishing MDiv equivalency requirements.

United is a place where love, justice and reconciliation are inseparable and ineradicable.

Otis Moss '90



Master of Divinity

Prepare for ordained ministry or leadership as a lay professional.

26 courses. 78 credit hours.
Primarily online or on campus.*

Complete in 3-4 years.

Requirements

Biblical Studies (12 cr. hrs.)

- OT504 Intro to the Old Testament 1 (3)
- OT505 Intro to the Old Testament 2 (3)
- NT521 Intro to the New Testament 1 (3)
- NT522 Intro to the New Testament 2 (3)

Church History and Theology (15 cr. hrs.)

- CH504 History of Christianity 1 (3)
- CH505 History of Christianity 2 (3)
- TH502 Intro to Theology (3)
- TH602 Christian Ethics (3)
- TH702 Systematic Theology (3)

Practical Theology (15 cr. hrs.)

- PW5## Any Intro Worship Course (3)
- PW5## Any Intro Preaching Course (3)
- ER501 Foundations for Evangelism (3)
- ER503 Church Renewal for Mission (3)
- PC507 Intro to Pastoral Care (3)

Contextual Ministries (15 cr. hrs.)

- CM501 Field Education Unit 1 (0)
- CM502 Field Education Unit 2 (0)
- CM510 Contextual Ministry 1 (3)
- CM511 Contextual Ministry 2 (3)
- CM610 Contextual Ministry 3 (3)
- CM611 Contextual Ministry 4 (3)
- WR601 Methods of Interreligious and Intercultural Encounter (3)
- WR602 Immersion Trip (0)

*Residency requirements may vary by denomination. Most United Methodist students must complete 1/3 of their degree (26 credit hours) on campus. The primarily online MDiv is offered as an approved exception to ATS Degree Program Standard A. section A.3.1.3.

I was instructed, encouraged, challenged, and held accountable to push beyond my worldview and step outside my own lived experience.
Heather Husted '19



MDiv Electives (21 cr. hrs.)

Students may use elective courses to fulfill concentration and denominational requirements. United Methodists are required to complete six credits in UM History, Doctrine and Polity.

Concentrations available in Biblical Interpretation, Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care, Church Planting, Holy Spirit and Renewal, Ministry Leadership, Preaching, and Wesleyan and Methodist Studies.

Immersion Trip Experience

All Master of Divinity students participate in an immersion trip in which they encounter other cultures to enrich their learning experience.

MDiv Non-Credit Requirements

- SS500 Online Master Student Orientation (0)
- SS601 MDiv Mid-Program Review (0)
- SS701 MDiv Final Program Review (0)

Master of Arts in Christian Ministries

Prepare for specialized ministry in ordained or lay leadership.

15 courses. 45 credit hours. Primarily online or on campus.*

Complete in 2-3 years.

Requirements

Biblical Studies (6 cr. hrs.)

- OT504 Intro to the Old Testament 1 (3) or OT505 Intro to the Old Testament 2 (3)
- NT521 Intro to the New Testament 1 (3) or NT522 Intro to the New Testament 2 (3)

Church History and Theology (6 cr. hrs.)

- CH504 History of Christianity 1 (3) or CH505 History of Christianity 2 (3)
- TH502 Intro to Theology (3)

Practical Theology (9 cr. hrs.)

- PW501 Preparing to Preach (3) or PW502 Intro to African American Preaching (3) or PW504 Work of Worship (3) or PW510 United Methodist Worship (3)
- ER501 Foundations for Evangelism (3)
- ER503 Church Renewal for Mission (3)

Contextual Ministries (6 cr. hrs.)

- CM501 Field Education Unit 1 (0)
- CM510 Contextual Ministry 1 (3)
- CM511 Contextual Ministry 2 (3)

MACM Electives (18 cr. hrs.)

Students may use elective courses to fulfill concentration and denominational requirements. United Methodists are required to complete six credits in UM History, Doctrine and Polity.

Concentrations available in Biblical Interpretation, Holy Spirit and Renewal, Church Planting, Ministry Leadership, Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care, Preaching, and Wesleyan and Methodist Studies.

United is one of only a few seminaries in which students can truly have an up-close encounter with the Holy Spirit.

Mark Heckman '19



MACM Non-Credit Requirements

- SS500 Online Masters Student Orientation (0)
- SS603 MACM Mid-Program Review (0)
- SS703 MACM Final Program Review (0)

*Residency requirements may vary by denomination. Most United Methodist students must complete 1/3 of their degree (15 credit hours) on campus. The primarily online MACM is offered as an approved exception to ATS Degree Program Standard B, section B.3.1.3.

Master of Ministry

Prepare for ordained ministry or the Doctor of Ministry program.

12 courses. 36 credit hours. Primarily online or on campus.*

Complete in 2 years.

Requirements

Biblical Studies (6 cr. hrs.)

- OT504 Intro to the Old Testament 1 (3) or OT505 Intro to the Old Testament 2 (3)
- NT521 Intro to the New Testament 1 (3) or NT522 Intro to the New Testament 2 (3)

Church History and Theology (6 cr. hrs.)

- CH504 History of Christianity 1 (3) or CH505 History of Christianity 2 (3)
- TH502 Intro to Theology (3)

Practical Theology (9 cr. hrs.)

- PW501 Preparing to Preach (3) or PW502 Intro to African American Preaching (3) or PW504 Work of Worship (3) or PW510 United Methodist Worship (3)
- ER501 Foundations for Evangelism (3)
- ER503 Church Renewal for Mission (3)

Contextual Ministries (6 cr. hrs.)

- CM501 Field Education Unit 1 (0)
- CM510 Contextual Ministry 1 (3)
- CM511 Contextual Ministry 2 (3)

MMin Electives (9 cr. hrs.)

Students may use elective courses to fulfill denominational requirements. United Methodists are required to complete six credits in UM History, Doctrine and Polity. TH510 Theological Research and Methodology is a recommended elective for those preparing for the Doctor of Ministry.

I'm grateful for my journey through seminary because I'm coming out on the other end knowing God has called me into ministry.
Ricc Conner '17



MMin Non-Credit Requirements

- SS500 Online Master Student Orientation (0)
- SS705 MMin Final Program Review (0)

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Master of Theological Studies

Pursue the academic study of Christianity or prepare for a PhD or ThD.

16 courses. 48 credit hours.
Fully online or on campus.

Focused study leading to a thesis.
Complete in 2-3 years.

Requirements

Biblical Studies (12 cr. hrs.)

- OT504 Intro to the Old Testament 1 (3)
- OT505 Intro to the Old Testament 2 (3)
- NT521 Intro to the New Testament 1 (3)
- NT522 Intro to the New Testament 2 (3)

Church History and Theology (9 cr. hrs.)

- CH504 History of Christianity 1 (3)
- CH505 History of Christianity 2 (3)
- TH502 Intro to Theology (3)

Research and Methodology (3 cr. hrs.)

- TH510 Theological Research and Methodology (3)

Thesis or Project (3 cr. hrs.)

- CQ650 MTS Thesis (3)

United showed me that academics and Christian spirituality work together and enhance each other.

Jimmy Mallory '19



Focus Area Electives (15 cr. hrs.)

Must be related to the student's MTS Focus Area, chosen in consultation with faculty mentor. Focus areas available in Church History/Theology or Biblical Studies.

Core Theological Disciplines Electives (6 cr. hrs.)

Must be in one of the core disciplines (BI, OT, NT, CH, ET, TH), chosen in consultation with faculty mentor.

MTS Non-Credit Requirements

- SS500 Online Master Student Orientation (0)
- SS602 MTS Mid-Program Review (0)
- SS702 MTS Final Program Review (0)



Master of Arts

Design your own degree and grow in your faith.

12 courses. 36 credit hours. Fully online or on campus.

Customized program of study. Complete in 1.5-2 years.

Build your own degree with United's Master of Arts (MA) program. Whether you are looking for a flexible curriculum for specialized expertise, pursuing ministry in the world or seeking to understand your faith more deeply, United's MA is intentionally flexible to meet a wide range of needs and interests.

The MA is also designed for those who wish to earn a degree while completing Advanced Course of Study (ACOS) in The United Methodist Church.

With one core course (3 credit hours) and eleven elective courses (33 credit hours), gain a strong foundation and choose electives that equip you to follow God's call. Design your own degree plan or pursue specialized studies in biblical interpretation, chaplaincy and pastoral care, or ministry leadership.



Requirements

MA Core Requirements (3 cr. hrs.)

- CQ640 MA Integrative Colloquy (3)

MA Non-Credit Requirements

- SS500 Online Master Student Orientation (0)
- SS706 MA Final Program Review (0)

MA Electives (33 cr. hrs.)

Design your own degree plan in consultation with advisor, or follow the recommended **ACOS Curriculum**.

United has equipped me to engage my community in the call of "making disciples of Jesus Christ" in so many profound ways.

Jeremy Barkley '19



Basic Graduate Theological Studies

Start with the basics to earn a certificate.

9 courses. 27 credit hours. Complete in 1-2 years.

United Theological Seminary offers all the courses that meet The United Methodist Church's requirements for Basic Graduate Theological Studies. For United Methodists seeking Deacon's Orders, this coursework must be in conformity with the requirements of the United Methodist General Board of Higher Education and Ministry for the BGTS program.



Requirements

Biblical Studies (6 cr. hrs.)

- OT504 Intro to the Old Testament 1 (3) or OT505 Intro to the Old Testament 2 (3)
- NT521 Intro to the New Testament 1 (3) or NT522 Intro to the New Testament 2 (3)

Church History and Theology (6 cr. hrs.)

- CH504 History of Christianity 1 (3) or CH505 History of Christianity 2 (3)
- TH502 Intro to Theology (3)

Practical Theology (9 cr. hrs.)

- PW5## Introductory Worship Course (3)
- ER501 Foundations for Evangelism (3)
- ER503 Church Renewal for Mission (3)

Denominational Studies (6 cr. hrs.)

- DN511 United Methodist History (3)
- DN512 United Methodist Doctrine and Polity (3)

United did not try to change me but helped me to become a better me so God could use me more.

Tony Craddock '19



Non-Degree Programs

United offers continuing education certificates and non-degree learning opportunities in a variety of areas and specialties.

Course of Study School of Ohio Extension School

Course of Study (COS) is prescribed by The United Methodist Church for the education of persons serving as Local Pastors. The entire Course of Study begins with license school and continues with Basic Course of Study and Advanced Course of Study. Extension of the Course of Study School of Ohio (COSSO), United offers the Course of Study as a hybrid curriculum, with coursework completed both online and on-campus. As an Extension School, United's Hybrid COS Program serves only part-time local pastors and offers 12 courses per year.

Continuing Education

The School of Discipleship and Renewal (SDR) is United's main department for continuing education and houses multiple centers. The SDR centers may offer certificates and lead events that are eligible for continuing education units (CEUs).

Certificate in Church Planting

The **Certificate in Church Planting (CCP)** is ideal for pastors, church leaders and lay people involved in the leadership and ministry of a church plant.

Certificate in Disability Ministry

The **Certificate in Disability Ministry** equips church leaders, pastors and lay people to reach all people through ministry with people with disabilities.

Certificate in Supervision

The **Pohly Leadership Center** offers an Associate in Supervision Certificate (ASC) for those who want to advance their management credentials and further enhance their self-supervision skills.

Certificate in Theology and Ministry

The **Hispanic Christian Academy** offers a Certificate in Theology and Ministry (CTM) for Spanish-speaking leaders serving in Hispanic/Latino contexts. Taught fully online and in Spanish, the CTM offers courses in Bible, Theology, Church and Mission and Ministry.

Certificado en Teologica Y Ministerio

La Academia Cristiana Hispana ofrece un *Certificado en Teología y Ministerio (CTM) para líderes hispanohablantes sirviendo en contextos hispanolatinos. Enseñado completamente en línea y en español, el CTM ofrece cursos en Biblia, Teología, Iglesia y Misión, y Ministerio.*

Global Awakening Christian Healing Certificate (GHC)

The Christian Healing Certification Program with Global Awakening offers three primary areas of study: Physical Healing, Inner Healing and Deliverance.

Student Aid Options

United Theological Seminary strives to make theological education affordable through reasonable **tuition costs**, contextual education placements and a comprehensive **financial aid and scholarship program**. From tuition discount programs to scholarships, student aid is available to support your educational journey.

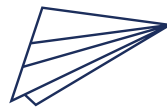
The Financial Aid Department works with students to determine and access resources available to support their theological education. Finances are handled with a view toward fiscal responsibility, integrity, accountability and thoughtful planning. Financial assistance is available through both the seminary and outside sources. United attempts to present a comprehensive financial aid package which may include eligibility for scholarships, federal work-study and loans.

For additional information, contact the Financial Aid Department, studentaid@united.edu.

For priority scholarship consideration, apply by the deadline before your starting semester:

Fall Semester

June 1



Spring Semester

December 1



Ready to Apply

Start Here!

How to Apply for Admission

The application process can take several weeks to complete. Below are the steps you'll need to follow to complete the process on the applicant portal. If you plan to apply for financial aid or scholarships, it is advised that you work on these applications simultaneously.

1 Start your Application

Complete the quick and easy online application. Once submitted, you will receive credentials for the applicant portal where you can submit all other application materials.

2 Submit Application Materials

- Application Fee
- Background Check
- Official Transcripts
- Letters of Recommendation
- Essays

International applicants may need to provide additional documentation regarding:

- English Proficiency
- Nationality and Citizenship
- Financial Resources
- Health Insurance (J-1 Visa Only)

Visit [United's website](#) for complete international application and admission requirements.

3 Complete Letter of Intent

After you have completed your application, the Office of Admissions will review it. This process can take up to two weeks. The Office of Admissions will contact you if there are any outstanding required items, and may request an interview. If you are admitted, you will receive notification and instructions on how to confirm your decision to attend United Theological Seminary. If your application is denied, you will be notified by email.

Application Checklists

Doctoral Applications

Admissions Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree with minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA
- MDiv degree or its equivalent* with minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA
- Three years of ministry experience after the completion of your first master's degree

*If you have another type of master's degree, United's **Master of Ministry** or **Pre-Doctoral program** can prepare you for the educational rigor of the doctoral program, while accomplishing MDiv equivalency requirements.

Application Materials:

Application Fee

Background Check

Official Transcripts

Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts must be sent directly from the school

Two Letters of Recommendation

Spiritual Autobiography

Prepare a 2-3 page "spiritual autobiography"

One-Paragraph Description

Prepare a one-paragraph description of your ministry context (church, school, hospital, community agency, or other)

Masters Applications

Masters-level programs include MDiv, MACM, MMin, MTS, MA, BGTS and Pre-Doctoral

Admissions Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree
- Minimum Grade Point Average
 - MTS applications: Minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA
 - All other masters applications: Minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA
- Pre-Doctoral applications also require a previous master's degree and significant ministerial experience.

Application Materials:

Application Fee

Background Check

Official Transcripts

Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts must be sent directly from the school

Three Letters of Recommendation

Two Essays

Go Higher

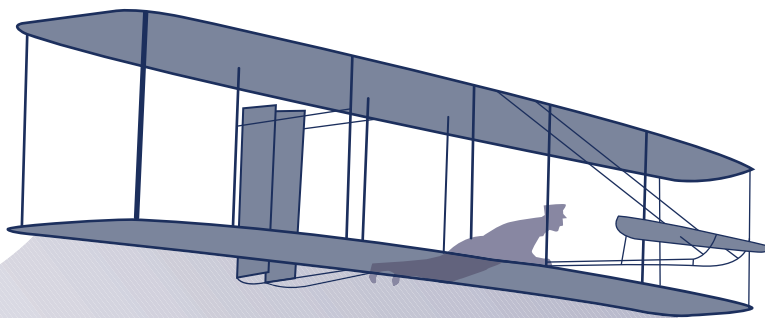
After Orville and Wilbur Wright had perfected their flying machine, they were testing it on a field outside of Dayton, Ohio. One of the first passengers they took up in the airplane was their father, Bishop Wright. As Bishop Wright soared over the hills of Ohio, he said to his son,

“Higher, Orville, higher!”

United Theological Seminary is a place that helps pastors and church leaders rise higher in their visions and dreams, higher and closer to God, to rise up on wings like eagles, to become all that God created them to be. That's why United is called the place where dreams take flight.

Are you ready for your God-given dreams to take flight?

If so, we invite you to take the next step at United Theological Seminary.



Greetings from United Theological Seminary,

Is God calling you to step out in faith? As you take this next step on your spiritual journey, I encourage you to prayerfully seek the right seminary for you. At United Theological Seminary, we want to help you go higher, soaring on wings like eagles, becoming all that God has called you to be.

In our programs, you will be challenged and inspired to grow spiritually and intellectually, while being prepared to serve God and make a difference in the life of the Church. Our innovative faculty are passionate about equipping students with practical skills for ministry in the world. With an education built on a foundation of growth, diversity and respect, United students are being prepared to serve effectively in a variety of ministry settings.

Whether you desire to change lives by serving others, make a difference in your community, or understand your faith more deeply, United has a program to help you get there.

As you consider taking the next step in realizing your mission in Jesus Christ, we invite you to **apply** to United Theological Seminary, where you will receive a high quality education to prepare you for the call God has placed in your heart.



Dr. Bridget Weatherspoon
admissions@united.edu | 937.529.2201

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles.” (Isaiah 40:31)



Mission

United prepares faithful, fruitful leaders to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Values and Beliefs

We are committed to the **historic faith** in Jesus Christ passed down to us through Scripture, sacraments, creeds and the fathers and mothers of the Church; **scriptural holiness** for personal transformation and the transformation of the world; and the **church renewal** through the power of the Holy Spirit.



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