

Master of Divinity Mission and Goals

We live in a rapidly changing and complex world in need of the reconciling love of God and the liberating message of the gospel. The Master of Divinity program prepares persons who will seek, embody and proclaim God's good news that liberates individuals and communities from brokenness whose sources may be personal or systemic. The program prepares students to practice and lead theological reflection with others in ways that promote ministries of personal wholeness, faithful and hospitable community, and justice - each of which transforms those involved.

1. Graduates will be able to understand, appreciate and respectfully interpret our Christian heritage so it becomes a compelling and transformative vision for the present.
2. Graduates will provide theological leadership to critically engage the contemporary world.
3. Graduates will grow in God's grace personally and spiritually so as to be of prophetic service to church and world.
4. Graduates will develop practices of theological reflection, worship, prophetic leadership and ministerial empowerment appropriate to congregational, denominational and public contexts.

Important Note for United Methodist Students

United Methodist students preparing for ordination are encouraged to take courses that meet denominational requirements. Students should check with their annual conference regarding commissioning requirements and eligibility. In some cases it may be required that two-thirds of the denominational courses must be completed prior to the interview.

United Methodist students seeking ordination as Deacon or Elder may choose the following courses as electives:

| | | <u>Hours</u> |
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| DS-360 | UM History | 2 |
| DS-365 | UM Doctrine | 2 |
| DS-370 | UM Polity | 2 |
| ME-162 | Mission of the Church in Contemporary World | 3 |
| or ME-163 | Mission of the Church in a Multicultural Society | |
| or ME-170 | Mission of the Church in Global Context | |
| ME-171 | Ministry of Evangelism: Theology & Practice | 3 |
| or ME-173 | Biblical Paradigms for the Practice of Evangelism | |
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MACM Degree - Mission & Goals

Life is sacred. Human problems are complex. Transformation requires wisdom, love and hope. The MACM program seeks to equip persons with broad theological foundations, psychological and behavioral-sciences grounding, and counseling skills to help troubled persons, families and communities find meaning, healing and growth.

1. Graduates will have knowledge of major theories of counseling and psychotherapy, and psychosocial and life-cycle-development concepts.
2. Graduates will have the ability to integrate psychological and behavioral sciences with the wisdom from religion/spirituality in the therapeutic process.
3. Graduates will have the ability to utilize the DSM IV-TR and developmental theory to diagnostically relate to and therapeutically respond to a variety of clients.
4. Graduates will have awareness and sensitivity to multicultural dynamics and issues of difference (race, gender, age, economics etc.).