

For important program details, policies, and course descriptions, consult the Academic Catalog and Student Handbook.



### Certificate in Advanced Course of Study (ACS) Program Audit

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Start Term: \_\_\_\_\_ Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Faculty Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

The CACS requires completion of a minimum of 32 credit hours with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50.

	Course Code	Course Title	Earned	Pending	Remaining	Notes
Core Courses	ES101	Orientation for New Students			0	
	CH501	Survey of Global Christian History			3	
	CT549	Introduction to Theology			3	
	HB510	Introduction to the Hebrew Bible			3	
	NT510	Introduction to the New Testament			3	
	WO500	Introduction to Worship			3	
UMC Diaconate	DS660	United Methodist History			2	
	DS665	United Methodist Doctrine			2	
	DS670	United Methodist Polity			2	
	ME5##	Mission Elective: ME570, ME580, or ME590			3	
	ME6##	Evangelism Elective: ME670 or ME680			3	
Elect.	Free Elective	Any course / any division ( <i>ES500 highly recommended</i> )			3	
	Free Elective	Any course / any division			2	
			0	0	32	32
			Earned	Pending	Remaining	Required (32)*

#### Certificate in Advanced Course of Study

Those who have completed the five-year Course of Study may continue by taking seminary courses at MTSO in the Certificate in Advanced Course of Study (ACOS) program. Unlike the five-year Course of Study program, students are admitted to the ACOS certificate program at MTSO through regular admission procedures and take graduate-level courses that are recorded on an official transcript. Students may not be enrolled in a certificate and a degree program at the same time. Students must complete 32 credit hours with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 for the Certificate in Advanced Course of Study. Of these, 27 credit hours consist of Basic Graduate Theological Studies as outlined in *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*. The remaining five credit hours are electives. Upon successful completion of these courses with a cumulative grade point average of 2.50, the Certificate in Advanced Course of Study will be awarded at our annual commencement ceremonies. Although each seminary has the responsibility to designate which basic courses meet the core requirements and advise students of these courses, the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry has the final authority to approve academic studies as they apply to ordination in the United Methodist Church. Students are advised to refer to the Section of Deacons and Diaconal Ministries if there are questions about one or more courses. Students should check with their annual conference regarding commissioning requirements and eligibility. In many cases it may be required that two-thirds or all three of the denominational courses must be completed prior to the interview.

#### Faculty Advising and Degree Audits

The relationship between student and faculty advisor is considered central to the educational experience at MTSO. Faculty advisors are responsible for assisting students with developing a plan of study, selecting courses, and identifying resources for further consultation. Academic Affairs is responsible for providing students and advisors with annual degree audits. Students are responsible for ensuring that their specific academic, vocational, and denominational requirements are satisfied. MTSO is not responsible for calling attention to deficiencies in a student's plan of study unless those deficiencies are the basis for disciplinary action.

UMC Ordination (15)	___ DS660 (2), ___ DS665 (2), ___ DS670 (2), ___ ME5## Mission (3), ___ ME6## Evangelism (3), ___ WO500 (3)
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