

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



Certificate in Deacon Studies (CDS) Program Audit

Student Name: _____

Start Term: _____ Pronouns: _____

Faculty Advisor: _____

Primary Denomination: _____

Primary Congregation: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ Graduation: _____

The CDS requires completion of a minimum of 27 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	
	ES500	The Educated Spirit (<i>highly recommended</i>)			Audit or 3*	
	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	
			0	0	27	27
			Earned	Pending	Remaining	Required (27)*

Certificate in Deacon Studies Mission and Goals

Those who have already completed a master's degree in their anticipated area of service to the church may complete 27 credit hours of Basic Graduate Theological Studies as outlined in *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* in order to meet theological education requirements for ordination as a deacon. The Certificate in Deacon Studies is designed to provide additional theological education. Spiritual formation for ministry is also an important part of the experience for students fulfilling these educational requirements at MTSO. Students may not be enrolled in a certificate and a degree program at the same time.

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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