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Requirements for the M.Div. and M.A.R. Degrees

Beginning the Program

Students entering the program are strongly advised to begin their work with the summer term Greek or Hebrew course unless they previously have completed the equivalent of the work in one of these languages. Students not needing to take one of these languages should begin in the first semester in order to finish their program in the designated time. Students will be permitted to begin their program in winter term or in second semester; however, by starting mid-year, students will usually need to extend the length of time for completion of the degree requirements.

Program Requirements

The following academic requirements apply to both M.Div. and M.A.R. programs:

- 1.** Twelve credit hours during a semester, or three credit hours during the winter term, is the minimum program for a full-time student. No student may take more than 20 credit hours during a semester without the permission of the faculty. Not more than five credit hours may be taken during the winter term.
- 2.** M.A.R. and M.Div. students who have obtained credit for 24 hours of the curriculum or give evidence of possessing exceptional qualifications, may elect advanced level courses (Th.M. and Ph.D.). These courses carry three hours of elective credit. Such students shall have maintained a general average of 3.20 or its equivalent for the preceding academic year, whether in this institution or elsewhere. Additional prerequisites for admission



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- to particular courses may be required by the professor in charge. There will be an additional tuition charge for these courses.
3. No student will be granted a degree who lacks the equivalent of the courses in the original languages of Scripture, or whose cumulative academic average at the completion of the program is lower than 1.80. The degree shall be granted only to persons enrolled at Westminster at the time of the completion of their program of study. A student who has completed requirements by the end of the winter term of the year of graduation may receive the degree *in absentia*. See the procedure for requesting permission to graduate in absentia on page 47.
 4. The policies pertaining to all non-native English speakers are the same for all degree programs. See pages 40-41.
 5. International students must be full-time each semester; see page 41 for the number of semesters allowed to complete the degree program. **International students should always allow three years to complete an M.A.R. and four years to complete an M.Div. due to Greek and Hebrew requirements.**
 6. See academic requirements regarding Registration and Attendance, Withdrawal/Reinstatement, and Academic Standing on pages 42-46.
 7. Students who already possess a Westminster M.A.R. degree may receive an M.Div. by completing the following:
 - a. all of the course requirements for the M.Div. (many of which will have been met in the M.A.R. program);
 - b. the M.Div. Mentored Ministry requirements;
 - c. a total of at least 120 semester hours of academic work at the M.A.R./M.Div. level, not including Hebrew and Greek, or a total of at least 140 semester hours of academic work at the M.A.R./M.Div. level, including Hebrew and Greek.

Placement in Greek and Hebrew

Instruction in the Bible presupposes a knowledge of Greek and Hebrew, and students are strongly advised to acquire such knowledge during their college course. However, a student is not required to have previous training in Greek or Hebrew to begin the program. Those who have had Greek or Hebrew before entrance should take the Greek or Hebrew placement exam. See the Academic Calendar

for dates of the exams. Note: in order to avoid complications due to a lack of prerequisites, these should be taken *upon initial matriculation to the Seminary, unless permission to take them at another time has been secured by the language examiners. Placement exams may only be taken once.* A total of at least 92 credit hours plus certified competency in Hebrew and Greek courses is required for the M.Div. degree.

Any matriculating student who wishes to place in a Greek class other than in one of the elementary classes (Greek “a” or “aa”) must take the regular placement test at the start of his or her program.

The student should follow a single track from the beginning, unless the student is granted advanced placement based on the results of the Greek or Hebrew placement exam. The language curriculum and schedule are designed for the student to follow standard schedules on pages 59-66 or 70-72. Any deviation from a suggested schedule may result in a course conflict which may delay the student’s progress in a degree program. The available language courses are as follows:



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Available Greek Tracks:

Semester/ Term	Greek a	Greek aa (same content as Greek a)	Greek b (Review)	Greek c (Rapid review)
Summer	NT 011a (4 hours)	none	none	none
Fall	NT 012a (3 hours)	NT 011aa (4 hours)	NT 012b (3 hours)	NT 013c (2 hours)
Winter	none	NT 012aa (2 hours)	none	none
Spring	NT 013a (3 hours)	NT 013aa (4 hours)	NT 013b (3 hours)	none

Available Hebrew Tracks:

Semester/ Term	Traditional Sequence	Summer Sequence	Non-intensive Sequence (new)
Summer	none	OT 011 (Hebrew 1) OT 012 (Hebrew 2)	none
Fall	OT 011 (Hebrew 1) (same class as non-intensive sequence)	OT 013 (Hebrew 3)	OT 011 (Hebrew 1) (same class as traditional sequence)
Winter	OT 012 (Hebrew 2)	none	none
Spring	OT 013 (Hebrew 3)	none	OT 012 (Hebrew 2) (new semester offering)
Fall Subsequent year	none	none	OT 013 (Hebrew 3) (same class as OT 013 summer sequence)



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Master of Divinity

A student who holds a baccalaureate degree from an approved institution receives the degree of Master of Divinity (M.Div.) on the completion of the prescribed program of study. The purpose of this program is twofold: (1) to prepare men for the pastoral ministry and to equip them to meet ecclesiastical requirements for ordination (Pastoral Ministry Track); (2) to train men and women for gospel ministries of a more specialized sort (General Ministries Track). Such ministries might include counseling, Christian education, youth work, college and university student ministries, and urban service.

Students planning to seek ordination for pastoral ministry should be aware that completion of the M.Div. degree in a General Ministries Track may not satisfy the requirements for ordination of certain denominations. This is particularly the case if the sequence of courses in preaching is not included. One should check with the appropriate denominational judicatory.

The program of study prescribed for the M.Div. degree provides two tracks for training, in keeping with the twofold purpose of the program: (1) a Pastoral Ministry Track and (2) a General Ministries Track which has three emphases: General Studies, Counseling, and Urban Mission. The degree requirements for both tracks are the same except for certain Practical Theology courses. Courses in both tracks are arranged to provide for orderly progress within the work of each department and for coherence within each semester of study.

Successful completion of a program of Mentored Ministry is required in both tracks. Students should contact the Mentored Ministry Office at the beginning of the second semester of their first year in order to arrange for completing their required four units of ministry.

Program Length and Time Limit

The M.Div. degree is designed as either a three-year or a four-year program. If no credits are transferred from another institution, three years of full-time study is the minimum amount of time it will take to complete the degree. (If a student never registers for

winter or summer terms, three years of full-time study translates to approximately 16 credit hours per semester if no language courses need to be taken, and 19 credit hours per semester if all language courses need to be taken). Unless a student is granted advanced placement based on the results of the Greek or Hebrew placement exams, the student must begin with the summer term and complete the courses in sequence as noted on page 56. Frequently, students take four years of full-time study (12 credit hours per semester if no language courses need to be taken, and 14 credit hours per semester if all language courses need to be taken) to complete the degree in order that they may take Greek and Hebrew in different years. Course sequences for the alternative four-year schedules are listed on pages 60-66.

Students who are taking courses on a part-time basis due to employment or other reasons should adjust their course work plans and extend their program length accordingly. The Registrar and Dean of Students are available for counsel concerning individual student needs.

Time Limit: The maximum time limit to complete the M.Div. degree is 12 years (including any leave of absence or withdrawal period). Petitions for an extension due to unusual circumstances or hardship must be granted by the Faculty Committee of Three.

Admission to the Program

Admission requirements can be found on pages 38-41. Students should also note the transfer of credit policy on page 48.

Mentored Ministry

A biblical understanding of wisdom prevents us from separating knowing and doing, learning and practice. Wisdom unites the facets of knowledge, character, and skill. It results from academic learning and practical experience when accompanied by supervision and self-examination. Candidates for the M.Div. degree are therefore required to participate in mentored field experience in ministry. All arrangements for Mentored Ministry requirements are handled through the Mentored Ministry Office.



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Requirements

The M.Div. academic curriculum (except the M.Div. - Counseling) includes the required two-hour course, PT 111 *Orientation to Ministry*. This course introduces Mentored Ministry and is a prerequisite for any approved field experience.

The M.Div. candidate must complete four units of Mentored Ministry to qualify for the degree. The four units must be completed before the end of December in the academic year the student expects to graduate. Several formats are available. The units may be taken concurrently with the academic year or during summer or year-long internships. For students in the M.Div. - Counseling program, the Mentored Ministry will ordinarily occur in a counseling setting, primarily in a local church. It is strongly recommended that at least one unit be completed in a cultural setting different from the student's own.

The M.Div. student must participate in at least two integration seminars. These are semester-long weekly sessions of one hour each in which no more than 12 students meet with faculty to analyze and discuss the actual ministry experience of the participants. The seminars are offered each semester and are not assigned academic credit. However, each student must participate in two seminars to complete the requirements of Mentored Ministry.

M.Div. - Counseling students should be aware that although they will receive priority consideration for CCEF internships, CCEF cannot guarantee counseling internships to each M.Div. - Counseling student.

Each student must participate in a final evaluation/interview held during the final year. Fieldwork appraisals are a part of the final year evaluation. The purpose of the evaluation is to assess the student's gifts, strengths, and weaknesses, as well as overall readiness for ministry. The resulting assessment in no way can jeopardize the granting of the M.Div. degree if the student completes all Mentored Ministry units and academic requirements.

Credit

One unit of Mentored Ministry credit is received for 100-120 hours of mentored field experience under an approved mentor. Units of Mentored Ministry are not assigned credit hours and no grades are given. Approval for any unit may be withheld by the Director of Mentored Ministry if ministry proposals are not fulfilled or if evaluations and other requirements are not completed by prescribed dates.

No credit may be given for ministry experience prior to matriculation at Westminster. Transfer credit for up to two units of Mentored Ministry may be given to students who transfer from other seminaries with approved programs of mentored field experience.

M.Div. candidates are strongly encouraged to take Evangelism Explosion training for one unit of credit in the Mentored Ministry program. One unit of credit in the program also can be given for successful completion of the Sonship course available through World Harvest Mission. Also, one credit unit can be received by serving on campus as a Mentored Ministry Partner to incoming international students. Upon completion, the student must submit a statement reflecting on the implications of this program for ministry in the church and in the world. The Mentored Ministry Office will seek to make such training opportunities accessible.

Sample Schedules

Suggested schedules for the M.Div. programs are provided on the following pages.



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Pastoral Ministry Track

Suggested Three-Year Schedule

Total semester hours required:

92 not including Greek/Hebrew courses; **111** including Greek/Hebrew courses

First Year	Second Year	Third Year
<p>Summer Term Languages (see page 56) Total Languages</p>		
<p>Fall Semester NT 111 New Testament Introduction 3 hrs ST 101 Prolegomena to Theology 2 hrs AP 101 Introduction to Apologetics 3 hrs PT 111 Orientation to Ministerial Formation* 2 hrs Languages Total Languages + 10 hrs</p>	<p>Fall Semester OT 211 OT History and Theology I 3 hrs NT 211 The Gospels 4 hrs CH 211 The Ancient Church 2 hrs ST 211 Doctrine of Man 2 hrs PT 211 Doctrine of the Church 2 hrs PT 221 Expository Skills 2 hrs Elective 2 hrs Total 17 hrs</p>	<p>Fall Semester OT 311 Prophetic Books 3 hrs NT 311 Epistles and Revelation 2 hrs CH 311 The Reformation 3 hrs CH 321 The Modern Age 4 hrs PT 311 Church Dynamics 2 hrs Elective 2 hrs Total 16 hrs</p>
<p>Winter Term Languages Total Languages</p>	<p>Winter Term Elective 2 hrs Total 2 hrs</p>	<p>Winter Term PT 332 Leadership 2 hrs PT 372 Worship 1 hr Total 3 hrs</p>
<p>Spring Semester OT 113 Old Testament Introduction 3 hrs NT 123 Hermeneutics 4 hrs ST 113 Doctrine of God 2 hrs PT 123 Gospel Communication 2 hrs Languages Total Languages + 11 hrs</p>	<p>Spring Semester OT 223 OT History and Theology II 3 hrs NT 223 Acts and Pauline Epistles 4 hrs CH 223 The Medieval Church 2 hrs ST 223 Doctrine of Christ 3 hrs AP 213 Christian Apologetics 3 hrs PTC 522 Counseling in Local Church 2 hrs Total 17 hrs</p>	<p>Spring Semester OT 323 Poetry and Wisdom 2 hrs ST 313 Doctrine of Salvation 4 hrs ST 323 Christian Ethics 4 hrs PT 343 Mission of the Church 2 hrs PT 353 Sermon Delivery 2 hrs PTM 163 Church Growth/Church Planting 2 hrs Total 16 hrs</p>

**All students must enroll in two semesters of Mentored Ministry Integration Seminar (PT 021P and PT 021P-2) anytime after completion of PT 111.*



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Pastoral Ministry Track

Suggested Four-Year Schedule

Total semester hours required:

92 not including Greek/Hebrew courses; **111** including Greek/Hebrew courses

First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year
<p>Fall Semester</p> <p>CH 211 The Ancient Church 2 hrs ST 101 Prolegomena to Theology 2 hrs AP 101 Introduction to Apologetics 3 hrs PT 111 Orientation to Ministerial Formation* 2 hrs Greek (see page 56)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Greek + 9 hrs</p>	<p>Fall Semester</p> <p>NT 111 New Testament Introduction 3 hrs PT 211 Doctrine of the Church 2 hrs PT 221 Expository Skills 2 hrs Hebrew (see page 56)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Hebrew + 7 hrs</p>	<p>Fall Semester</p> <p>OT 211 OT History and Theology I 3 hrs NT 211 The Gospels 4 hrs CH 311 The Reformation 3 hrs ST 211 Doctrine of Man 2 hrs</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total 12 hrs</p>	<p>Fall Semester</p> <p>OT 311 Prophetical Books 3 hrs NT 311 Epistles and Revelation 2 hrs CH 321 The Modern Age 4 hrs PT 311 Church Dynamics Elective 2 hrs</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total 13 hrs</p>
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General Ministries Track General Studies Emphasis *Suggested Three-Year Schedule*

Total semester hours required:

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General Ministries Track General Studies Emphasis

Suggested Four-Year Schedule

Total semester hours required:

92 not including Greek/Hebrew courses; **111** including Greek/Hebrew courses

First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year
<p>Fall Semester</p> <p>CH 211 The Ancient Church 2 hrs ST 101 Prolegomena to Theology 2 hrs AP 101 Introduction to Apologetics 3 hrs PT 111 Orientation to Ministerial Formation** 2 hrs Greek (see page 56)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Greek + 9 hrs</p>	<p>Fall Semester</p> <p>NT 111 New Testament Introduction 3 hrs PT 211 Doctrine of the Church Electives* 4 hrs Hebrew (see page 56)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Hebrew + 9 hrs</p>	<p>Fall Semester</p> <p>OT 211 OT History and Theology I 3 hrs NT 211 The Gospels 4 hrs CH 311 The Reformation 3 hrs ST 211 Doctrine of Man 2 hrs</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total 12 hrs</p>	<p>Fall Semester</p> <p>OT 311 Prophetical Books 3 hrs NT 311 Epistles and Revelation 2 hrs CH 321 The Modern Age Elective* 3 hrs</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total 13 hrs</p>
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General Ministries Track Counseling Emphasis (Suggested Three-Year Schedule)

Total semester hours required:

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MASTER OF DIVINITY

General Ministries Track Counseling Emphasis

Suggested Four-Year Schedule

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MASTER OF DIVINITY

General Ministries Track Urban Mission Emphasis (Suggested Three-Year Schedule)

Total semester hours required:

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Master of Arts in Religion

A student who holds a baccalaureate degree from an approved institution receives the degree of Master of Arts in Religion (M.A.R.) on the completion of the prescribed program of study.

This program is designed for men and women who desire a theological background and training for various callings other than the gospel ministry or for advanced study in religion or other disciplines.

The M.A.R. is an academic program which may serve either as a terminal degree or as a degree leading to further academic work. In the former case, it is especially appropriate for Christian professionals (such as physicians, attorneys, teachers, administrators, writers, and other laypeople) who desire simply to provide for themselves a solid biblical foundation for the work in which they are or will be engaged.

When the M.A.R. is conceived of as a terminal degree, the choice of one of four possible emphases will depend upon the individual's aptitudes, interests, and career direction. Individuals who desire thorough and extensive familiarity with the biblical materials themselves should choose the *Biblical Studies* emphasis. Those whose interests and concerns involve overall theological or historical perspectives would probably be better served with a *Theological Studies* emphasis. If future work seems likely to involve service in an inner-city context, the *Urban Mission* emphasis will be particularly appropriate. A *General Studies* emphasis allows a student to individualize the program even more and thereby make it directly relevant to his or her own situation.

All of those for whom the M.A.R. is a terminal degree receive thorough grounding in the Scriptures, Reformed theology, church history, and apologetics. All graduates of the program, therefore, possess tools with which to bring the Lordship of Christ to bear directly upon that part of God's world in which they are called to serve. This satisfies one of the purposes of the program.

Another purpose of the M.A.R. is as a stepping stone for further academic work. An individual taking the M.A.R. in Biblical Studies is particularly well prepared for doctoral work in that field (either at Westminster or elsewhere) and the same would be true for an

individual taking the M.A.R. in Theological Studies (see pages 82-94). Those who complete the M.A.R. with an Urban Mission emphasis will have a good foundation for further academic work in sociology, anthropology, and related disciplines and, with additional seminary-level course work, will be eligible to enter Westminster's D.Min. - Urban Mission program (see page 85).

Program Length and Time Limit

The M.A.R. degree is designed as a two-year program. If no credits are transferred from another institution, two years of full-time study is the minimum time that it will take to complete the degree. (If a student never registers for summer or winter terms, two years of full-time study translates to approximately 14 credit hours per semester if no language courses need to be taken and 19 credit hours per semester if all language courses need to be taken). Unless a student is granted advanced placement based on the results of the Greek or Hebrew placement exam, the student must begin with the summer term and complete the courses in sequence as listed in the sample schedules shown on subsequent pages and also complete the Summative Evaluation Experience. Frequently, students take three years of full-time study to complete the degree in order that they may take Greek and Hebrew in different years.

Students who are taking courses on a part-time basis due to employment or other reasons should adjust their course work plans and extend their program length accordingly.

The Registrar and Dean of Students are available for counsel concerning individual student needs.

Time Limit: The maximum time limit to complete the M.A.R. degree is 12 years (including any leave of absence or withdrawal period). Petitions for an extension due to unusual circumstances or hardship must be granted by the Faculty Committee of Three.

Admission to the Program

Admission requirements can be found on pages 38-41. Students should also note the transfer of credit policy on page 48.



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Requirements for the Degree

See the following sections: Beginning the Program, Program Requirements, and Placement in Greek and Hebrew (pages 55-56).

The student chooses one of the following emphases: Biblical Studies, Theological Studies, Urban Mission, or General Studies. A student desiring to proceed to the Ph.D. in Hermeneutics and Biblical Interpretation should choose the M.A.R. - Biblical Studies, and a student desiring to proceed to the Ph.D. in Historical and Theological Studies should choose the M.A.R. - Theological Studies.

A total of at least 55 credit hours, including the Summative Evaluation Experience, plus required Hebrew (OT 011-2-3) and Greek (NT 011-2-3) courses is required for the M.A.R. degree. Courses are to be selected from the three categories below. Additional requirements are noted in the section, "Major Courses, Electives, or Other Requirements."

Core Courses - Total of 23 credit hours *plus* Elements of Hebrew and Greek.

All students must take the same core courses. These are:

OT 211	<i>Old Testament History and Theology I</i>	3 hrs
NT 111	<i>New Testament Introduction</i>	3 hrs
NT 123	<i>Hermeneutics</i>	4 hrs
CH 321	<i>The Modern Age</i>	4 hrs
ST 101	<i>Prolegomena to Theology</i>	2 hrs
ST 313	<i>Doctrine of Salvation</i>	4 hrs
AP 101	<i>Introduction to Apologetics</i>	3 hrs

23 hrs

(Hebrew track, see page 56)

(Greek track, see page 56)

Courses shown in parentheses represent language requirements of 19 hours. These are needed by students without knowledge of Hebrew or Greek and are not counted in the required hours for graduation but are counted in the grade point average. Those who have had Hebrew or Greek before entrance will need to take a placement test for advanced standing or exemption.

Departmental Courses

Total credit for courses needed from the below will vary, depending on the hours in the courses chosen; however, these choices are governed by the choice of a major.

All students must take **one course in each department** from the following:

Old Testament

OT 113	<i>Old Testament Introduction</i>	3 hrs
OT 223	<i>Old Testament History and Theology II</i>	3 hrs
OT 311	<i>Prophetic Books</i>	3 hrs
OT 323	<i>Poetry and Wisdom</i>	2 hrs

New Testament

NT 211	<i>The Gospels</i>	4 hrs
NT 223	<i>Acts and the Pauline Epistles</i>	4 hrs

Church History

CH 211	<i>The Ancient Church</i>	2 hrs
CH 223	<i>The Medieval Church</i>	2 hrs
CH 311	<i>The Reformation</i>	3 hrs

Systematic Theology and Apologetics

ST 113	<i>Doctrine of God</i>	2 hrs
ST 211	<i>Doctrine of Man</i>	2 hrs
ST 223	<i>Doctrine of Christ</i>	3 hrs
ST 323	<i>Christian Ethics</i>	4 hrs
AP 213	<i>Principles in Christian Apologetics</i>	3 hrs
PT 211	<i>Doctrine of the Church</i> (required for M.A.R. - Urban Mission emphasis)	2 hrs

Major Courses, Electives, or Other Requirements

M.A.R. students take the remainder of their required hours in major courses or electives, and fulfill additional requirements, as follows:

1. A student choosing the Biblical Studies emphasis needs all M.Div., OT, and NT courses as listed in the sample schedules on the following pages.
2. A student choosing the Theological Studies emphasis needs all M.Div. CH, ST, and AP courses as listed in the sample schedules on the following pages.



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3. A student choosing the Urban Mission emphasis must take the remainder of their required hours with electives from Practical Theology courses (see pages 132-134).
4. A student choosing the General Studies emphasis may complete the remaining hours of the program by choosing any courses offered in the M.A.R. or M.Div. programs, except where limitations are noted in the course descriptions. Under an arrangement with the Jerusalem University College (JUC), students choosing the General Studies emphasis may complete some of their program requirements at JUC. See page 52 for further details.

The M.A.R. Summative Evaluation Experience

To provide students in the various M.A.R. programs with an opportunity to review and draw into a comprehensive unity the material of the different courses in the curriculum, there will be a concluding examination that allows for a summative evaluation of the student's total program. For all programs, this will involve an "open book" take-home examination to be completed within 24 hours in the spring semester of a student's final year. Students finishing their course work by the end of December or January, prior to May graduation, will take the exam in the fall semester.

The examination will involve three questions. For the M.A.R. - Biblical Studies student, there will be one in Old Testament,

one in New Testament, and one in hermeneutics. For the M.A.R. - Theological Studies student, there will be one in systematic theology, one in apologetics, and one in church history. For the M.A.R. - General Studies student, there will be a choice of any three from the six topics above. For the M.A.R. - Urban Mission student, there will be one from gospel communication, one from contextualization and urban anthropology, and one from mission to the city. The examination must be typed (double-spaced) and each question answered separately in two to four pages. The examinations will be distributed on the Thursday of the sixth full week of the spring semester and are to be returned by the end of the next day (4:30 p.m. on Friday of the sixth full week of classes). Late submissions will result in a failure.

This summative examination will count for one semester hour of credit (taking the place of one hour of elective credit in the current curriculum). It will be graded on a Pass/Fail basis. If a student should fail, a petition for a retake examination within a three-week period may be considered. The questions of the summative examination aim at giving students the opportunity to demonstrate that they can apply the knowledge acquired in the M.A.R. programs. Research will not be necessary for answering these questions. Rather, the questions will be designed to allow the student to draw upon the course work here. Given that it is an "open book" examination, students may make use of any research materials that they see fit. The examination is administered through the Academic Affairs Office.

Sample Schedules

The following sample schedules place the courses in proper order, according to the term offered and the prerequisites needed. Students should consult with the Registrar before altering these sample schedules.

Due to the large number of elective credit choices available to the M.A.R. - General Studies student, no sample schedule is provided. Students may consult the schedules for Theological Studies and Biblical Studies for timing regarding taking core courses.



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Master of Arts in Religion Biblical Studies Emphasis

Total semester hours required:
55 not including Greek/Hebrew courses; **74** including Greek/Hebrew courses

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**It is suggested that a student select courses so as to have approximately 16 hours in each of the four semesters, 3 hours in each of the two winter terms, and 4 or more hours in the summer term, including the total sequence of languages.*

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**It is suggested that a student select courses so as to have approximately 16 hours in each of the four semesters, 3 hours in each of the two winter terms, and 4 or more hours in the summer term, including the total sequence of languages.*

***Students are advised to note semesters in which courses are offered and the prerequisites for each course in order to properly plan their course of study.*

****Or students may take PTM 171.*



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Master of Arts

A student who holds a baccalaureate degree from an approved institution receives the degree of Master of Arts (M.A.) on the completion of the prescribed program of study. The program requires at least two years of full-time study for completion.

The Master of Arts is a professional degree program designed to train men and women preparing to serve Christ in occupations other than the ordained Gospel ministry.

This program, with its emphases in Urban Mission and Biblical Counseling, builds on basic biblical, theological, and historical foundations. These are integrated and sharpened through active involvement in the area of concentration throughout the entire course of study.

Program Length and Time Limit

Fifty-six credit hours of course work are required for completion of the program. The course work is designed to be completed in two years of full-time study (approximately 14 credits per semester if not registered for summer or winter term). Part-time students should expect to spend a minimum of three years. There is no final project required of this program.

Time Limit: The maximum time limit to complete the M.A. degree is 12 years (including any leave of absence or withdrawal period). Petitions for an extension due to unusual circumstances or hardship must be granted by the Faculty Committee of Three.

Admission to the Program

Admission requirements can be found on pages 38-41. Students should also note the transfer of credit policy on page 48.

Requirements for the Degree

Twelve credit hours during a semester, or three credit hours during the winter term, is the minimum program for a full-time student. No student may take more than 20 credit hours during a semester without the permission of the faculty. Not more than five credit hours may be taken during the winter term.

No student will be granted a degree whose cumulative academic average at the completion of the program is lower than 1.80. The degree shall be granted only to persons enrolled at Westminster at the time of the completion of their program of study. A student who has completed requirements by the end of the winter term of the year of graduation may receive the degree in absentia. See the procedure for requesting permission to graduate in absentia on page 47.

The policies pertaining to all non-native English speakers are the same for all degree programs. See page 40.

International students must be full-time each semester; see page 41 for the number of semesters allowed to complete the degree program.

Students should be aware that many of the M.A. courses are offered in the evening hours.

Core Courses

All students must take the following core courses regardless of concentration:

OT 131	<i>Biblical Theology I</i>	3 hrs
OT 141	<i>Old Testament for Ministry</i>	3 hrs
NT 133	<i>Biblical Theology II</i>	3 hrs
NT 141	<i>New Testament for Ministry</i>	3 hrs
AP 101	<i>Introduction to Apologetics</i>	3 hrs
ST 131	<i>Survey of Reformed Theology</i>	3 hrs
CH 131	<i>Survey of Church History</i>	3 hrs
PT 173	<i>Biblical Interpretation</i>	3 hrs
PTC 261	<i>Human Personality</i>	3 hrs

Biblical Counseling Emphasis

The M.A. in Biblical Counseling is designed to sharpen and train gifted laypeople, elders, missionaries, campus workers, crisis pregnancy workers, pastors who desire a Westminster continuing education program, Sunday school teachers, and those who desire to serve in non-ordained, church staff positions (e.g., children's ministries, small groups coordinator, men's ministries, women's ministries, family ministries).



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The M.A. Degree and State Licensure

Students desiring to use the M.A. - Biblical Counseling degree as a step towards state licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) should be aware of further requirements in addition to the M.A. degree. The prerequisites for licensure vary from state to state, and interested students should consult his or her state's website for specific requirements. Most states require at least twelve additional credits above the M.A., 100 hours of practicum experience, and a 600-hour supervised internship. Each course within the M.A. Mentored Ministry Practicum cluster satisfies 25 hours toward the practicum requirement for licensure. Students interested in licensure should take all three Mentored Ministry Practicum cluster courses, in addition to the required Counseling Observation course, to gain a total of 100 practicum hours. Students seeking licensure have the option of completing 600 hours, instead of 100 hours of supervised internship during their Mentored Ministry, in preparation for licensure. Contact the Admissions Office for materials on the Pennsylvania Licensure regulations and how the M.A. program contributes to the necessary prerequisites.

Mentored Ministry

Every course within the M.A. - Biblical Counseling program emphasizes practical application. There is no pure theory course because we are persuaded that all theology must be applied theology. But there are aspects of the curriculum, such as the Mentored Ministry program, that are intended to maximize the counseling experience.

All arrangements for Mentored Ministry requirements are handled through the Mentored Ministry Office.

Requirements

Students are required to take at least one observation course. This course gives students the opportunity to be part of the counseling process.

Master of Arts Biblical Counseling Emphasis *Suggested Guidelines*

**Total semester
hours required: 56**

First Year			Second Year		
Fall Semester			Fall Semester		
OT 131	Biblical Theology I	3 hrs	OT 141	OT for Ministry	3 hrs
CH 131	Survey of Church History	3 hrs	PTC 221	Counseling and Physiology	2 hrs
ST 131	Survey of Reformed Theology	3 hrs	PTC 251	Marriage Counseling	3 hrs
AP 101	Introduction to Apologetics	3 hrs	PTC 261	Human Personality	3 hrs
PTC 151	Dynamics of Biblical Change	3 hrs	PTC 371P	Counseling Observation	2 hrs
				PTC Electives*	1 hr
Total		15 hrs	Total		14 hrs
Winter Term			Winter Term		
	PTC Electives*	2 hrs	PTC	Elective*	2 hrs
Total		2 hrs	Total		2 hrs
Spring Semester			Spring Semester		
NT 133	Biblical Theology II	3 hrs	NT 143	NT for Ministry	3 hrs
PT 173	Biblical Interpretation	3 hrs	PTC 358	Human Growth and Development	3 hrs
PTC 243	Theology and Secular Psychology	3 hrs	PTC 303	Problems and Procedures	3 hrs
PTC 178	Helping Relationships	3 hrs		PTC Electives*	2 hrs
Total		12 hrs	Total		11 hrs

***7 hours of PTC courses are required. 4 hours must be chosen from the Mentored Ministry Practicum cluster.**



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Courses

Students are required to take two courses in the Mentored Ministry Practicum cluster. Each course within that cluster is intended to either provide oversight of the student's own counseling cases or provide the student with practical counseling experiences. Students may choose from among the following courses to complete the Mentored Ministry Practicum cluster:

PTC 432 *Essential Qualities of a Biblical Counselor*

PTC 673 *Case Study Seminar*

PTC 371P-2P *Counseling Observation*

(taken for the second time)



Mentored Ministry Experience

Students are required to complete a Mentored Ministry experience in the area of biblical counseling. Students are expected to be involved in at least 100 face-to-face ministry hours over the course of their program (approximately two hours per week over four semesters). As early in their program as possible, they will draw up a formal Mentored Ministry proposal with a ministry mentor. The mentor can be a pastor, elder, or leader in the area in which they want to emphasize in their own ministry (for example, campus ministry, social work, missions, women's ministry, etc.). They will meet with this person at least monthly. Along with meeting with their mentors, the students will submit ministry goals to the Mentored Ministry Office. The goals and the progress made toward reaching them will be reviewed by the students and their mentors at the conclusion of the ministry hours.

Students desiring to work toward licensure are expected to complete the 600-hour requirement under the supervision of a licensed counseling professional. The student is responsible to initiate the establishment of such a supervisory setting and relationship. Students should contact the Mentored Ministry Office by the end of his or her first semester in the M.A. program to declare their intent to complete 600 hours and to begin documentation of hours. Westminster will only record and document the completion of either 100 hours or 600 hours toward Mentored Ministry work. All hours must be completed prior to graduation.



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**Total semester
hours required: 56**

First Year			Second Year		
Fall Semester			Fall Semester		
OT 131	Biblical Theology I	3 hrs	OT 141	OT for Ministry	3 hrs
ST 131	Survey of Reformed Theology	3 hrs	CH 131	Survey of Church History	3 hrs
PT 211	Doctrine of the Church	2 hrs	AP 101	Introduction to Apologetics	3 hrs
PTM 151	Mission to the City	2 hrs	PTC 261	Human Personality	3 hrs
PTM 671	Urban Mission Seminar	1 hr	PTM 171	Mission Anthropology	2 hrs
	Elective*	2 hrs	PTM 671-3	Urban Mission Seminar	1 hr
Total		13 hrs	Total		15 hrs
Spring Semester			Spring Semester		
NT 133	Biblical Theology II	3 hrs	NT 143	NT for Ministry	3 hrs
PT 123	Gospel Communication	2 hrs	PT 173	Biblical Interpretation	3 hrs
PTM 143	Contextual Theology	2 hrs	PTM 163	Church Growth/Church Planting	2 hrs
PTM 373	Missions and Mercy Ministries	2 hrs	PTM 353	Urban Research Methods	1 hr
PTM 671-2	Urban Mission Seminar	1 hr	PTM 671-4	Urban Mission Seminar	1 hr
	Elective*	4 hrs	SUM PROJ	Summative Project	4 hrs
Total		14 hrs	Total		14 hrs

Urban Mission Emphasis

The M.A. in Urban Mission is designed to prepare the student for ministry in the Philadelphia area, in other North American cities, and in cities around the world. Using the resources of Philadelphia's urban complex, a program of study has been developed which seeks to integrate traditional features of Westminster's academic curriculum with involvement in, and reflection on, urban community and church life.

Requirements

The M.A. - Urban Mission program is composed of 52 credit hours of course work and a summative project worth 4 hours of credit.

The summative project is intended to aid the student to implement in ministry the insights gained in the course phase. PTM 353 is a one-hour seminar in urban research which should be taken during the same semester as undertaking the project. This seminar is designed to present urban research methods and to assist students in fulfilling the requirements of their approved project.

Projects should be approximately 30-50 pages in length. An excellent project will demonstrate both experiential knowledge in the chosen field of urban ministry and an awareness of the scholarship relevant to the project topic. A current bibliography is essential to the well-written project. Projects will require research in the field. The course requirements are shown on the chart.

* The six elective hours must be chosen from courses in the Practical Theology department within the following limitations:
1. Any PTM elective course may be chosen.
2. Other elective courses in the Practical Theology department may be chosen, but these must have the approval of the Director of the Urban Mission Program. (A few courses are limited to other degree programs; this is noted in the course description.)



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Master of Theology

A student who holds a baccalaureate degree and the M.Div. degree, or first graduate theological degree providing equivalent theological background, or its educational equivalent (see 4 under Credentials below) from approved institutions, receives the degree of Master of Theology (Th.M.) on the completion of the prescribed program of study.

To satisfy the biblical language requirement for the Th.M. program, the applicant must have the equivalent of what is required for Westminster's M.Div. or M.A.R. programs.

The purpose of the Th.M. is to increase the student's knowledge of a major field of theological learning, particularly through training and practice in the use of the methods and tools of theological research, and thus to further his preparation for a pastoral ministry, or for his or her teaching ministry, or for more advanced graduate study. The following majors are offered: Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, Systematic Theology, and Apologetics.

The Th.M. program is designed to be completed in one academic year of full-time study. It is not unusual for a student to require an additional year to complete the thesis and comprehensive examination.

Each candidate must indicate continuation in the program by registering at the beginning of each semester. In each semester in which no new course work is taken, candidacy is maintained by payment of a continuation fee. This fee is due September 1 for the fall semester and February 1 for the spring semester.

Admission to the Program

Credentials

An applicant not previously registered at Westminster (Philadelphia) must present the following credentials to the Office of Admissions by January 15:

1. An application on a form provided by the Office of Admissions (available online at www.wts.edu) including personal statements and a spouse statement, if applicable.

2. A non-refundable application fee. (International students should see page 40 regarding requirements pertaining to checks.)
3. In place of a personal statement as described on the application form, the application will provide a statement (1) giving a brief history of the applicant's academic and theological preparation, (2) indicating reasons for wishing to pursue a program of advanced theological study, and (3) indicating the major desired or the objective the applicant is seeking to attain.
4. A full official transcript of all college work, including an attestation of the attainment of a baccalaureate degree, and a full transcript of the applicant's theological program, including an attestation of the attainment of the M.Div. degree or first graduate theological degree providing equivalent theological background, or its educational equivalent. The educational equivalent must include at least the standard requirements for Westminster's M.A.R. degree in the same emphasis (Biblical Studies or Theological Studies) that is to be pursued in the student's major field in the Th.M. program (Old Testament, New Testament or Church History, Systematic Theology, Apologetics), including evidence of knowledge of the original languages of Scripture.
5. An academic reference on a Westminster form from a former teacher in the area chosen by the applicant for the Th.M. major (Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, Systematic Theology, or Apologetics).
6. A church reference on a Westminster form from the minister or session of the church of which the applicant is a member, or other satisfactory source, stating the estimate of the writer concerning the applicant's moral character and general ability.

An applicant who has received the M.Div./M.A.R. degree at Westminster must submit the following to the Office of Admissions by January 15:

1. An application on a form provided by the Office of Admissions (available online at www.wts.edu) including personal statements and spouse statement, if applicable.
2. A non-refundable application fee. (International students should see page 40 regarding requirements pertaining to checks.)
3. The letters of recommendation described in numbers 5 and 6 under Credentials.



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4. An applicant previously registered at Westminster may use the transcripts provided in his or her previous application, as long as the applicant graduated within the last five years.
5. An applicant previously registered at Westminster must submit new church and academic references. The church reference must be from the minister or session of the church in which the applicant is a member.

Unless otherwise requested, applications not completed by the applicant's stated date of enrollment in the Seminary will not be retained.

Non-Native English Speakers

The policies pertaining to all non-native English speakers are the same for all degree programs. See page 40.



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International Students

The policies pertaining to International students are the same for all degree programs. See page 40.

Notification of Admission

After reviewing the credentials submitted, the Seminary will notify the applicant of the decision about admission.

Advance Deposit

The requirements pertaining to advance deposits are the same as for the Ph.D. program. See page 141.

Registration

Registration is contingent upon receipt of a transcript showing completion of any prerequisite degree. Registration dates are stated in the academic calendar. No student is permitted to register after the first ten days of the semester.

Students entering the Th.M. program in Old Testament are required to take the Hebrew placement exam when they first register. Likewise, students entering the Th.M. program in New Testament are required to take the Greek placement exam. Students who show deficiencies in the language will be required to remedy the deficiency through further study, as specified by the examiner.

Requirements for the Degree

Fields of Specialization

The Th.M. degree is offered in two fields: Biblical Studies and Theological Studies. Each candidate must select a major area of concentration within his or her chosen field. The following majors are offered: Biblical Studies: Old Testament and New Testament; Theological Studies: Church History, Systematic Theology and Apologetics.

In each field a faculty committee has supervision of the work of the candidates. This Field Committee will assign each candidate an academic advisor.

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Courses

Six courses are required for the Th.M. degree. The candidate's courses must be approved by his or her advisor as he or she registers for them.

Each course will meet ordinarily for two consecutive hours on one day of the week. At least three of these courses must be in the candidate's major area of concentration. The candidate may choose the remaining studies from any of the advanced level courses (Th.M. and Ph.D.), or from approved graduate courses of study in other institutions of higher learning. Up to two of the six courses may be taken as directed reading. Normally, the candidate may transfer a maximum of two graduate courses from other institutions of higher learning, only one of which may count towards the three required courses in the candidate's major area of concentration. A candidate who has completed the M.Div. degree at Westminster may petition the Th.M. Field Committee for permission to transfer a third graduate course from another institution of higher learning. However, each student will be required to take at least two courses in his or her chosen field at Westminster.

When planning to take a course at another school, the student should consult his or her advisor, make arrangements for enrollment at the other school, and report to the Westminster Registrar in writing before the beginning of the semester when he or she will enroll at the other school. Failure to conform to these stipulations may result in removal of the student from the program and in the refusal of Westminster to count these courses toward degree requirements. If no Westminster course is taken the semester a student is enrolled elsewhere, the student will not pay a fee to Westminster.

The policies pertaining to PT 031P, PT 033P Advanced Theological Writing are the same for all degree programs. See page 48.

Each candidate must complete PT 421P *Theological Bibliography and Research Methodology*. Candidates for advanced degrees (Th.M. and Ph.D.) take this course on a pass/fail basis and without tuition charge in the first year after the student enrolls.

Credit for work pursued before the completion of requirements for the M.Div. degree shall be limited to two courses (see page 54).

No courses credited toward the M.Div. or other degree may be a part of the program for the Th.M. degree.

Under an arrangement with the Jerusalem University College, students, selecting either Old Testament or New Testament as a major, may complete some of their program requirements at JUC. See page 52 for further details.

The candidate is required to maintain a general academic average of 3.00 after the completion of three courses in the Th.M. program. If an average of 3.00 is not maintained, the student will be withdrawn from the Seminary. The average recognizes the thesis as the equivalent of four courses.

Languages

While knowledge of the original languages of Scripture is required of all Th.M. students, special aptitude in Hebrew is requisite for specialization in Old Testament, and in Greek for specialization in New Testament. Moreover, the candidate must demonstrate a working knowledge of French, German, Dutch, or ecclesiastical Latin. If another language is of particular value for the candidate's studies, the Field Committee, upon request, may approve its substitution. An examination in the language chosen must be sustained prior to the submission of the thesis. If the examination has not been sustained, the candidate cannot submit the thesis to the Academic Affairs Office.

Thesis

A master's thesis on an approved subject within the candidate's major area of concentration is required. Approval of the thesis subject by the academic advisor and/or the Field Committee should be sought as soon as possible in the fall semester. Upon approval of the thesis subject, the Field Committee will appoint a faculty member to share with the academic advisor the responsibility of reading and approving the thesis. The master's thesis must reflect a high standard of scholarly research and writing.

The thesis must conform to the format and bibliographic style requirements in "Format Guidelines for WTS Theses, Dissertations and Projects," available from the Library and the Westminster website (www.wts.edu). Two copies of the completed thesis, with the



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appropriate fee, must be submitted to the Academic Affairs Office by April 1 (see the Academic Calendar if the 1st falls on a weekend) for the following May. (See below for quality of paper required for approved copy.)

The faculty committee must approve the thesis by May 1. If approved, some minor corrections may be required. The student must submit two copies of the approved thesis in final form to the Academic Affairs Office by May 15 (see the Academic Calendar for the date if the 15th falls on a weekend). One copy must be printed on 20 lb., 100 percent cotton content paper. The other may be printed on white multipurpose paper. No holes should be punched in the pages, and the thesis should be submitted flat in a box that is well protected so that the pages do not bend.

Comprehensive Oral Examination

A comprehensive oral examination shall thoroughly cover the candidate's major area of concentration. It shall be conducted by faculty members who meet as a committee for that purpose, under the direction of the coordinator of the department in which the student is majoring. All faculty members present shall have the opportunity of taking part. To be sustained, this examination must be approved by a majority of the faculty members present. The oral examination must be sustained at least two weeks before the commencement at which the degree is expected to be conferred.

Program Time Limit

The maximum length allowed to complete all work for the degree of Th.M. is six years from the date of matriculation including any leave of absence or withdrawal period. If the student has transferred from the Ph.D. program, the date of the student's matriculation into the Ph.D. program will be used to determine the time limit. Students are responsible to report to the Registrar when actions have been taken to meet deadlines in their program. International students must be full-time each semester and are allowed four semesters from the date of matriculation to complete the degree program (see page 41).

The Th.M. degree shall be granted only to persons enrolled at Westminster at the time of the completion of their program of

study. The degree may be received in absentia only with the permission of the faculty. See the procedure for requesting permission to graduate in absentia on page 47.

London Program

The general regulations governing the Th.M. degree program apply to the London-based program, and this section should be read in association with the other relevant sections of the catalog. While this program is open to all qualified students, it is primarily designed for United Kingdom and European pastors involved in full time ministry. Reflecting Westminster's mission, a reduced tuition rate is available to UK and European citizens. Please see page 142 for tuition rates.

Six courses are required for the Th.M. Historical Theology degree. These courses are offered at the John Owen Centre for Theological Study (JOCTS) in Finchley, London, U.K., at the London Theological Seminary. Five courses are normally offered in each calendar year. The courses normally meet for four or five consecutive days in January, March/April, June/July, August, and September. These courses deal with a range of topics and themes in Reformation and post-Reformation history and theology and are published in advance on the Seminary's website (www.wts.edu). Details are also available from the Director of JOCTS.

In addition to six courses, students must complete a course equivalent to PT 421P *Theological Bibliography and Research Methodology*, which is offered at JOCTS each year.

Applicants must submit their completed application form and supporting documents to the Director of JOCTS in London by October 31 for January entrance, January 15 for March or June entrance, and April 30 for August or September entrance. It is anticipated that candidates will complete all the requirements for the degree within five years of being admitted to the program. Requests for extension should be submitted to the chairman of the Field Committee before the fifth anniversary of the candidate joining the program.

Each course normally requires readings to be completed prior to the beginning of the course. The details of these pre-course requirements are available from the Director of JOCTS. Assignments for



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the course should be submitted to the Director's office within six weeks of the end of the course.

Candidates are required to maintain a general academic average of 3.00 after the completion of three courses. Each candidate will be informed of his or her GPA after the completion of the third course and advised about his or her continuation in the program. If the candidate's GPA is below 3.00 after the completion of six modules, the candidate will be withdrawn from the program. All inquiries about a candidate's academic standing should be addressed to the Registrar at the Philadelphia campus.

For candidates who have completed all the required courses, a continuation fee will be due for each semester following the first year in which no new course work will be taken, until a student has been fully approved to graduate. The fee is due on February 1 or September 1.

It is also possible for those not enrolled in the program to attend the lectures at a reduced fee.

Accommodation, if required, will be available (single study bedrooms) during the teaching weeks.

In addition to the normal requirements for submission of the master's thesis, candidates in the London program should note that members of the Philadelphia faculty will be available in person in London twice each year to consult about the thesis subject and the candidate's progress towards completion of the thesis. This time generally coincides with the time the Philadelphia faculty member teaches a module.

Theses written double-spaced on good quality A4 paper, with the appropriate margins, are acceptable. Two copies of the completed thesis should be submitted to the Academic Affairs Office by April 1 (see the Academic Calendar if the 1st falls on a weekend) of the year in which the candidate hopes to graduate, along with the thesis fee. Two copies of the approved thesis, printed double-spaced on good quality A4 paper, with the appropriate margins, must be submitted.

A graduation service will be arranged in London in September for those graduating from this degree program, although U.S.-based students may choose to graduate at the Philadelphia service in May.



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DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Doctor of Ministry

The Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) is an advanced, professional degree program designed for those engaged in the full-time practice of ministry. It is the highest professional degree offered by Westminster. It differs from a Ph.D. degree in that its focus is on competence in the practice of ministry rather than on advanced academic research. In this sense, it is better compared to other professional doctorates, such as those awarded in medicine (M.D.) or law (J.D.). This is not intended to compromise the quality or depth of the work required, but rather to communicate the emphasis of the degree program.

Therefore, the purpose of the D.Min. program is to develop reflective practitioners in ministry who will grow not only in ministry comprehension and competence, but also in character. Because it is a doctoral degree program, the student is expected to pursue a high standard of expertise in ministry reflection and practice.

While the D.Min. is built upon the biblical, theological, and professional foundations of the M.Div. degree, the student benefits from the integration of the rich practical experiences gained from years of subsequent ministry.

The D.Min. is one degree with three concentrations based upon the interests and ministry goals of each student. The student chooses one of the following concentrations: Pastoral Ministry, Counseling, or Urban Mission.

Applicants for the D.Min. program who lack the M.Div. degree may meet the admission requirement if they meet the criteria stated in 4c. under Credentials below.

In the D.Min program, a prerequisite for admission is at least three years in full-time pastoral ministry or Christian service, after receiving an M.Div. or its equivalent. Specific application of theory and methodology must be demonstrated in an extended period of ministry subsequent to entry into the program.

Admission to the Program

Credentials

An applicant must ordinarily present the following credentials to the Office of Admissions (see “General Requirements for Admission

to Programs” on pages 38-41) by February 14 or the late deadline of March 31 with a late fee (A late application may be approved by special action of the Director of the D.Min. Program if there are extenuating circumstances):

1. An application on a form provided by the Office of Admissions (available online at www.wts.edu) including personal statements and a spouse statement, if applicable.
2. A non-refundable application fee. A late fee is added for applications received after the deadlines indicated above. See page 141 for fee information. International students should see page 40 regarding requirements pertaining to checks.
3. A brief resume of the applicant’s experience in ministry.
4. The following transcripts:
 - a. A full official transcript of all college work, including an attestation of the attainment of a baccalaureate degree. The college transcript should indicate that the college program was devoted largely to studies in the liberal arts.
 - b. For applicants who have earned the M.Div. degree, a full official transcript of the applicant’s theological program, including an attestation of the attainment of the M.Div. degree and evidence of knowledge of the original languages of Scripture. Applicants lacking evidence of knowledge of Greek and/or Hebrew may be admitted, but in order to graduate, these candidates must satisfy one of the following alternatives for each language in which they are deficient:
 - (1) Receive a waiver for study of the language(s) in which the candidate is deficient. This waiver would be:
 - (a) Based on genuine hardship (such as ministry in a remote area of the world) and significant promise of excellence in D.Min. work (as evidenced by a record of ministry achievement and academic excellence), and
 - (b) Approved by the Director of the D.Min. Program.
 - (2) Sustain an additional qualifying exam in the necessary language(s). This exam will be devised by the coordinator of each department.
 - (3) Complete at a seminary or university a number of credit hours of language study in the language(s) in which the



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candidate is deficient. The institution and the number of hours must be approved by the Director of the D.Min. Program.

- c. For applicants to the D.Min. who lack the M.Div. degree, a full transcript of their theological program, including an attestation of:

- (1) the attainment of a Westminster M.A.R. degree
- (2) the successful completion of sufficient, additional seminary-level study to give them a total of 92 semester hours approved by the director of the Director of the D.Min. Program.

The M.A.R. degree, or its academic equivalent, and the additional semester hours must include at least the following:

- (1) A total of 92 semester hours of seminary-level work distributed among biblical studies (minimum of 28 hours), historical and theological studies (minimum of 18 hours), and practical studies (minimum of 12 hours).
- (2) Evidence of knowledge in the original languages of Scripture. (Applicants who lack evidence of the knowledge of Greek and/or Hebrew should see 4b. above.)

5. An academic reference on a form supplied by the Office of Admissions.
6. A church reference on a form supplied by the Office of Admissions from the applicant's supervisor or from the moderator (presiding officer) or clerk (secretary) of the official board under which the applicant is serving or has most recently served. This letter should attest to the applicant's Christian character and commitment to Christian ministry.
7. Additional reference forms may be required.
8. In addition to Personal Statements A and B as described on the application form, the applicant will provide a statement of his or her understanding of ministry and call to the pastoral ministry or to a ministry in counseling or urban mission.
9. The Seminary may require the applicant to have a personal meeting with a representative of the Seminary.

Unless otherwise requested, applications uncompleted by the date stated by the applicant as the date of enrollment in the Seminary will not be retained.

Non-Native English Speakers

The policies pertaining to all non-native English speakers are the same for all degree programs. See page 40. Those students for whom PT 031P Advanced Theological Writing is required must take the course during the Orientation module.

International Students

D.Min. students will not be able to obtain a full time student visa through this program since the Doctor of Ministry does not require full-time residency and is intended to be concurrent with a student's ongoing ministry. See page 40 for additional information.

Registration

Students must pre-register for modules they intend to attend according to the deadlines prescribed on the course description sheet. There will be a late fee for all registrations received after the registration deadline.

Registration is contingent upon receipt of a transcript showing completion of any prerequisite degree. Registration dates are stated in the academic calendar. No student in the D.Min. program is permitted to register after the first two days of that module.

Program Length and Time Limit

To be awarded the D.Min. degree, a student must complete eight week-long modules of course work or the equivalent, and complete the Applied Research Project. The course work is designed to meet the needs of busy ministry professionals.

The total program for the D.Min. degree requires no fewer than three years to complete and can commence in either January or August. The eight modules should be completed in the first three years. The research project should be submitted no later than December 15 of the sixth year of the program.

By June 1 of each year, the Doctor of Ministry Office shall inform the Registrar's Office, the Finance Office, and students of the program and program status of each student.

Students whose programs continue into a fourth year will be charged a continuation fee for that year and any additional approved years.



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Time Limit: After six years in the program, the student should have completed all requirements. Ordinarily study extensions are not granted beyond the six-year limit.

Requirements for the Degree

Course Work

The D.Min. modules are designed to accommodate the schedules of those who are active practitioners in ministry and Christian service. Therefore, the modules will require no more than eight weeks of residence.

Each module contains the following elements: theoretical issues, skills, and practicum. Students will be required to complete an assignment **before** attending the module, as well as a **post-modular** assignment. Post-modular work must be returned to the Doctor of Ministry Office according to the following schedule:

November 15 following **August** modules

April 15 following **January** modules

No credit will be given until all assignments are completed successfully. All work will be graded by the course instructor. Students may not enroll in new modules until work in the previous course has been completed. A minimum grade-point average of 3.00 must be maintained for the student to graduate.

The student must successfully complete eight modules including the following:

I. Core Modules - Four Required Modules

1. PR 1: Introduction and Orientation to Graduate Work
2. PR 2: Pastoral Theology
3. PR 3: Counseling and Christian Ministry
4. PR 4: Theology of Missions and Evangelism

PR 1 is offered every year in the second week of August, PR 2, PR 3 and PR 4 will be offered in the third week of August, on a rotating basis.

II. Concentration Modules – Two Modules

(The student must choose at least two modules from one of the following areas of concentration):

Pastoral Ministry Concentration	Counseling Concentration	Urban Mission Concentration
1. PM 2 Communication	1. PC 3 Family Counseling	1. PU 1 Mission Strategies/ Globalization
2. PM 4 Leadership	2. PC 4 Counseling Problems	2. PU 2 Contextual Theology
3. PM 54 Biblical Conflict Resolution	3. PC 5 Counseling Observation	3. PU 4 Mission Anthropology

III. Elective Modules – Two Modules

(These options are designed to allow the student flexibility in supporting their choice of concentration.) The following options are available:

1. Choose any module not already taken.
2. Take a module at another institution and receive transfer credit.
3. Take a module through independent study.
4. Choose an elective offering through the D.Min. Program. There will be special electives normally offered in January.
5. Choose a Ph.D. course adjusted to the D.Min. requirements.
6. Students with a Counseling Concentration may take PC 5 Counseling Observation and Evaluation twice.

Concentration and Elective Modules are offered in the fourth week of August and in January.



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Concentrations

Pastoral Ministry Concentration

The purpose of the Pastoral Ministry Concentration is twofold:

First, the concentration aims to build on the shepherding skills and competencies gained through previous M.Div. studies, while integrating subsequent ministry experience for the purpose of sharpening and deepening those skills. Foundational areas such as pastoral nurture, preaching, leadership and evangelism, will be studied. Students will be encouraged to examine personal strengths and weaknesses, as well as to improve competencies in each of these areas. The challenges presented to the contemporary cultural context of ministry will also be considered. Careful attention will be given to the relationship of biblical theology to ministry practice.

Second, the concentration strives to enable the student to make a significant contribution to the field of pastoral ministry through the Applied Research Project. The program culminates in the completion of the project, through which the student is expected to demonstrate mastery in a particular area of practical theology. Ideally this work is accomplished in the student's current ministry context. Identifying a problem, challenge or question, proposing and applying a ministry mode and evaluating this model, are essential aspects of the project. This work must be built upon a biblical foundation, taking into account both historical precedents and contemporary influences on the area in view.

Counseling Concentration

The purpose of the Counseling Concentration is twofold:

First, it aims to equip students for a high degree of competence in skill areas associated with pastoral counseling. Competence includes effective functioning not only in the professional areas of relating, assessment, and problem-solving skills, but also in conceptual abilities related to personality, learning, integration, and other theoretical constructs. Underlying these performances must be the foundational abilities to do self-analysis, to discern and relate cultural patterns to ministry, and to bring all practice under the judgment of a biblical-theological philosophy of ministry.

Second, the concentration aims to enable the student to make a contribution to the field of pastoral counseling through a D.Min. project. The project is the student's actual counseling done in an unexplored, skill-enhancing, or problematic area of counseling ministry. The project must rest upon a biblical base, take into account any previous work done in the particular area of research, define in repeatable steps the course of the project, and evaluate its conformity to biblical principles and effectiveness in reaching its goals.

Note: If you have not taken any WTS or CCEF counseling courses, you must take two courses from CCEF as a prerequisite to this program.

Urban Mission Concentration

This concentration seeks to develop skills for leadership and disciplined self-analysis in ministry in urban settings in North America and overseas. The student will learn to interact theologically with insights drawn from the behavioral and social sciences for a better understanding of urban cultures and urban ministries. A constant effort will be made to coordinate all the phases of the program with the concrete particular needs arising out of each student's particular place of ministry.



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Applied Research Project

Each student will complete the Applied Research Project in his or her area of concentration. This will account for the final six hours of the degree. Please see the D.Min. Manual for a detailed guide describing the project.

The *Applied Research Project* is the culmination of the D.Min. program. It enables the student to conduct thorough research and develop expertise in a specific area of interest. It is designed to focus on a particular problem within the discipline of Practical Theology, Counseling or Urban Mission and to make a contribution to the student's understanding in that area. During PR 1 Introduction and Orientation to Graduate work, the student will be introduced to project design.

The *Project Proposal* describes the project's proposed research, ministry model, and timetable. The proposal is developed in consultation with the student's faculty advisor and the Director of the D.Min. program. Ordinarily, the proposal should be approved before the completion of the final module. More detailed guidelines and elements of the project proposal can be found in the D.Min. Manual.

The Applied Research Project must conform to the format and bibliographic style requirements found in the "Format Guidelines for WTS Theses, Dissertations and Projects," available from the Library and the Westminster website (www.wts.edu). Further guidelines can be secured from the student's advisor or from the Doctor of Ministry Office.

Three copies of the completed project, along with the external reader fee, must be submitted to the Academic Affairs Office no later than December 15 (see the Academic Calendar if the 15th falls on a weekend) for the following May graduation. The project will be reviewed by the student's academic advisor, a second reader from within the Westminster faculty, and by an individual unaffiliated with Westminster who is actively engaged in ministry related to that covered by the research project.

A project "defense" will be scheduled on campus before March 15. The Practical Theology Department, taking into consideration the recommendation of all readers, will make the final determination on the project and the degree program as a whole. This will be

communicated to the student by April 1. If approved, some minor changes may be required.

The student must submit two copies of the approved project to the Academic Affairs Office by May 1 (see the Academic Calendar if the 1st falls on a weekend). NOTE: The project will not be accepted for review unless all examinations have been sustained. One copy must be printed on 20 lb., 100 percent cotton paper. The other may be printed on white multipurpose paper. No holes should be punched in the pages, and the two copies must be submitted flat in a box that is well protected so that the pages do not bend.

The degree will be awarded, together with the title, at the Seminary commencement in May. Degrees may be received in absentia only with the permission of the faculty. See the procedure for requesting permission to graduate in absentia on page 47.



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Doctor of Philosophy

A student who holds a baccalaureate degree and a first theological degree from approved institutions receives the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) on the completion of the prescribed program of study. A minimum of two years of full-time residence study and a dissertation are required.

To satisfy the biblical language requirement for the Ph.D. programs, the applicant must have the equivalent of the Greek and Hebrew requirements for the M.Div. or M.A.R. programs at Westminster.

The purpose of the program is to develop in a limited number of advanced students of high intellectual ability the capacity for independent inquiry and criticism required for doing original research in a particular area of theological study, teaching in a theological seminary or a college, or providing specialized leadership in the church.

The degree of Ph.D. is offered in two areas: (1) Historical and Theological Studies and (2) Hermeneutics and Biblical Interpretation. Faculty Field Committees bear general responsibility for the direction of the program, admitting students, supervising the curriculum, setting area examinations, and recommending candidates for the degree.

Admission to the Program

Applicants not previously registered at Westminster must present the following credentials to the Office of Admissions by January 15:

1. An application on a form provided by the Office of Admissions (available online at www.wts.edu) including personal statements and a spouse statement, if applicable.
2. A non-refundable application fee. (International students should see page 40 regarding requirements pertaining to checks.)
3. In place of Personal Statement B as described on the application form, the applicant will provide a statement (1) giving a brief history of the applicant's academic and theological preparation, (2) indicating reasons for wishing to pursue a program of advanced theological study at Westminster, and (3) indicating the area of interest and vocational objective.

4. A full official transcript of all college work, including an attestation of the attainment of a baccalaureate degree, and a full transcript of the applicant's theological program, including an attestation of the attainment of a first theological degree. A two-year degree (such as the M.A.R. or the Th.M.) is acceptable, but a three-year degree (such as the M.Div.) is preferred.

Applicants with a two-year degree should be aware that the Ph.D. preliminary examinations are designed to test whether one has the equivalent of a Westminster M.Div. degree, and therefore they may need to take certain M.Div. courses at Westminster.

Transcripts of advanced programs in the arts or sciences and in theology should also be submitted. The transcript of the theological program shall contain evidence of knowledge of the original languages of Scripture and of sufficient background in the area chosen by the applicant for specialization to do advanced study in that area. Preferably, the college transcript should indicate that the college program was devoted largely to studies in the liberal arts. Only applicants who have maintained an overall academic average of at least B plus (or equivalent) in their college and seminary work will be considered for admission as potential candidates for the degree Doctor of Philosophy.

An applicant previously registered at Westminster may use the transcripts provided in his or her previous application, as long as the applicant graduated within the last five years.

5. The results of the Aptitude Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). This examination is given six times a year at various centers throughout the world by the Educational Testing Service. Applications to take the examination should be sent to The Graduate Record Examinations, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, or (for far western states) Box 27896, Los Angeles, California 90027. The Educational Testing Service will transmit the examination results directly to Westminster. (Westminster's code number is 2976; this should be noted on materials sent to Educational Testing Service.)
6. Two academic references on Westminster forms from former teachers in subjects closely related to the area chosen by the applicant for specialization. An applicant who has previously



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received a degree from Westminster need submit only one such reference.

7. A church reference on a Westminster form from the minister or session of the church of which the applicant is a member, or from another source approved by the Director of Admissions, stating the estimate of the writer concerning the applicant's ability and moral character.
- 8a. Applicants for the Ph.D. in Systematic Theology, Church History, or Apologetics should submit a paper from their Master's program in the area of interest in which they plan to study.
- 8b. Applicants for the Ph.D. in Hermeneutics and Biblical Interpretation should submit a copy of a major exegetical research paper that they have written that shows their skill in biblical interpretation.

An applicant who has received his or her first theological degree at Westminster must submit the following to the Office of Admissions by January 15:

1. An application on a form provided by the Office of Admissions (available online at www.wts.edu) including personal and spouse statements, if applicable.
2. A non-refundable application fee. (International students should see page 40 regarding requirements pertaining to checks.)
3. An applicant previously registered at Westminster may use the transcripts provided in his or her previous application, as long as the applicant graduated within the last five years.
4. The GRE, as described in paragraph 5 above.
5. One academic reference as described in paragraph 6 above.
6. A new church reference must be submitted. The church reference must be from the minister or session of the church in which the applicant is currently a member.
7. A paper from the applicant's Master's program, as described in paragraphs 8a and 8b above.

Only applicants who have maintained an overall academic average of at least B plus (or equivalent) in their college and seminary work will be considered for admission as potential candidates for the Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Unless otherwise requested, applications uncompleted by the date stated by the applicant as the date of enrollment in the

Seminary will not be retained. No application materials will be returned.

Notification of Admission

After reviewing the credentials submitted, the Director of Admissions will notify the applicant of the admission decision by letter on or before March 15. In order to confirm their intention to enroll in the Seminary, applicants who have been notified of their admission are required to submit an advance deposit by April 15 (see page 141). If the applicant is admitted after this date, the deposit is due immediately upon receipt of the admission letter. This deposit is applicable to tuition when the student registers for classes. It is not refundable if the student does not enroll. (International students should see page 40 regarding requirements pertaining to checks.)

Non-Native English Speakers

The policies pertaining to non-native English speakers are the same for all degree programs. See page 40.

International Students

The policies pertaining to international students are the same for all degree programs. See page 40.

Registration

Registration is contingent upon receipt of a transcript showing completion of any prerequisite degree. Registration dates are stated in the Academic Calendar. No student is permitted to register after the first ten days of the semester.

On registration day for doctoral students, the student will be assigned an academic advisor by the Field Committee, who will advise the student regarding the program of study throughout the period of residence. The entire program must achieve an appropriate balance between specialization and breadth, and the student must receive the academic advisor's approval for courses taken each semester. While at Westminster, Historical and Theological Studies students are required to take two courses at another accredited institution. These courses must be specifically



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approved by their academic advisor. For Th.M. courses completed at Westminster, credit may be given for up to six courses of the residence requirement, depending on the nature and quality of the work; however, individuals who have actually obtained the Th.M. degree from Westminster may be given credit for up to five courses of the residence requirements. Only courses in which a grade of B or above was received will normally be considered for transfer credit.

For any required external courses at another school, the student should consult his or her academic advisor, make arrangements for enrollment at the other school, and report to the Westminster Registrar in writing before enrolling at the other school. Failure to conform to these stipulations may result in removal of the student from the program and in the refusal of Westminster to count these courses toward degree requirements. If no Westminster course is taken the semester a student is enrolled elsewhere, the student will not pay a continuation fee to Westminster.

Degree Requirements

1. Preliminary examinations in Old Testament (including Biblical Hebrew), New Testament (including New Testament Greek), Church History, Systematic Theology (and Ethics), and Apologetics are set by the particular departments. In each case, the examinations may be oral or written or both, as determined by the department coordinator. These examinations must be sustained within one year after initial registration in the Ph.D. program. (International students on F-1 or J-1 visas should consult the regulations concerning full-time status for international students (page 40) and preparation for preliminary examinations.)

Sustaining these examinations admits the student to the status of prospective candidacy.

2. The student must demonstrate a reading knowledge of two languages designated by the Field Committee in consultation with the student. (International students on F-1 or J-1 visas should consult the regulations concerning full-time status for international students (page 40) and preparation for language examinations.)

All Ph.D. students will be urged strongly to enter the program with reading proficiency in one modern language, normally either German or French (with exceptions for another language made if deemed appropriate by the doctoral Field Committee). An examination will be administered in late September each year. The first modern language examination must be sustained no later than September of the second academic year. The second modern language examination must be sustained by the following September (the beginning of the third academic year).

Those who fail, or decline to take, their first examination in September of their second academic year will have until November 15 of that same year to notify the Coordinator of the Field Committee that they have begun learning a language. They will write a letter to the Coordinator informing him specifically of what steps they are taking. A second examination for that language will be administered in May of that same academic year. If the examination is still not sustained, they will be placed on probationary status and given one final attempt at passing the examination by the end of September of the following year. If the examination is not sustained by then, the student will be removed from the program. Analogous rules apply to the examination in the second modern language.

3. In addition to the course work indicated for either emphasis, each candidate must complete PT 421P *Theological Bibliography and Research Methodology* in the first year after the student enrolls. Candidates for advanced degrees (Th.M. and Ph.D.) take this course on a pass-fail basis and without tuition charge.

4. Comprehensive examinations are set by the particular Field Committee and are to be sustained within five years after initial registration in the Ph.D. program for the Hermeneutics and Biblical Interpretation program, four years for the Historical and Theological Studies program. An oral examination of two hours on the basis of earlier written examinations shall complete the series of comprehensive examinations. The comprehensive exams may only be taken after all other residency requirements are fulfilled. (International students on F-1 or J-1 visas should consult the regulations concerning full-time status for interna-



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tional students (page 40) and the deadline for comprehensive examinations.)

5. The academic advisor shall encourage the student to give thought to the choice of a dissertation topic from the very beginning of his or her residency. Approval of the dissertation proposal can only be granted when the student has successfully completed both written and oral comprehensive examinations. The dissertation proposal must be approved within a year of sustaining comprehensive exams in the Hermeneutics and Biblical Interpretation program, within a semester of sustaining comprehensive exams in the Historical and Theological Studies program. Sustaining these examinations and **approval of the dissertation proposal** admits the student to the status of full candidacy. (International students on F-1 or J-1 visas should consult the regulations concerning full-time status for international students (page 40) and the deadline for submitting a dissertation proposal.)
6. The student must **submit a dissertation**. After approval of the dissertation proposal, the student has three years to write the dissertation. The completed dissertation is to be submitted by the January 15 deadline (see the Academic Calendar if the 15th falls on a weekend) that follows this three year period. Upon admission to full candidacy, the Field Committee will appoint a dissertation advisor and one additional member of the Dissertation Committee. In making their plans, students should be aware that faculty will not ordinarily supervise dissertations while on professional advancement leaves. A schedule of faculty leaves can be obtained from the Academic Affairs Office. At least one member of a graduate school faculty other than Westminster will be added later as an external reader upon the recommendation of the Dissertation Committee. (International students on F-1 or J-1 visas should consult the regulations concerning full-time status for international students (page 40) and the deadline for submitting dissertations.)

The dissertation must be a contribution to the knowledge of the subject worthy of publication and must show the candidate's ability to conduct independent research, to deal constructively with

theological problems, and to communicate clearly and effectively in written English.

The dissertation must conform to the format and bibliographic style requirements in the "Format Guidelines for WTS Theses, Dissertations, and Projects," available from the Library and on the Westminster website (www.wts.edu). Three copies of the completed dissertation, three copies of an abstract of 350 words or less, and the external reader fee must be submitted to the Academic Affairs Office by January 15 for the following May graduation (see the Academic Calendar if the 15th falls on a weekend). (See below for quality of paper required for the approved copy.)

The dissertation will be submitted for review to an individual who is unaffiliated with Westminster but who is an expert in the field addressed in the dissertation and, in most circumstances, presently teaches in a Ph.D. program. Taking into account the evaluation provided by this individual, the appropriate Field Committee will make a final decision regarding the acceptance of the dissertation by April 1 for May graduation. If approved, some minor corrections may be required.

The student must submit the two copies of the approved dissertation, including the abstract, to the Academic Affairs Office by May 1 (see the Academic Calendar if the 1st falls on a weekend). One copy must be printed on 20 lb., 100 percent cotton paper. The other may be printed on white multipurpose paper. No holes are to be punched in the pages, and the dissertation should be submitted flat in a box that is well protected so that the pages do not bend.

One copy of the dissertation will be submitted to the Library to be bound and shelved with the bound periodicals. The second copy will be sent to UMI/ProQuest to be published. The publication requirement will not be satisfied by any other form of publication, although microfilming does not preclude later publication by other methods, such as the mandatory publication of the abstract in the *Westminster Theological Journal*. Forms for *UMI Dissertation Publishing* and the *Survey of Earned Doctorates*, previously distributed by the Academic Affairs Office, must be returned with your approved dissertation or by May 1.

Upon approving the dissertation, the Dissertation Committee will set the time for a final examination both on the dissertation



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and on areas of knowledge cognate with it. This examination shall be conducted by faculty members meeting as a committee for the purpose, and the external reader may be invited to participate. To be sustained, this examination must be approved by a majority of the faculty members present.

Program Time Limit

Each candidate must indicate continuation in the program by registering at the beginning of each semester. In each semester in which no new course work is taken, candidacy is maintained by payment of a continuation fee. This fee is due September 1 for the fall semester and February 1 for the spring semester. Failure to pay in a given semester will automatically remove the student from the program.

Students wishing to be reinstated to the program must appeal to the Field Committee for reinstatement.

Students are responsible to report to the Registrar when actions have been taken to meet deadlines in their program.

All work for the Ph.D. must be completed within three years after admission to full candidacy. International students must be full-time each semester and are allowed 12 semesters from the date of matriculation for the completion of the PhD. (See page 41.)

For all other students, the maximum length of time allowed to complete all work for the Ph.D. degree is eight years from the date of matriculation (including any leave of absence or withdrawal period). If the student has transferred from the Th.M. program, the student's matriculation into the Th.M. program will be used to determine the time limit.

The Ph.D. degree shall be granted only to persons enrolled at Westminster at the time of the completion of their program of study. The degree may be received *in absentia* only with the permission of the faculty. See the procedure for requesting permission to graduate in absentia on page 47.

Regulations Concerning Full-time Status for International Students

For international students to maintain full-time status and complete their work in 12 semesters, the following deadlines are in effect:

Full-time status means a student must be enrolled in three courses per semester. (Note that preparation for preliminary examinations and language examinations are not calculated for the purposes of full-time status.)

Deadlines for various requirements of the program are as follows:

- For requirements regarding the first and second language examinations, see "Degree Requirements," section 2 (page 89).
- Preliminary exams must be sustained within 3 months of the end of coursework (no later than three months after the end of the first semester of the third year).
- Course work must be completed two and a half years after matriculation.
- Comprehensive exams must be sustained by the end of the second semester following completion of coursework (no later than the end of the fall of the fourth year after matriculation).
- The dissertation proposal must be submitted by end of the semester following comps (no later than the spring of the fourth year after matriculation).
- The dissertation should be completed within two years of sustaining the comprehensive exams (submission of the dissertation by January 15 of the sixth year after matriculation).

Hermeneutics and Biblical Interpretation

Upon initial registration in September, students entering the Ph.D. program in Hermeneutics and Biblical Interpretation are required to sustain examinations upon initial registration demonstrating competence in Biblical Hebrew and New Testament Greek. Failure to demonstrate competence on either of these examinations will result in remedial language study and evaluation, supervised by the examiner, to be completed during the first semester of enrollment. These language assignments must be completed in the semester in which they are assigned. Should the student not fulfill the requirement, the faculty maintains the right to place the student on academic probation, pending completion of the language requirement.

Students in the area of Hermeneutics and Biblical Interpretation must also demonstrate competence in Biblical Aramaic, either by



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taking an examination or by passing OT 761 with a grade of B- or better.

Course Work

A total of fifteen graduate-level courses is required (in addition to PT 421P). This includes the following:

1. The course PT 421P *Theological Bibliography and Research Methodology*. This course is required (on a pass/fail basis) of all students during the first year after the student enrolls.
2. Four area seminars: NT 941 *New Testament Use of the Old Testament*; NT 981 *History of Interpretation*; NT 993 *Hermeneutical Foundations*; and OT 903 *Critical Methodologies*.
NT 941 and NT 981 are offered in the fall semester in alternating years. NT 993 and OT 903 are offered in the spring semester in alternating years. A full-time student should plan to take each of these four courses the first time it is offered during the student's time of residence.
3. Two directed reading courses: OT 981, 983 *Readings in Old Testament Introduction and Theology*, and NT 921, 923 *Readings in New Testament Introduction and Theology*. At least one of these reading courses must be completed by the end of the second semester of full-time residence. The second must be completed by the end of the third semester of full-time residence.
4. Nine elective courses to be chosen in consultation with the student's academic advisor. With the permission of the advisor, a student already matriculated at Westminster may take courses at other graduate institutions for elective credit, including courses at Jerusalem University College. Ordinarily students will not be granted transfer credit for courses completed at other institutions prior to enrollment. Study at Westminster more than five years prior to enrollment will also not be counted for credit.

The student is required to maintain a general academic average of 3.00 during the program of residency study, and, in addition, a 3.00 average in the five area seminars. If an average of 3.00 is not maintained, the student will be withdrawn from the Seminary.

Comprehensive Examinations

The written comprehensive examinations in Hermeneutics and Biblical Interpretation will be administered three times a year: the last full week in September, February, and April. Students will be eligible to take their comprehensive examinations only after completing all coursework, languages, and preliminary exams. The Coordinator of the Field Committee should be notified in writing one month in advance of the student's intention to take the comprehensive examinations (neither earlier nor later). There may be no more than one day between the two written examinations. The first written examination covers the area seminars; the second written examination covers the student's area of concentration in the canon. Each written examination will be five hours long.

All students in the Ph.D. - Hermeneutics and Biblical Interpretation program will be tested, on both the written and oral comprehensive examinations, on the original language of that corpus of material which they have declared as their area of concentration. Students will be expected to translate and parse passages selected at random. It is strongly suggested that students decide early in their course work what their area of specialization will be and begin serious work on mastering that corpus in the original language.

An oral examination of approximately two hours normally will be given two weeks after the written examinations.

Historical and Theological Studies

This is a single degree program, within which are offered the following three specific foci: 1) Church History, 2) Systematic Theology, and 3) Apologetics.

Each person should choose one of these foci *at the time of application*.

Course Work

For students in all of these foci, twelve doctoral-level courses are required. Normally, ten of these courses must be taken at Westminster and two must be taken at the doctoral level at another accredited university or seminary. Of the ten courses to be taken at Westminster, five must be in the student's primary focus (the



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focus within which the dissertation will be written), one must be in each of the other two foci, and three may be electives from either the Ph.D. - Historical and Theological Studies program or the Ph.D.-Hermeneutics and Biblical Interpretation program. It is expected that students will maintain a balance between classroom/seminar courses and independent/directed reading courses. Up to five of the twelve courses may be directed reading. All courses must be approved by the student's academic advisor.

The courses that count toward each of the foci are listed below (because of their interdisciplinary nature, many courses count toward more than one focus):

Church History - AP 721, AP 903, CH 723, CH 783, CH 891, CH 943, CH 961, ST 741, ST 773, ST 803, ST 811, ST 901, ST 932, ST 972

Apologetics - AP 713, AP 721, AP 733, AP 743, AP 753, AP 763, AP 861, AP 891, AP 903, AP 931, AP 963, NT 931, ST 701, ST 761, ST 773, ST 803, ST 791, ST 901

Systematic Theology - AP 713, AP 743, AP 753, AP 763, AP 861, AP 931, AP 981, CH 883, CH 951, NT 853, NT 881, NT 931, NT 951, NT 961, NT 993, ST 701, ST 741, ST 761, ST 773, ST 781, ST 791, ST 803, ST 901, ST 932, ST 972, ST 991

Students who have attained the first theological degree at Westminster may, upon petition to the Ph.D. Committee for Historical and Theological Studies, be granted permission to take up to four of their twelve courses at another accredited, doctoral-level institution. A student who is granted such permission must still take five doctoral courses at Westminster in the chosen primary focus area, one doctoral course in each of the other two areas, and one elective as a directed reading course, or elective course from among the doctoral course offerings in either the Historical and Theological Studies program or the Hermeneutics and Biblical Interpretation program. While at Westminster, students are required to take two courses at another accredited institution. These courses must be specifically approved by their advisor. External courses will be noted as transfer credit on the student's records. Only courses in which a grade of B or above was received will normally be considered for transfer credit to the Th.M. or Ph.D. degree program.

All course work must be completed within three years of the student's initial registration in the Ph.D. program. The residency requirement of two years is an absolute minimum length of time that the student should expect to study on campus in course work. Only students who already have reading knowledge of French and German, who are able to waive the preliminary exams, and who are able to devote full time to their studies actually will be able to complete all the necessary requirements within a two-year period. If students need to complete preliminary studies or work to finance their education, they should plan to spend a longer period of time in residence.

Students who have taken advanced work beyond a first theological degree may be given credit by the Field Committee for up to four courses of the residence requirement, depending on the nature and quality of the work; however, individuals who have actually obtained the Th.M. degree from Westminster may be given credit for up to five courses of the residence requirements. Credit for work pursued before the completion of requirements for the first theological degree shall be limited to two courses. No courses credited toward the first theological or other degree (with the exception of work toward the Th.M. as noted above in this paragraph) may be a part of the program for the Ph.D. degree.

Study completed more than five years prior to registration for the Ph.D. program cannot be credited to the student's work in this program.

The student is required to maintain a general academic average of 3.0 during the program of residence study. If an average of 3.00 is not maintained, the student will be withdrawn from the Seminary.

Comprehensive Examinations

The written comprehensive examinations test the student's knowledge of each of the three foci within the program. In the student's major focus, extensive and in-depth knowledge is expected. The student will be required both to analyze and to evaluate the central documents and ideas within that field, and an ability to contribute creatively to discussion of the fundamental problems in the field must be demonstrated. In each of the other two foci, the student is



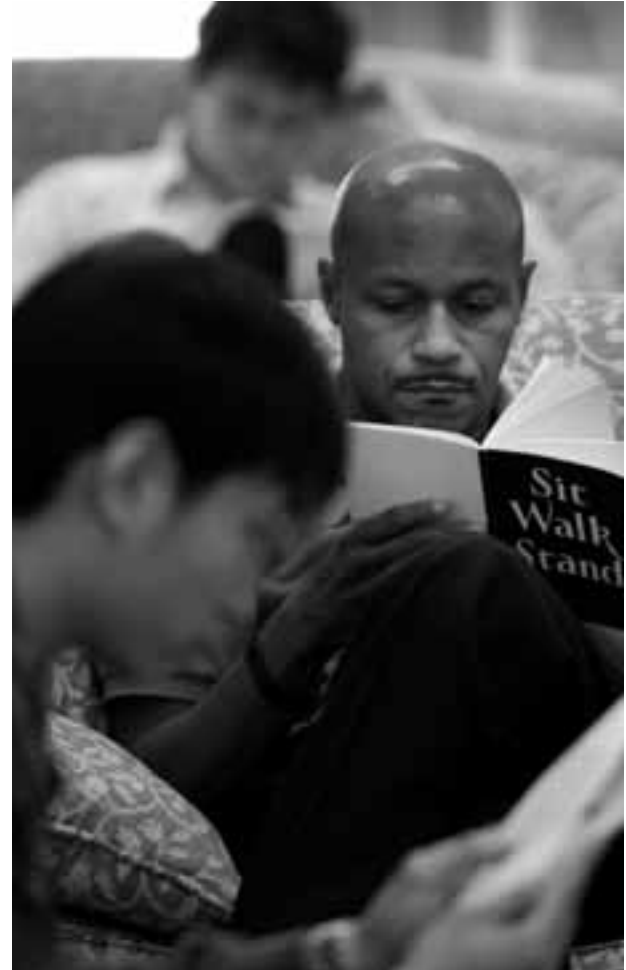
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expected to show a general familiarity with basic issues and trends and to be aware of the contributions of specific individuals. In all three of the foci, the student must reflect on the Seminary's own heritage and perspective, although no student is ever required to agree with the Seminary's position on any issue. Detailed descriptions of the requirements for all of the examinations, including recommended reading lists for the examinations, are available to matriculated students from the Historical and Theological Faculty Support Office.

The written comprehensive examinations in Historical and Theological Studies will be administered only three times a year: the last full week of October, the second full week of February, and the first full week of April. Students will be eligible to take their comprehensive examinations only after completing all coursework, languages, and preliminary exams. A written request should be sent to the Coordinator of the Field Committee one month in advance of the student's intention to take the comprehensive examinations. (This means that the requests to schedule an examination may come only in the last week of September, the second week of January, and the first week of March.) Once the examinations are scheduled, the student may not change the date or time. The written examinations are on two days, eight hours for the major focus on the first day and six hours for the two minor focus examinations (three hours each) on the second day. There may not be more than one day between the two written examinations. The oral portion of the comprehensive examination will be scheduled as soon as possible after the written comprehensive examinations have been accepted.



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