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NOTE: The degree programs described in this catalog supplement are for those students who will start in Fall 2019. Students who started during the 2018-2019 academic year or earlier need to refer to appropriate earlier catalogs for their particular degree requirements.

ACCREDITATION NOTE: The Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry degree programs are accredited by both the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) and the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The revised Master of Arts (MA) degree program as described in this supplement is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and currently under review by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS).

Master of Divinity Degree Program For New Students Starting Fall 2019

Wartburg Theological Seminary is an educational community centered in worship, which sets the study of the Christian message in the legacy of the church's heritage and in the global and social context of today's world. The Master of Divinity (MDiv) program, a four-year degree program, when taken full time, is a focal point of the faculty's mission in preparing women and men for effective leadership in the ordained ministry of the church. Wartburg prepares pastors who are grounded in their confessional identity as Lutheran Christians for service in local congregations. The Mission Statement of WTS and Twelve Pastoral-Diaconal Practices focus all curriculum outcomes on the church's mission to the world. This is characterized by the theme "justification and justice." We aim to form pastors who are able to faithfully bear witness to Jesus Christ in open dialogue with alternative religious options and who can interpret the gospel in engagement with the deep human longing for personal and social healing. Wartburg's program is organized under three divisions: Biblical Studies, History and Theology, and Ministry. There are also Integrative courses team-taught by professors of the three divisions.

One MDiv Degree Program – Three Categories of Students – Two Primary Schedules

The Master of Divinity degree program consists of a single set of requirements and designated courses that apply for all categories of students. This program can be completed in four years of full-time study in every semester. Most courses are taught in a "hybrid" pattern of teaching that joins face-to-face classroom learning by students in residence with students who are off-campus through interactive web streaming or through recordings of those class sessions combined with asynchronous online discussion groups. Using interactive video technology, all students are therefore participating in an integrated learning experience.

We offer the MDiv curriculum to three categories of students. Each student is admitted into the degree program and chooses the category based on their situation. Each student completes coursework under one of two basic patterns of course scheduling. Both course patterns include the same courses, but vary between either a three year or four year pattern for sequencing the coursework. There also are differences in how a given student completes the internship requirement. Both scheduling patterns are considered as full-time study for completing the degree within four years. The curriculum can also be taken at a slower pace for longer than four years, although the student may no longer be full time depending on their level of registered coursework.

The three categories (pathways) of students are the following:

- **Residential Learners (RL)** – The "Residential Learner" is the on-campus student (or commuter) who completes coursework in face-to-face classroom learning on campus in Dubuque.
- **Distributed Learners (DL)** – The "Distributed Learner" is the off-campus student who is studying from their home context and completing their courses from afar. It is expected that a distributed learner, who may or may not be working part-time, can still sustain a course load equal to the residential learner, and that it is a matter of location and personal circumstances (due to work, family, or other reasons) that distinguishes a DL student from the RL student.
- **Collaborative Learners (CL)** – The "Collaborative Learner" is a specific category of student where the student is formally approved by the seminary, by the student's home ELCA synod (or appropriate non-ELCA denominational adjudicatory), and by the ELCA synod providing a congregational site. CL students serve concurrently in part-time congregational ministry (upon approval, as a synodically authorized minister) under supervision of a rostered leader and accompanied by a mentor. For CL students, coursework is distributed over the entire four years of study and internship normally takes place during the fourth through sixth semesters, during which time the evaluation process is formalized.

Because of these differences, there are two different patterns of scheduled coursework identified for completion of the degree. Full-time Residential and Distributed Learners will complete the Residential Learner/Distributed Learner pattern for the degree, whereby internship has its own designated year (normally the third year) and the academic coursework is normally completed in three academic years. Collaborative Learners have a distinctive pattern that schedules courses over the entire four years, allowing time for their involvement in ministry concurrently with their entire period of study. Because of their common coursework schedule, RL, DL, and CL students can with permission move back and forth between residential, distributed, and collaborative study in different years or semesters should that become necessary. See the curriculum grids later in this section to see the differences between the two academic patterns.

Normal Program of Study

The MDiv program normally requires a minimum of four full years of study. The normal pattern for RL and DL students is two years of academic study, a third year on internship, and a fourth year in academic study. The normal pattern for CL students

is four years of coursework taken concurrently with serving in ministry in a congregation and with internship formalized for three of those semesters. Choosing to take heavy course loads does not have the effect of shortening the overall time spent in earning the degree. A full year of academic study consists of a fall semester (with an on-campus intensive week at the beginning), a January interim, and a spring semester (with an on-campus intensive week at the beginning). Time utilized in one or several summers may also be necessary, depending on the starting and ending dates of internship or possibly for the completion of one's unit of Clinical Pastoral Education. Please refer to the appropriate course scheduling chart based on the category of study for which you are admitted. Please also see information below on possible concentrations available for this degree and the impact these may have on the course of study.

Course Load

To be considered a full-time student (and therefore potentially eligible for all forms of financial aid), a student must take a minimum of nine (9) semester hours each term. (To qualify for financial aid, most scholarships or grants require that the 9 or more credits that constitute full-time status each semester consist of "tuition-billed coursework credits," of which internship or CPE credits do not count as they are not charged tuition.) The normal minimum course load in the Residential and Distributed Learners programs is 12.5 credit hours in each fall and spring semester, plus 2 credit hours in each of the three required January interims, in order to complete the degree in four years. The normal minimum course load in the Collaborative Learners program is typically 9.5 hours in each of the fall and spring semesters (or 9 hours each in the two semesters that Spiritual Practices is not taken), plus 2 credit hours each in three January interims. These credit amounts do not include any elective courses and may not include all the courses taken for a concentration, which may be beyond these expected minimums. Permission from the Academic Dean is required to take more than 15.5 semester hours in a semester.

Part-time study is possible and may become necessary for some students for a variety of reasons. Part-time study for WTS is defined as less than 9 semester hours in the fall or spring semester respectively (or less than 2 hours in the January interim). Part-time students (with 6 credit hours or more) have access to Federal financial aid. The student who becomes part-time should no longer expect that their MDiv degree can still be completed in the four years normally defined for the degree. Further, with the exception of some distributional courses, most courses that meet degree requirements are only taught once each year, and therefore a part-time student may need to wait for a later academic year in order to fulfill a particular degree requirement, which can further delay completion of the degree. The MDiv degree normally must be completed within seven continuous years of study from the oldest course to the most recent course, unless specific action is taken by the faculty to extend this for a student.

Time Expected on Campus in Dubuque or Traveling

To foster a continued community learning for all and to meet accreditation standards, WTS requires that all enrolled students are expected to come together as a community in Dubuque for the following times during one's time as an MDiv student:

- For each Prolog Week intensive week at the very beginning of the fall and spring semesters, respectively, all students are expected to come together at the seminary in Dubuque for study at the beginning of the semester to launch their courses together, with all residential, distributed, and collaborative learning students meeting in the same classrooms for six hours of face-to-face instructional time in each course. (The one exception to this Prolog Week requirement is for RL/DL students during their internship year, who are exempt if internship is their only activity and they are not also taking a course(s) that would normally expect attendance in Dubuque.); and
- For three January interims, students are either normally expected to come to Dubuque to complete a J-Term course, or to travel with a group of Wartburg Seminary students on an immersion course, in order to complete requirements such as the cross-cultural requirement or the rural ministry requirement. J-Term courses last from one to three weeks for face-to-face instruction or travel with an immersion group, with additional hours assigned for readings, keeping a journal, or writing a paper. For those who have limited means to travel, there are usually one to three J-Term course options available each year that do not involve travel (or have very limited travel, such as day trips or possibly an overnight stay) and may otherwise be completed entirely on campus, by synchronous Zoom (web camera) interaction, or as an asynchronous online course. The cross-cultural courses almost always require travel of some sort, so expect at least that much for one of your January courses.

In addition to time in Dubuque for intensives, there are other requirements that may require relocation for a period of time:

- For Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), depending on the clinical or ministry site you choose for completing your unit, this may involve commuting or living temporarily near the site. The CPE site may also have requirements for on-call availability for particular periods of time.
- For Internship, depending on your internship assignment, you may be asked to relocate to a site for the duration of the internship, or be commuting some distance, in order to carry out a full-time (or part-time) ministry at the internship site, with all the attendant meetings, visitation, and worship services.

All students will need to make arrangements for these travel times as part of their degree program, including the expenses associated with housing, food, transportation, etc. during these periods.

Re-entrance

Students who have interrupted their theological education for seven or more years prior to re-entrance ordinarily will not receive credit for previous work.

MDiv Curriculum Requirements

The basic Master of Divinity degree consists of a minimum of 116 semester hours, met by completing 83 hours of coursework (including three January interims), the equivalent of a twelve-month internship (27 hours) and one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (6 hours). The requirements are itemized below, both in a chart form organized by academic areas and in a list of requirements. Most requirements are met by specified courses that are taught once a year in the designated semester (either fall or spring). Two course requirements, the Youth and Family Ministry requirement and the Rural Ministry requirement, can be met in any semester when such courses are offered. [See the curriculum grids later in this section showing typical course sequences.] There is also a graduate writing expectation that is tested among new students during the first week of the semester. Those students needing further help with writing are normally required to take the IN 003 Graduate Writing course during the fall semester of the first year.

A. MDiv Requirements Checklist Presented In Chart Format:

Each requirement is 3 semester hours, unless otherwise noted, and is usually met by a specified course. Each requirement has a number, and a shorthand title for the requirement. The actual course (or eligible courses) to fulfill a requirement may vary. The MDiv has no required elective credits except for one January interim course that is required. All students are encouraged to take electives as their schedule permits, as well as encouraged to complete a concentration within the degree program (see the separate descriptions of the concentration options later in the catalog).

Bible (BI) Division	History/Theology (HT) Division	Ministry (MN) Division	Interdisciplinary (IN)
BI-L Biblical Greek Language	HT-1 Global Church History & Mission 1	MN-1 Worship	IN-1 Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds (2 hours)
BI-1 New Testament 1	HT-2 Systematic Theology	MN-2 Pastoral Care	IN-2 Formation for Discipleship (2 hours)
BI-2 New Testament 2	HT-3 Lutheran Confessions	MN-4 Being Body of Christ: Theology of the Congregation (2 hours)	IN-3 21 st Century Leadership (2 hours)
BI-3 Hebrew Bible 1	HT-4 Global Church History & Mission 2	MN-5 Preaching	IN-4 Integrative Seminar
BI-4 Hebrew Bible 2	HT-5 Christian Ethics	MN-6 Liturgy & Life / Renewing Worship	IN-5 Word, Image, Imagination
BI-5 Advanced Bible - New Testament	HT-6 Advanced Theology	MN-7 Rural Ministry Requirement (1 hour)	IN-6 Reading & Leading in Context
BI-6 Advanced Bible - Hebrew Bible		MN-8 Youth & Family Ministry Requirement (1 hour)	IN 7.1 – 7.6 Spiritual Practices 1-6 (six courses at 0.5 hours each)
		MN-9 Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) (6 hours)	IN 8.1 J-Term 1 Cross-Cultural Immersion (2 hours)
		MN-10 Internship (27 hours)	IN 8.2 J-Term 2 Student's choice (2 hours)

			IN-8.3 J-Term 3 Student's choice (2 hours) IN 9.1 – IN 9.4 Fieldwork 1-4 (four courses at 1 hour each)
= 21 Hours	= 18 Hours	= 49 Hours	= 28 Hours
Degree Total = 116 hours			

B. MDiv Requirements Checklist In List Format:

Each course requirement is 3 hours, unless otherwise noted, and is usually met by a specified course. Each requirement has a number, and a shorthand title for the requirement. The actual course (or eligible courses) to meet a requirement may vary. The MDiv has no required electives credits, other than for two of the required January interim courses, but is flexible in what can be taken. Students are encouraged to enroll for electives, as well as encouraged to complete a concentration within the degree program (see the separate descriptions of the possible concentrations elsewhere in the catalog).

<u>Requirement Number</u>	<u>Requirement Short Title</u>	<u>Primary Course to Meet Requirement</u>
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Bible Division (BI) – 21 Hours

BI-L	Biblical Greek Language	BI 103W Beginning NT Greek Language
BI-1	New Testament 1	BI 190 Engaging the New Testament Narratives
BI-2	New Testament 2	BI 192 Engaging the New Testament Letters
BI-3	Hebrew Bible 1	BI 222 Hebrew Bible-Exegesis for Ministry 1
BI-4	Hebrew Bible 2	BI 224 Hebrew Bible-Exegesis for Ministry 2
BI-5	Advanced Bible – New Testament	BI 360 New Testament – Engaging the World or Designated BI 3xx courses
BI-6	Advanced Bible – Hebrew Bible	BI 320 Hebrew Bible – Engaging the World or Designated BI 3xx courses

History/Theology Division (HT) – 18 Hours

HT-1	Church History/Mission 1	HT 105 The Global Church in Motion 1
HT-2	Systematic Theology	HT 140 Systematic Theology
HT-3	Lutheran Confessions	HT 213 Lutheran Confessions
HT-4	Church History/Mission 2	HT 205 The Global Church in Motion 2
HT-5	Christian Ethics	HT 267 Lutheran Ethics: Freedom for the Neighbor
HT-6	Advanced Theology	Designated HT 3xx courses

Ministry Division (MN) – 16 Hours of coursework, plus 33 hours of CPE and Internship

MN-1	Worship	MN 106 Foundations of Christian Worship
MN-2	Pastoral Care	MN 270 Pastoral Care in Context
MN-4	Being Body of Christ	MN 255 Being Body of Christ: Theology of the Congregation (2 hours)
MN-5	Preaching	MN 230 Preaching
MN-6	Liturgy & Life/Renewing Worship	MN 306 Liturgy and Life: Worship and Mission in Context and Culture
MN-7	Rural Ministry Requirement	Designated MN xxx courses or MN 397 Rural J-Term (1 hour minimum)
MN-8	Youth & Family Ministry	Designated MN 16x courses (1 hour)
MN-9	Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)	MN 280 Clinical Pastoral Education [normally completed offsite at an accredited ACPE site] (6 hours)
MN-10	Internship	MN 370 Internship [12 months full-time or 18 months part-time (equivalent to full-time), completed at a church designated by the seminary in collaboration with the synod (27 hours)]

Interdisciplinary/Integrative (IN) – 28 Hours

IN-1	Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds	IN 141 Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds (2 hours)
IN-2	Formation for Discipleship	IN 142 Formation for Discipleship: Vocation, Witness, and Ministry (2 hours)
IN-3	21 st Century Leadership	IN 243 21 st Century Leadership: Public, Connected, and Adaptive (2 hours)
IN-4	Integrative Seminar	IN 344 Integrative Capstone Seminar or Designated courses
IN-5	Word, Image, Imagination	IN 345 Word, Image, Imagination
IN-6	Reading & Leading in Context	IN 346 Reading and Leading in Context: Methods, Media, and Entrepreneurial Practices
IN-7.1 to IN 7.6	Spiritual Practices 1 – 6	IN 161/162 Spiritual Practices 1 & 2 IN 261/262 Spiritual Practices 3 & 4 IN 361/362 Spiritual Practices 5 & 6 (each SP course 0.5 hours; totaling 3 hours)
IN-8.1	January – Cross-Cultural Requirement	Designated January courses (2 hours)
IN-8.2	January – Required 2 nd J-Term	Student's choice (2 hours)
IN-8.3	January – Required 3 rd J-Term	Student's choice (2 hours)
IN-9.1 to IN-9/4	Fieldwork Experiences 1 – 4	IN 171/172 Serving the Community: Fieldwork 1 & 2 IN 271/272 Engaging Contexts: Fieldwork 3 & 4 (1 hour each, totaling 4 hours)

Degree Total = 116 hours (79 hours of coursework, 4 hours of fieldwork, 6 hours of Clinical Pastoral Education, and 27 hours of internship)

MDiv Clinical Requirement

Wartburg Seminary is a member of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), which is the international professional agency for the certification of supervisors and accreditation of centers for clinical pastoral education since 1968. One unit of CPE is an ELCA and seminary requirement. CPE provides hands-on practice in pastoral ministry under the direction of an accredited supervisor and with a cohort of student-peers. CPE settings include, but are not limited to, general hospitals, mental health, correctional, and other specialized institutions, as well as congregations.

Students can choose from an intensive unit (typically a 10-week, full-time experience), an extended unit (typically a part-time experience spread over several months), or a virtual unit (typically a part-time experience spread over several months with a portion of the work done on-line).

Use of the small group method for personal growth, mutual support, and peer learning are prominent features of CPE. Programs are designed to be emotionally supportive, growth-oriented, educationally challenging, and practical in the development of ministry skills. Students should expect to pay tuition to the CPE site. Stipends are available in a limited number of settings. The MDiv clinical requirement of one unit of CPE normally needs to be completed prior to internship. Students are strongly encouraged to make plans for the completion of CPE during their first academic year. Conversation with the synod Candidacy Committee regarding the student's plans for CPE is critical.

MDiv Internship

Internship provides students a significant contextualized experience in ministry as a fundamental component of their theological education. Internship is an opportunity for a student to serve in a church or agency setting under the guidance of an experienced pastoral supervisor. Normally internship is equivalent to one year of full-time supervised ministry. It normally takes place before the final academic year of the MDiv degree (e.g., during Year 3 of the Residential and Distributed Learning programs) or the internship extends for 18 months concurrently with three academic semesters in the Collaborative Learning program. At the recommendation of the respective candidacy committee and with the concurrence of the seminary faculty, internship may take place as the final year of the Master of Divinity program.

The purpose of internship is for students to develop their pastoral skills through an experience of practicing ministry and reflecting upon that experience. Interns grow in their pastoral identity, spiritual development, theological reflection, practical skills, emotional maturity, stewardship leadership, and missional leadership. The supervisor and congregation are viewed as extensions of the seminary faculty in this important dimension of theological education. Regular weekly scheduled supervisory meetings are important to the internship experience.

By faculty assignment, and under the monitoring of the seminary's Contextual Education office, each student fulfills the internship requirement. Assignments are based on the congregation's needs, the recommendation of the synod, the qualifications of the supervisor, the student's needs, the needs of the seminary, and the mission of the larger church. There

is no waiver of internship, although occasionally an extended earlier or concurrent parish experience may be approved as its equivalent.

The ELCA sets standards for all ELCA internships; including some concern practical matters pertaining to living at the internship site. Normally a monthly stipend (which is taxable income) and help with internship-related auto expenses (mileage reimbursement) are paid to the student by the congregation. In addition, the congregation normally provides adequate housing and utilities. Congregations with housing maintain their own housing policies. Students should be aware that pets are not allowed in many internship site housing units.

Prior to internship, the student normally is expected to be endorsed by a synodical candidacy committee, to have completed a unit of CPE, and to have fulfilled pre-internship curriculum requirements.

Concentrations

The MDiv degree program offers the option of Concentrations as a means to develop specialization in an area of ministry. A concentration consists of a minimum of 10 credits in a specified area of emphasis. Currently we offer four concentrations with the MDiv degree:

- Hispanic Ministry
- Rural Ministry
- Youth, Culture, and Mission (YCM)
- Mission Development

The general pattern for meeting the requirements for all concentrations is as follows:

- One J-Term devoted to the subject area (2 credits). For the Hispanic Ministry concentration, this would mean a J-Term immersion through our extension site, the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest (LSPS) in Austin, Texas. For the Rural Ministry concentration, this would mean completing the North Dakota & Shalom Hill Farm J-Term course. For the YCM and Mission Development concentrations, either J-Term courses or their equivalents will be offered.
- Other on-campus/hybrid courses taken to meet a degree requirement, such as additional Rural Ministry courses, further coursework in pastoral care and youth/family ministry with YCM eligibility as designated by the faculty, or Spanish language courses in the case of the Hispanic Ministry concentration.
- The two Fieldwork requirements in the second year of the degree, requirements IN-9.3 and IN-9.4, will be arranged in the specified area of the concentration.
- The final-year integrative requirements, IN-5 and IN-6, are to be arranged in the area of study of the concentration.

Most concentrations also allow some flexibility in how assignments are completed in other courses. It is also possible in some cases to make arrangements, so that a student's internship site might provide experience in the student's area of a concentration.

Students should note that completing a concentration could involve coursework beyond the minimum degree requirements. The student in a concentration may need to take additional courses beyond the minimums in some semesters in order to meet the needs of both the degree and the concentration.

MDiv Thesis

Seniors may elect to write a thesis in meeting their graduation requirements. Normally students interested in doing an MDiv thesis should express interest in writing to their academic advisor (and copied to the Academic Dean) as early as possible and prior to the fall semester of their final year. Those approved shall enroll in the fall IN 300W research seminar. Students will submit a one page proposal to the faculty in the early fall semester, normally before the October faculty meeting. By normally no later than the October faculty meeting, faculty will determine the students who will be allowed to do a thesis based on faculty load and student ability. Students who are not chosen to do a thesis may be encouraged instead to focus their research into an independent study. Normally the student should use the January interim of their final year to do research for the thesis as an independent study. Registration and credit for the thesis occurs in the final semester.

Research and writing are to be done under the supervision of a faculty thesis adviser. The first draft should be completed and submitted to the faculty adviser by early March. Two copies of the second draft, one for the adviser and one for a second faculty reader, are due by mid-April. An electronic copy of an approved final thesis must be submitted to the registrar one week before the end of the semester and before the awarding of the degree. The thesis is given one of three grades: accepted, accepted with honors, or accepted with high honors. Details concerning style and format are available from the registrar. Six hours of credit will be given for a satisfactory thesis.

MDiv Graduation Requirements

The requirements of the Master of Divinity degree are:

- 1) The satisfactory completion of academic requirements, (including all named courses or their authorized equivalents, and distribution requirements) with a minimum of 116 semester hours (83 hours of academic coursework, 6 hours for one unit of CPE, together with 27 hours received at the completion of one year of internship).
- 2) One year equivalent minimum of Wartburg Theological Seminary-taught coursework (that is, a degree cannot consist entirely of credits transferred from institutions other than WTS).
- 3) A recommendation by the faculty to the Board of Directors and the Board's approval. Students must file an "Application for Degree" form with the Registrar by the beginning of their final semester of study. A student must be in good standing with the business office, library, and financial aid office in order to receive a diploma.

Master of Divinity Curriculum Chart

Four-Year Residential Learning (RL) & Distributed Learning (DL) Sequence

For Students Who Start Fall 2019 or Later

For students who are in residence or commuting to the campus in Dubuque (RL), or are completing the degree in their home context (DL), but not in a seminary and synod approved collaborative learning context. (See the separate chart for the CL program.)



Indicates when CPE normally is (or suggested to be) taken



Indicates when Internship normally is completed

NOT SHOWN ON THE FOLLOWING CHART: The Rural Ministry [MN-7] and Youth & Family Ministry [MN-8] requirements, one credit hour each, which are met by designated courses that can be taken at any time, including as a January course when appropriate.

	Summer	Fall Semester (15 weeks)	January Interim (4 weeks)	Spring Semester (15 Weeks)
Year 1		Greek Language [BI-L, 3 cr] Global Ch. History & Mission 1 [HT-1, 3 cr] Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds [IN-1, 2 cr] Worship [MN-1, 3 cr] Fieldwork 1 [IN-9.1, 1 cr] Spiritual Practices 1 [IN-7.1, 0.5 cr] {=12.5 credits}	[IN 8.1] or [IN 8.2] or [IN 8.3] {=2 credits}	New Testament 1 [BI-1, 3 cr] Systematic Theology [HT-2, 3 cr] Formation for Discipleship [IN-2, 2 cr] Pastoral Care [MN-2, 3 cr] Fieldwork 2 [IN-9.2, 1 cr] Spiritual Practices 2 [IN-7.2, 0.5 cr] {=12.5 credits}
Year 2	CPE (normally)	New Testament 2 [BI-2, 3 cr] Hebrew Bible 1 [BI-3, 3 cr] Lutheran Confessions [HT-3, 3 cr] 21 st Century Leadership [IN-3, 2 cr] Fieldwork 3 [IN-9.3, 1 cr] Spiritual Practices 3 [IN-7.3, 0.5 cr] {=12.5 credits}	[IN 8.1] or [IN 8.2] or [IN 8.3] {=2 credits}	Hebrew Bible 2 [BI-4, 3 cr] Global Ch. History & Mission 2 [HT-4, 3 cr] Being Body of Christ [MN-4, 2 cr] Preaching [MN-5, 3 cr] Fieldwork 4 [IN-9.4, 1 cr] Spiritual Practices 4 [IN-7.4, 0.5 cr] {=12.5 credits}

Year 3	Internship (12 months)			
Year 4		Advanced Bible – NT [BI-5, 3 cr] Christian Ethics [HT-5, 3 cr] Integrative Capstone Seminar [IN-4, 3 cr] Advanced Theology [HT-6, 3 cr] Spiritual Practices 5 [IN-7.5, 0.5 cr] {=12.5 credits}	[IN 8.1] or [IN 8.2] or [IN 8.3] {=2 credits}	Advanced Bible – HB [BI-6, 3 cr] Liturgy & Life / Renewing Worship [MN-6, 3 cr] Word, Image, Imagination [IN-5, 3 cr] Reading & Leading in Context [IN-6, 3 cr] Spiritual Practices 6 [IN-7.6, 0.5 cr] {=12.5 credits}

Degree Total = 116 hours (as 79 hours of coursework, 4 hours of fieldwork, 6 hours of Clinical Pastoral Education, and 27 hours of internship)

Master of Divinity Curriculum Chart

Four-Year Collaborative Learning (CL) Sequence

For Students Who Start Fall 2019 or Later

For students only in a seminary and synod approved CL placement

 Indicates when CPE normally is or suggested to be taken (although this may need to be adjusted according to the needs of the student's ministry site)

 Indicates when Internship normally is formalized as an 18-month involvement while concurrently completing the designated coursework.

NOT SHOWN ON THE FOLLOWING CHART: The Rural Ministry [MN-7] and Youth & Family Ministry [MN-8] requirements, one credit hour each, which are met by designated courses that can be taken at any time, including as a January course when appropriate.

	Summer	Fall Semester (15 weeks)	January Interim (4 weeks)	Spring Semester (15 Weeks)
Year 1		Greek Language [BI-L, 3 cr] Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds [IN-1, 2 cr] Worship [MN-1, 3 cr] Fieldwork 1 [IN-9.1, 1 cr] Spiritual Practices 1 [IN-7.1, 0.5 cr] {=9.5 credits}	[IN8.1] or [IN 8.2] or [IN 8.3] {=2 credits}	New Testament 1 [BI-1, 3 cr] Systematic Theology [HT-2, 3 cr] Formation for Discipleship [IN-2, 2 cr] Fieldwork 2 [IN-9.2, 1 cr] Spiritual Practices 2 [IN-7.2, 0.5 cr] {=9.5 credits}
Year 2	CPE (normally)	Hebrew Bible 1 [BI-3, 3 cr] Lutheran Confessions [HT-3, 3 cr] 21 st Century Leadership [IN-3, 2 cr] Fieldwork 3 [IN-9.3, 1 cr] Spiritual Practices 3 [IN-7.3, 0.5 cr] {=9.5 credits}	[IN8.1] or [IN 8.2] or [IN 8.3] {=2 credits}	Hebrew Bible 2 [BI-4, 3 cr] Being Body of Christ [MN-4, 2 cr] Preaching [MN-5, 3 cr] Fieldwork 4 [IN-9.4, 1 cr] Spiritual Practices 4 [IN-7.4, 0.5 cr] {=9.5 credits}

Year 3		New Testament 2 [BI-2, 3 cr] Global Ch. History & Mission 1 [HT-1, 3 cr] Christian Ethics [HT-5, 3 cr] {=9 credits}		Pastoral Care [MN-2, 3 cr] Global Ch. History & Mission 2 [HT-4, 3 cr] Advanced Bible – HB [BI-6, 3 cr] {=9 credits}
Year 4		Advanced Bible – NT [BI-5, 3 cr] Integrative Capstone Seminar [IN-4, 3 cr] Advanced Theology [HT-6, 3 cr] Spiritual Practices 5 [IN-7.5, 0.5 cr] {=9.5 credits}	[IN8.1] or [IN 8.2] or [IN 8.3] {=2 credits}	Liturgy & Life / Renewing Worship [MN-6, 3 cr] Word, Image, Imagination [IN-5, 3 cr] Reading & Leading in Context [IN-6, 3 cr] Spiritual Practices 6 [IN-7.6, 0.5 cr] {=9.5 credits}

Degree Total = 116 hours (as 79 hours of coursework, 4 hours of fieldwork, 6 hours of Clinical Pastoral Education, and 27 hours of internship)

Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry Degree Program For New Students Starting Fall 2019

Wartburg Theological Seminary is an educational community centered in worship, which sets the study of the Christian message in the legacy of the church's heritage and in the global and social context of today's world. The Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry (MA in Diaconal Ministry or MADM) degree program is aimed at students interested in service in the church as a deacon¹. The MA in Diaconal Ministry degree combines the academic requirements for diaconal ministry with courses that meet the fieldwork/internship requirements for candidacy as a deacon in the ELCA. The MA in Diaconal Ministry program aims at integrating skills for ministry with theological reflection. It is ideal for those candidates for church service who want to bridge a congregational or local church setting with the mission of the church in society.

Normal Program of Study

The MA in Diaconal Ministry degree program normally requires two academic years to complete coursework, with time to complete fieldwork components, and with a limit of five years for its completion. A full year of academic study consists of a fall semester (beginning with an on-campus intensive week), a January interim, and a spring semester (beginning with an on-campus intensive week). Time utilized in one, or both, summers may also be necessary, depending on the starting or ending dates of internship or possibly for the completion of one's unit of Clinical Pastoral Education. To be considered a full-time student and to be eligible for financial aid, a student must take a minimum of nine credit hours per semester. Please refer to the curriculum charts for an elaboration of the normal sequencing of courses in the MA in Diaconal Ministry degree. These credit amounts do not include elective courses. Permission from the academic dean is required to take more than 15.5 credit hours in a semester. (To qualify for financial aid, most scholarships or grants require that the 9 or more credits that constitute full-time status each semester consist of "tuition-billed coursework credits," of which internship or CPE credits do not count as they are not charged tuition.)

Part-time study is possible and may be necessary for some students for a variety of reasons. Part-time for Wartburg Seminary is defined as less than 9 semester hours in the fall or spring semester respectively (or less than 2 hours in the January interim). Part-time students (6 credit hours or more) may have access to Federal financial aid. The student who becomes part-time should no longer expect that their MA in Diaconal Ministry degree can be completed in the two year minimum normally defined for the degree. Further, with the exception of some distributional courses, most courses to meet degree requirements are only taught once each year. Therefore a part-time student may need to wait for the next offering of a particular required course, which can delay completion of the degree. The MA in Diaconal Ministry degree must normally be completed within five continuous years of study from the oldest course to the most recent course, unless specific action is taken by the faculty to extend the duration for a student.

Residential, Distributed Learning, and Collaborative Learning Options

Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry students enroll as either a Residential Learner (RL), Distributed Learner (DL), or Collaborative Learner (CL) depending on their needs. These categories of student are defined as follows:

- **Residential Learners (RL)** – The "Residential Learner" is the on-campus student (or commuter) who completes coursework primarily by face-to-face classroom learning on campus in Dubuque.
- **Distributed Learners (DL)** – The "Distributed Learner" is the off-campus student who is studying from their home context and completing their courses from afar. It is expected that a distributed learner, who may or may not be working part-time, can still sustain a course load equal to the residential learner, and that it is a matter of location and personal circumstances (due to work, family, or other reasons) that distinguishes a DL student from the RL student.
- **Collaborative Learners (CL)** – The "Collaborative Learner" is a specific category of student where the student is formally approved by the seminary, by the student's home ELCA synod (or appropriate non-ELCA denominational adjudicatory), and by the ELCA synod providing a ministry site. CL students concurrently complete coursework and serve part-time in their ministry setting under the supervision of a mentor.

¹ The ELCA recently combined its previous lay rosters (Associate in Ministry, Diaconal Minister, and Deaconess) into a single Word and Service roster of Deacons. The status of a previous ELCA roster requirement of a Diaconal Ministry Formation Event (DMFE), mentioned in the catalog with reference to January (J-Term) requirements, is undefined at this time. Beginning with January 2020, Wartburg Seminary intends to start offering our own such formation event courses as part of normal January interim offerings, which will be made available to the other ELCA seminaries. When the DMFE is not available, a second J-Term course is required. Degree requirements will continue to remain flexible with respect to ELCA roster requirements, allowing substitutions as they may become defined.

All the students, whether RL, DL, or CL, complete the same degree requirements and are in the same courses. Most courses are taught in a hybrid pattern that combines face-to-face classroom instruction among students in residence with students who are off-campus, where the off-campus students join the classroom live through interactive web streaming or retroactively through recordings of the class session together with asynchronous online discussion sessions. Using this technology, all our students participate in a common learning experience.

MA in Diaconal Ministry Curriculum Degree Requirements

The basic Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry degree is designed to meet the candidacy requirements for the leadership roster of Deacon in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), but can be adapted to meet requirements also for other denominations.

The degree requirements consist of a minimum of 64 semester hours, met by 46 credits of coursework and research, including two J-Term courses, plus 18 credits of internship and clinical pastoral education: Of the overall credits for the degree, 26 semester hours are specific to the MA in Diaconal Ministry degree. The degree requirements are itemized below. Students seeking candidacy in the ELCA to become a Deacon may also need to complete the Diaconal Ministry Formation Event (DMFE) or an equivalent learning event sponsored by the ELCA. The DMFE (or its future equivalent) can be completed as one of the January course requirements (if so taught), with the option of credits transferred back to WTS (if taught elsewhere) and applied to your degree. Those non-ELCA students who do not need the DMFE will complete a second January interim course of the student's choosing.

A. MA in Diaconal Ministry Requirements Checklist Presented In Chart Format:

Each requirement is 3 semester hours, unless noted, and is usually met by a specified course. Each requirement has a number, and a shorthand title for the requirement. The actual course (or eligible courses) that fulfills a requirement may vary. The MA in Diaconal Ministry degree has no required electives credits. Students are encouraged to complete electives as time permits, particularly to meet a specialty area for their ministry.

Bible (BI) Division	History/Theology (HT) Division	Ministry (IN) Division	Interdisciplinary (IN)	Diaconal Ministry Specific Requirements
BI-1 New Testament 1	HT-1 Global Church History & Mission 1	MN-1 (DM) Worship (1 hour minimum)	IN-1 Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds (2 hours)	DM-1 Diaconal Ministry: Compassion and Justice (1 hour)
BI-2 New Testament 2	HT-2 Systematic Theology	MN-2 Pastoral Care	IN-2 Formation for Discipleship (2 hours)	DM-2 Diaconal Ministry Formation Event (2 hours, likely as a J-Term course)
BI-3 Hebrew Bible 1	HT-3 Lutheran Confessions	MN-5 (DM) Preaching (1 hour minimum)	IN 7.1 – 7.4 Spiritual Practices 1-4 (four courses at 0.5 hours each)	DM-3 Diaconal Ministry Research Seminar (1 hour)
BI-4 Hebrew Bible 2	HT-5 Christian Ethics		IN 8.1 J-Term 1 Cross-Cultural Immersion (2 hours)	DM-4 Diaconal Ministry Project (2 hours)
				DM-5 Diaconal Ministry Capstone (2 hours)
				DM-6 Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) (1 unit, 6 hours)
				DM-7 Diaconal Ministry Internship

				[1,000 hours minimum length] (12 hours)
= 12 Hours	= 12 Hours	= 5 to 9 Hours depending on course choices for preaching and worship	= 8 hours	= 26 hours
Degree Total = 64 hours minimum, divided as 46 hours (minimum) of coursework and 18 hours of internship and CPE, possibly more credits in total depending on the and the courses chosen to meet the preaching and worship requirements.				

B. MA in Diaconal Ministry Requirements Checklist In List Format:

Each course requirement is 3 hours each, unless noted, and is usually met by a specified course. Each requirement has a number and a shorthand title for the requirement. The actual course (or eligible courses) to fulfill a requirement may vary. The MA in Diaconal Ministry degree has no required electives credits. Students are encouraged to enroll for electives, particularly to meet a specialty area for their ministry.

<u>Requirement Number</u>	<u>Requirement Short Title</u>	<u>Primary Course to Meet Requirement</u>
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Bible Division (BI) – 12 Hours

BI-1	New Testament 1	BI 190 Engaging the New Testament Narratives
BI-2	New Testament 2	BI 192 Engaging the New Testament Letters
BI-3	Hebrew Bible 1	BI 222 Hebrew Bible-Exegesis for Ministry 1
BI-4	Hebrew Bible 2	BI 224 Hebrew Bible-Exegesis for Ministry 2

History/Theology Division (HT) – 12 Hours

HT-1	Church History/Mission 1	HT 105 The Global Church in Motion 1
HT-2	Systematic Theology	HT 140 Systematic Theology
HT-3	Lutheran Confessions	HT 213 Lutheran Confessions
HT-5	Christian Ethics	HT 267 Lutheran Ethics: Freedom for the Neighbor

Ministry Division (MN) – 5 to 9 Hours of coursework (depending on courses chosen for requirements MN 1 and MN 5)

MN-1 (DM)	Worship	Minimum of 1 hour needed (either MN 106W Foundations of Christian Worship, 3 hours, or a different designated course, possibly TM 065W Foundations of Lutheran Worship, 1 hour)
MN-2	Pastoral Care	MN 270 Pastoral Care in Context
MN-5 (DM)	Preaching	Minimum of 1 hour needed (possibly MN 230W Preaching, 3 hours, MN 131W "Preaching Basics," 1 hour, or a different designated course(s), such as the two courses from the TEEM certificate curriculum)

Interdisciplinary/Integrative (IN) –8 Hours

IN-1	Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds	IN 141 Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds (2 hours)
IN-2	Formation for Discipleship	IN 142 Formation for Discipleship: Vocation, Witness, and Ministry (2 hours)
IN-7.1 to IN 7.4	Spiritual Practices 1 – 4	IN 161/162 Spiritual Practices 1 & 2 IN 261/262 Spiritual Practices 3 & 4 (each SP course 0.5 hours; totaling 2 hours)
IN-8.1	January – Cross-Cultural Requirement	Designated January courses (2 hours)

Diaconal Ministry Specific Requirements – 26 Hours

DM-1	Diaconal Ministry: Compassion & Justice	MN 157 Diaconal Ministry: Compassion & Justice (1 hour)
DM-2	January - Diaconal Ministry Formation Event	Diaconal Ministry Formation Event, An ELCA-sponsored course, possibly as a January or Summer course; If not offered by WTS or the ELCA during the two-year MADM program, then the student substitutes a second J-Term course (2 hours)
DM-3	Diaconal Ministry Research Seminar	IN 300W Research Seminar (1 hour)
DM-4	Diaconal Ministry Project	IN 305W Diaconal Ministry Project (2 hours)
DM-5	Diaconal Ministry Capstone	IN 323W Diaconal Min.: Servant Leadership (2 hours)
DM-6	Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)	MN 280 Clinical Pastoral Education [normally completed offsite at an accredited ACPE site] (6 hours)
DM-7	Diaconal Ministry Internship	IN 320W Diac. Min. Internship [equivalent to 6 months of full-time fieldwork] (12 hours)

Specialization Elective and other electives – 4 hours minimum

Courses chosen from among core courses in the disciplines or their distributional or elective offerings in the fall and spring semester that cover areas of specialty relating to your degree.

Degree Total = 64 hours minimum, plus possibly more credits depending on the courses chosen to meet the preaching and worship requirements.

Deacon CPE and Internship

The contextual education components of the MA in Diaconal Ministry program are divided into two areas: (1) a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at an ACPE-accredited site; and (2) a 1,000-hour Deacon Internship.

CPE provides hands-on practice in pastoral ministry under the direction of an accredited supervisor and with a cohort of student-peers. CPE settings include, but are not limited to, general hospitals, mental health, correctional, and other specialized institutions, as well as congregations. Students can choose from an intensive unit (typically a 10-week, full-time experience), an extended unit (typically a part-time experience spread over several months), or a virtual unit (typically a part-time experience spread over several months with a portion of the work done on-line).

The Deacon Internship provides opportunities for the student to demonstrate competence in the student's area(s) of specialization. Various contexts may be arranged sequentially and cumulatively to make up the required minimum 1,000 hours. Each internship will include a significant engagement in a congregational context. The Deacon internship is independently arranged in consultation with the Wartburg Seminary Director of Contextual Education, the internship site, and the synod Candidacy Committee. A Learning Covenant is required to be completed prior to the start of the internship, with evaluations required at minimum at its conclusion by the student, a supervisor, and an internship committee at the internship site.

Registration for both CPE and the Internship are coordinated with the Registrar's office. Neither the CPE unit nor Deacon Internship are normally charged tuition. In the case of the CPE unit, it is expected that the CPE site will separately charge the student a site fee that varies by each site.

MA in Diaconal Ministry Research Project

The diaconal ministry research project, a two semester hour activity in the final semester of the degree program, integrates the course work for the degree with the internship. This research will normally be related to the particular ministry specialization toward which the student is preparing. A written project report is required, and an oral presentation is also recommended. Guidance for the diaconal ministry research project is provided in a research seminar in the fall of the second year. During the spring semester of the second year, an informal research seminar also may be held. The MA Coordinator of the faculty provides general oversight for Master of Arts and Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry programs in addition to the student's academic advisor. Each student's project will be assigned by the faculty a specific project advisor and project reader that will be with whom the student works most closely with on the project.

Concentrations

The MA in Diaconal Ministry degree program offers the option of concentrations only upon the approval of the faculty, insofar as diaconal ministry is already a specialization. The concentration options and requirements are the same as those outlined under the Master of Divinity degree program.

Time Expected on Campus in Dubuque or Traveling

To foster a continued community learning for all and to meet accreditation standards, WTS requires that all enrolled students are expected to come together as a community in Dubuque for the following times during one's time as a Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry student:

- For each Prolog Week intensive week at the very beginning of the fall and spring semesters, respectively, all students are expected to come together at the seminary in Dubuque for study at the beginning of the semester to launch their courses together, with all residential, distributed, and collaborative learning students meeting in the same classrooms for six hours of face-to-face instructional time in each course. (The one exception to this Prolog Week requirement is for off-campus MA in Diaconal Ministry students during their deacon internship, who are exempt if the internship is their only activity and they are not also taking a course(s) that would normally expect attendance in Dubuque.); and
- For two January interims, students are either normally expected to come to Dubuque to complete a J-Term course, or to travel with a group of Wartburg Seminary students on an immersion course, in order to complete requirements such as the cross-cultural requirement or the diaconal ministry formation event requirement. J-Term courses last from one to three weeks for face-to-face instruction or travel with an immersion group, with additional hours assigned for readings, keeping a journal, or writing a paper. For those who limited means to travel, there are usually one to three J-Term course options available each year that do not involve travel (or have very limited travel, such as day trips or possibly an overnight stay) and may otherwise be completed entirely on campus, by synchronous Zoom (web camera) interaction, or as an asynchronous online course. The cross-cultural courses almost always require travel of some sort, so expect at least that much for one of your January courses.

In addition to time in Dubuque for intensives, there are other requirements that may require relocation for a period of time:

- For Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), depending on the clinical or ministry site you choose for completing your unit, this may involve commuting or living temporarily near the site. The CPE site may also have requirements for on-call availability for particular periods of time.
- For your deacon internship, depending on your location or your specialization in ministry, you may be needing to relocate to a site for the duration of the internship, or be commuting some distance, in order to carry out the necessary ministry at the internship site.

All students will need to make arrangements for these travel times as part of their degree program, including the expenses associated with housing, food, transportation, etc. during these periods.

Ecclesiastic Requirements

Candidates planning to enter the deacon roster (or its equivalent in another church body) may have additional ecclesiastic requirements to complete beyond an academic degree program.

Within the ELCA, those students who are candidates for the Word and Service (Deacon) roster may be required to participate in the Diaconal Ministry Formation Event (DMFE) or equivalent learning event sponsored by the ELCA. Beginning with January 2020, Wartburg Seminary intends to start offering our own such formation event courses as part of normal January interim offerings, which will be made available to the other ELCA seminaries. The DMFE (or its equivalent) may be completed as one of the January course requirements with the option of credits transferred back to WTS (if taken elsewhere) and applied to your degree. Those non-ELCA students who do not need the DMFE will complete a second January interim course of the student's choosing.

This formation program is a candidacy requirement of the church and not a specific requirement of this MA in Diaconal Ministry degree program. A positive entrance decision from the student's synod candidacy committee normally is required before one can register for the DMFE. A student completing the DMFE during the time of the degree program will normally complete this event as one of their two required January courses. A student doing so will pay to WTS the Interim tuition fee, plus all pertinent housing expenses, and cover their own food and travel arrangements to and from the site of the DMFE. A student, with a prior entrance decision, can complete the formation event before beginning degree coursework, which will provide the greatest flexibility in scheduling coursework, internship/fieldwork, or research for their diaconal ministry project.

For non-ELCA students, WTS is committed to work with the student's church body wherever possible to meet the needs of those ecclesiastic requirements, particularly the internship/fieldwork components. Prospective students, and their respective church judicatories, should be in conversation with WTS as early as possible, preferably before the student is admitted to this degree program. WTS may request a written letter of understanding from the denominational judicatory that identifies the ecclesial requirements and approval by that church body into the WTS degree program to meet the student's academic requirements for that church roster.

MA In Diaconal Ministry Graduation Requirements

The requirements of the Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry degree are:

1. The satisfactory completion of the academic requirements (including all named courses or their authorized equivalents, and distribution requirements) with a minimum of 64 semester hours (depending on choice among requirements), including internship/field work components.
2. One year equivalent minimum of Wartburg Theological Seminary-taught coursework (that is, a degree cannot consist entirely of credits transferred from other institutions outside of WTS).
3. A recommendation by the faculty to the Board of Directors and the Board's approval. Students must file an "Application for Degree" form with the Registrar by the beginning of their final semester of study. A student must be in good standing with the business office, library, and financial aid office in order to receive a diploma.

Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry Curriculum Chart

Two-Year Program, All Pathways (RL, DL, and CL)
For Students Who Start Fall 2019 or Later

	Fall Semester (15 weeks)	January Interim (4 weeks)	Spring Semester (15 Weeks)
Year 1	New Testament Letters [BI-2, 3 cr] Global Church History & Mission 1 [HT-1, 3 cr] Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds [IN-1, 2 cr] Worship [MN-1(DM), 1 cr minimum] Diaconal Ministry: Compassion & Justice seminar [DM-1, 1 cr] Spiritual Practices 1 [IN-7.1, 0.5 cr] {=10.5 credits minimum}	WTS Diaconal Ministry Formation Event {=2 credits}	New Testament Narratives [BI-1, 3 cr] Systematic Theology [HT-2, 3 cr] Formation for Discipleship [IN-2, 2 cr] Preaching [MN-5(DM), 1 cr minimum] Elective [1 cr] Spiritual Practices 2 [IN-7.2, 0.5 cr] {=10.5 credits minimum}
Summer 1	See Contextual Education Requirement below		
Year 2	Hebrew Bible 1 [BI-3, 3 cr] Lutheran Confessions [HT-3, 3 cr] Lutheran Ethics [HT-5, 3 cr] Diaconal Ministry Research Seminar [DM-3, 1 cr] Spiritual Practices 3 [IN-7.3, 0.5 cr] {=10.5 credits}	[IN8.1] Cross-Cultural Immersion {=2 credits}	Hebrew Bible 2 [BI-4, 3 cr] Specialization Elective [3 cr] Diaconal Ministry Project [DM-4, 2 cr] Diaconal Ministry: Servant Leadership capstone seminar [DM-5, 2 cr] Spiritual Practices 4 [IN-7.4, 0.5 cr] {=10.5 credits minimum}
Summer 2	See Contextual Education Requirement below		

Contextual Education Requirement – In addition to the course requirements, the MA in Diaconal Ministry degree has two additional contextual education ministry requirements:

- 1) A unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at an ACPE-accredited site – suggested to be completed in the summer if possible to have the least impact on the completion of coursework during the academic year. [Currently recorded as 6 degree credits beyond coursework.]
- 2) A 1,000-hour internship in a pastoral setting – begins concurrently with coursework or in summer [Currently recorded as 12 degree credits beyond coursework.]

Neither contextual education registration normally charges tuition to the student by Wartburg Seminary (although most CPE sites typically have their own site registration fee or tuition that the student pays).

Degree Total = 46 credits of coursework minimum, possibly more, depending on the specific courses chosen to meet the preaching and worship requirements (or with the addition of a concentration), **plus 18 hours of contextual fieldwork credits.**

Master of Arts Degree Program – One-Year Degree For New Students Starting Fall 2019

NOTE: The revised Master of Arts (MA) degree program is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and currently under review by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS).

The Master of Arts (MA) degree program is aimed toward a wide variety of audiences, including:

- People that want to dive in to theological education but don't feel called to rostered ministry.
- People who are considering careers in counseling, social work, therapy, teaching, etc. and want to supplement their work in those fields with a theological understanding/some pastoral training.
- People who work as Youth Ministers, musicians, admin assistants for congregations and want additional credentials, but aren't feeling called to enter candidacy.
- Lay people who are perhaps retired or nearing retirement who have always wanted to do formalized education in theology but the commitment to a 4 year (even two year) degree was too much.
- People who are possibly interested in rostered ministry, but who aren't sure yet if it's the right path. This is a way to explore the possibilities without the commitment to a 4 year degree.
- Outdoor ministry professionals who are deeply engaged in their work and with those around them, but again, those for who candidacy wouldn't make sense for (at least in their current roles/place in life).
- People who just love religion, theology, community and want a Masters degree that will allow them the opportunity to form the degree to suit their passions as they explore what is next for them.
- People who want to serve the church or other faith-based nonprofits who want a theology degree to boost their credentials and gain professional development to support them in their roles.
- In some cases: continuing education possibilities for people who earned a degree many moons ago and want a new chance to revisit theological study to refresh/renew and dive into a particular topic more deeply in the form of a capstone project.
- People who are possibly interested in doctoral studies.
- People who simply want to learn for the sake of learning: this could either be young folks right out of college looking for a different type of "gap year" before entering the work force OR later in life/retired folks.

Students interested in rostered church service who are members of church denominations that require the completion of field work, internship, or other activities in addition to their academic study, need to plan on completing those requirements separately from this degree program. Students interested in service as a diaconal minister or deacon are encouraged to consider instead the Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry degree program, which incorporates the additional coursework and internship activities into the degree specific to the needs of that church service.

Normal Program of Study

The MA degree program can be completed in as short as one full academic year, with a limit of five years for completion. A full year of academic study consists of a fall semester (with prolog week), a January interim courses, and a spring semester (with prolog week), plus if needed time in the summer to finish the capstone project. To be considered a full-time student and to be eligible for financial aid, a student must take a minimum of nine semester hours of coursework per semester. Part-time students (6 credit hours or more) may have access to Federal financial aid. The student who becomes part-time should no longer expect that their MA degree can be completed in the one year minimum as described here. Please see the program chart below for an elaboration of the normal sequencing of courses in this one-year residential or distributed learning MA degree.

Residential and Distributed Learning Options

Master of Arts students enroll as either Residential Learner (RL) or Distributed Learner (DL) students. These categories of student are defined as follows:

- **Residential Learners (RL)** – The "Residential Learner" is the on-campus student (or commuter) who completes coursework in face-to-face classroom learning on campus in Dubuque.
- **Distributed Learners (DL)** – The "Distributed Learner" is the off-campus student who is studying from their home context and completing their courses from afar. For completion in one year, it is expected that a distributed learner, who may or may not be working part-time, can sustain a course load equal to the residential learner, and that it is a matter of location and personal circumstances (due to work, family, or other reasons) that distinguishes a DL student from the RL student.

Both Residential and Distributed Learning students complete the same degree requirements and have access to the same courses. Most courses are taught in a hybrid pattern that combines face-to-face classroom instruction among students in residence with students who are off-campus, where the off-campus students join the classroom live through interactive web streaming or through recordings of the class session together with asynchronous online assignments. Using educational technology, all our students participate in a common learning experience. Because of the sequencing of courses between both RL and DL students, a MA student would be able to shift into another track as individual needs might require without any anticipated loss in time of study.

MA Curriculum Degree Requirements

The Master of Arts degree consists of a minimum of 30 semester hours of coursework and research earned by the following named requirements: The requirements are itemized below. Elective coursework beyond the listed courses is needed to meet the minimum number of credit hours. [See the curriculum chart later in this section showing the typical course sequence.]

1. Two Spiritual Practices courses – Totalling 1 hour, one course each semester:

IN 161W Spiritual Practices 1 (0.5 hr, Fall Semester)

IN 162W Spiritual Practices 2 (0.5 hr, Spring Semester)

2. Biblical Studies (BI) – A minimum of 6 hours, usually as two courses, three credits each semester:

Two three-credit courses, one each semester, of the student's choosing. Typical options include: BI 190W Engaging the New Testament Narratives (3 hrs, Spring Semester course), BI 192W Engaging the New Testament Letters (3 hrs, Fall Semester Course), or BI 222W Hebrew Bible Content I (3 hrs; a Fall Semester course, which can then be followed by BI 224W Hebrew Bible Content II, 3 hours, as a spring semester course, as BI 222W is a pre-requisite). More advanced courses are available for students with the requisite academic background.

3. History and Theology (HT) – A minimum of 6 hours, usually as two courses, three credits each semester:

Two three-credit courses, one each semester, of the student's choosing. Typical options include: HT 105W The Global Church in Motion I (3 hrs, Fall Semester, focusing on early church history and mission), HT 140W Systematic Theology (3 hrs, Spring Semester), HT 212W Lutheran Confessions (3 hrs, Fall Semester), HT 205W The Global Church in Motion 2 (3 hrs, Spring Semester, focusing on Reformation to modern church history and mission), and HT 267W Lutheran Ethics (3 hrs, Fall Semester). More advanced courses are available for students with the requisite academic background.

4. Ministry (MN) or Interdisciplinary/Integrative (IN) – A minimum of 6 hours, as two or more courses, three credits each semester:

Two three-credit courses, one each semester, or a combination of one- and two-credit courses in each semester, of the student's choosing. Typical options of a practical ministry emphasis include: MN 106W Foundations of Christian Worship (3 hrs, Fall Semester), MN 131W In Faith, For Faith: Basics of Christian Proclamation (1 hr, Spring Semester), MN 230W Preaching (3 hrs, Spring Semester), MN 255W Being Body of Christ (2 hrs, Spring Semester), and MN 270W Pastoral Care in Context (3 hrs, Spring Semester), as well as a rotating series of courses (mostly one credit each) offered on topics in rural ministry and specialty areas within pastoral care, including youth and family ministry. Typical options that are interdisciplinary or integrative in nature include: IN 142W Formation for Discipleship (2 hrs, Spring Semester), and IN 243W 21st Century Leadership (2 hrs, Fall Semester). [NOTE: This MN/IN requirement does not include the separately required taking of IN 141W, IN 300W, and MN 265W, nor the Spiritual Practices courses, which are all listed separately as degree-specific courses, nor the January Interim course, many of which are also usually categorized as MN by their course number.]

5. Degree-specific courses – Two courses, one each semester, totaling 3 hours:

IN 141W Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds (2 hrs, Fall Semester)

MN 265W "Christ in the Neighbor, Christ in the World" (1 hr, Spring Semester)

6. A significant capstone research project – A course and a project on a topic of research

IN 300W Research Seminar (1 hr, Fall Semester)

IN 302W MA Capstone Project (3 hrs, Spring Semester)

7. A January Interim Course (2 hours)

Depending upon your interests, this required January course can be selected from among the travel courses that are cross-culturally focused, as a course of general intellectual interest, or taken as a two-credit independent study focused on research for your capstone research project.

8. At least two additional credits of Elective coursework

In order to reach the minimum needed of 30 credits for this Master of Arts degree, the student will need to take at least two (2) additional credits of coursework in the fall and spring semesters. These courses are entirely of the student's choosing from among the options available at the time.

MA Capstone Research Project

The project integrates the course work for the degree with the objectives of the student. The capstone project is an opportunity to explore a topic of one's personal interest. It may be in one of the classical disciplines, or it may be related to some area of ministry or of personal interest. A written report is required, along with the possibility of an oral presentation. Guidance for the capstone project is provided in a research seminar in the fall semester, as well as in the MA colloquia.

MA Colloquia

The MA Colloquia (MN 165W "Why Christian?" and MN 265W "Christ in the Neighbor, Christ in the World") will be built around books, biblical texts, or other material that can focus the discussions. The discussions will be shaped to serve personal, ecclesial, and ministry formation, questions of identity and goals, and prayer. The colloquia will also serve as a forum to address common concerns and to help students begin to think about their capstone research project (IN 302W).

Time Expected on Campus in Dubuque or Traveling

To foster a continued community learning for all and to meet accreditation standards, WTS requires that all enrolled students are expected to come together as a community in Dubuque for the following times during one's time as a Master of Arts student:

- For each Prolog Week intensive week at the very beginning of the fall and spring semesters, respectively, all students are expected to come together at the seminary in Dubuque for study at the beginning of the semester to launch their courses together, with all residential, distributed, and collaborative learning students meeting in the same classrooms for six hours of face-to-face instructional time in each course; and
- For your January interim course, you will have the option to either come to Dubuque to complete a J-Term course on campus, remotely by web conferencing, or travel with a group of Wartburg Seminary students on an immersion course to some other locality. J-Term courses last from one to three weeks either for face-to-face instruction or travel with an immersion group, with additional hours assigned for readings, keeping a journal, or writing a paper. For those who limited means to travel, there are usually one to three J-Term course options available each year that do not involve travel (or have very limited travel, such as day trips or possibly an overnight stay) and may otherwise be completed entirely on campus, by synchronous Zoom (web conference) interaction, or as an asynchronous online course.

All students will need to make arrangements for these travel times as part of their degree program, including the expenses associated with housing, food, transportation, etc. during these periods.

MA Graduation Requirements

The requirements of the Master of Arts degree are:

1. The satisfactory completion of the academic requirements (including all named courses or their authorized equivalents, and distribution requirements) with a minimum of 30 semester hours.
2. One year equivalent minimum of Wartburg Theological Seminary taught-coursework (that is, a degree cannot consist entirely of credits transferred from other institutions outside of WTS).
3. A recommendation by the faculty to the Board of Directors and the Board's approval. Students must file an "Application for Degree" form with the Registrar by the beginning of their final semester of study. A student must be in good standing with the business office, library, and financial aid office in order to receive a diploma.

Master of Arts Curriculum Chart

Residential (RL) and Distributed Learning (DL) Sequences

For New Students Starting Fall 2019

FALL SEMESTER

One Bible (BI) course	3 CR
One History/Theology (HT) course	3 CR
One Ministry (MN) or Interdisciplinary (IN) course(s)	3 CR
IN 141W Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds	2 CR
IN 161W Spiritual Practices 1	0.5 CR
IN 300W Research Seminar	1 CR
Elective coursework	1 CR minimum

Semester Total

Minimum 13.5 CR

JANUARY INTERIM

Complete a January course	2 CR
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SPRING SEMESTER

One Bible (BI) course	3 CR
One History/Theology (HT) course	3 CR
One Ministry (MN) or Interdisciplinary (IN) course(s)	3 CR
MN 265W "Christ in the Neighbor, Christ in the World"	1 CR
IN 162W Spiritual Practices 2	0.5 CR
IN 302W MA Capstone Project	3 CR
Elective coursework	1 CR minimum

Semester Total

Minimum 14.5 CR

SUMMER

If needed, the MA Capstone Project (if not already completed in Spring Semester)	
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Degree Total

Minimum 30 CR

2019-2020 Academic Year Calendar

Summer 2019

May 20-August 30..... Summer Session I - Independent study; summer CPE units; TEEM intensives
July 1-August 30..... Summer Session II (For courses that begin after July 1); TEEM intensives

Fall Semester 2019

September 2 (Labor Day)..... Orientation for New Students / Opening Worship for Entire Community
September 3-6, Tuesday-Friday..... Prolog Week (On Campus) - Classes begin for most major requirements
September 3..... Deadline to add courses for most major requirements
September 9, Monday..... All other semester-long classes begin
September 23, Monday..... Final drop/add deadline for all courses
October 14-18, Monday-Friday..... Research and Reading Week
November 25-27, Monday-Wednesday..... Research and Reading Days
November 28-29, Thursday-Friday..... Thanksgiving recess
December 2-6, Monday-Friday..... Interim registration finalized / Spring semester pre-registration
December 13, Friday..... Last day of fall semester classes

January Interim 2020

January 6-31..... Interim classes

Spring Semester 2020

February 3, Monday..... Orientation for New Students / Interim Debriefing Day
February 4-7, Tuesday-Friday..... Prolog Week (On Campus) - Classes begin for most major requirements
February 4..... Deadline to add courses for most major requirements
February 10, Monday..... All other semester-long classes begin
February 24, Monday..... Final drop/add deadline for all courses
March 9-13, Monday-Friday..... Research and Reading Days
April 3, Friday..... "Easter Monday" courses meet (as replacement for April 13)
April 6-8, Monday-Wednesday..... Research and Reading Days
April 9-13, Thursday-Monday..... Easter Break
May 4-8, Monday-Friday..... Tentative - Fall pre-registration
May 15, Friday..... Last day of spring semester classes
May 17, Sunday..... Commencement

Summer 2020

May 18-September 4..... Summer Session I - Independent study; summer CPE units; TEEM intensives
July 1-September 4..... Summer Session II (For courses that begin after July 1); TEEM intensives

2020-2021 Academic Year Calendar

Summer 2020

May 18-September 4 Summer Session I - Independent study; summer CPE units; TEEM intensives
July 1-September 4 Summer Session II (For courses that begin after July 1); TEEM intensives

Fall Semester 2020

September 7 (Labor Day) Orientation for New Students / Opening Worship for Entire Community
September 8-11, Tuesday-Friday Prolog Week (On Campus) - Classes begin for most major requirements
September 8 Deadline to add courses for most major requirements
September 14, Monday All other semester-long classes begin
September 28, Monday Final drop/add deadline for all courses
October 12-16, Monday-Friday Research and Reading Week
November 23-25, Monday-Wednesday Research and Reading Days
November 26-27, Thursday-Friday Thanksgiving recess
December 7-11, Monday-Friday Interim registration finalized / Spring semester pre-registration
December 18, Friday Last day of fall semester classes

January Interim 2021

January 4-29 Interim classes

Spring Semester 2021

February 1, Monday Orientation for New Students / Interim Debriefing Day
February 2-5, Tuesday-Friday Prolog Week (On Campus) - Classes begin for most major requirements
February 2 Deadline to add courses for most major requirements
February 8, Monday All other semester-long classes begin
February 22, Monday Final drop/add deadline for all courses
March 8-12, Monday-Friday Research and Reading Days
March 26, Friday "Easter Monday" courses meet (as replacement for April 5)
March 29-31, Monday-Wednesday Research and Reading Days
April 1-5, Thursday-Monday Easter Break
May 3-7, Monday-Friday Tentative - Fall pre-registration
May 14, Friday Last day of spring semester classes
May 16, Sunday Commencement

Summer 2021

May 17-September 3 Summer Session I - Independent study; summer CPE units; TEEM intensives
July 1-September 3 Summer Session II (For courses that begin after July 1); TEEM intensives