Master of Divinity Curriculum Chart

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

Beginning Fall Semester 2025

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 Church in Motion 1 [HT-1, 3 cr] Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds [IN-1, 2 cr] Worship [MN-1, 3 cr] Spiritual Practices 1 [IN-7.1, 0.5 cr] Minimum of 1 cr. of Elective or Distributional coursework {=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] Spiritual Practices 2 [IN-7.2, 0.5 cr] Minimum of 1 cr. of Elective or Distributional coursework {=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] Leadership in the 21st Century [IN-3a, 2 cr] Boundaries [IN-3b, 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 Church in Motion 2 [HT-4, 3 cr] Being Body of Christ [MN-4, 2 cr] Preaching [MN-5, 3 cr] Spiritual Practices 4 [IN-7.4, 0.5 cr] Minimum of 1 cr. of Elective or Distributional coursework {=12.5 credits}
Year 3				

	Internship (12 months)			
Year 4		Advanced Bible – HB [BI-6, 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 – NT [BI-5, 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 = Minimum of 116 semester hours