



**A Suggested Three-Year Master of Divinity Curricular Paradigm for  
United Methodist Students under the Duke Divinity Bulletins from 2015-2016 to Present**

<i>Fall Semester</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>
<b>Old Testament 752</b>	<b>Old Testament 753</b>
<b>Church History 750</b>	<b>Church History 751</b>
<i>Church's Ministry (LE)</i>	<b>New Testament 754</b>
Biblical Language or Elective	Biblical Language or Elective
<b>CM 700 Spiritual Formation Group</b>	<b>CM 701 Spiritual Formation Group</b>

**1<sup>st</sup> Year Writing Assessment**

<i>Summer Semester</i>
*Field Education Placement 1

<i>Fall Semester</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>
<b>Christian Theology 755</b>	<b>Christian Ethics 757</b>
<b>American Christianity 756</b>	<i>World Christianity (LE)</i>
<i>NT Exegesis (LE) or Preaching 758</i>	<i>NT Exegesis (LE) or Preaching 758</i>
PARISH 777	PARISH 778

**Middler Review of Student Portfolio due November 1<sup>st</sup>**

<i>Summer Semester</i>
*Field Education Placement 2

<i>Fall Semester</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>
<i>Practicing Theology in Ministry (LE)</i>	Mission of the Church Course†
<i>Black Church (LE)</i>	Elective
Worship - LTS 760†	Elective
Evangelism Course†	Elective

**Senior Review of Student Portfolio due April 1<sup>st</sup>**

†UM students are encouraged to consider which area they are most likely to desire further advanced coursework when deciding the order in which to take these three required electives.

**Writing Assessment**

Students are required to complete a writing assessment at the start of their first semester. This assessment is evaluated by an instructor, who then meet with students to provide feedback on the students' strengths and weaknesses, to explain the types of theological writing they will be expected to master for their classes, and to acquaint them with the services of the Writing Center.

**Note:** In some cases, Mission of the Church courses and Evangelism courses may simultaneously count for limited electives. It is acceptable to have a course simultaneously count for an UMC ordination requirement and a graduate requirement for Duke Divinity. UMC students are encouraged to check with Conference administrators about which courses will count for UMC ordination requirements.

**Student Portfolio**

MDiv students are required to compile and submit two Student Portfolio for review by a faculty member. The reviews are due in the second semester of the student's Middler year, and in the final semester of the Senior year. Timely completion of the portfolio reviews is required to continue in the M.Div. degree program and for conferral of the M.Div. degree.

**Pass/Fail Grading**

Students are limited to no more than 25 percent of their total curriculum at Duke to be graded as pass/fail.

\*Some students choose to complete their field education requirements during the Fall or Spring term.