# A Suggested Four-Year Master of Divinity Curricular Paradigm for Student Pastors on the Duke Divinity Bulletins from 2015-2016 to Present

## Fall Semester | Spring Semester
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Old Testament 752 | Old Testament 753
Church History 750 | Church History 751
CHURMIN 760 or another Churmin LE course | New Testament 754
CM 700 Spiritual Formation Group | CM 701 Spiritual Formation Group
**1st Year Writing Assessment** | **Student Pastor Mentoring Group**
**Student Pastor Mentoring Group** | **Student Pastor Evaluation**

## Fall Semester | Spring Semester
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Christian Theology 755 | Christian Ethics 757
LTS 760† (UMC) | New Testament Exegesis LE
Biblical Language or Elective | Biblical Language or Elective
**Student Pastor Mentoring Group** | **Student Pastor Mentoring Group**
Middler Review of Student Portfolio (due April 1st)

## Fall Semester | Spring Semester
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American Christianity 756 | World Christianity LE
Preaching 758** | Black Church LE
PARISH 777* (UMC) | PARISH 778* (UMC)
**Student Pastor Mentoring Group** | **Student Pastor Mentoring Group**
**Student Pastor Evaluation**

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*PAR 777-778 sequence may alternatively be taken as the electives in second year, if desired.

** Preaching 758 can be fulfilled by taking CHURMIN 760 and 1 other preaching elective- only if both courses are taught by Duke faculty (not adjunct faculty).

† 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.

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**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 their Annual Conference administrators about which courses will count for UMC ordination requirements.

Student pastors are required to participate in six semesters of student pastor mentoring groups. Additionally, student pastors must turn in evaluations from their parish and superintendent (if United Methodist) at the conclusion of their first and in the middle of their third years. The mentoring groups and evaluations will suffice for fulfillment of Field Education requirements necessary for graduation.

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 a student’s total curriculum at Duke to be graded as pass/fail.