



**Master of Arts (in Christian Practice) Curricular Paradigm
Congregations (Track 2)**

Term 1 August (Fall)	Term 2 January (Spring)
Care of Parish 705 (Mission and Ministry/Cornerstone)	New Testament 707 (Introduction to New Testament)
Old Testament 706 (Introduction to Old Testament)	Church History 708 (Introduction to Church History)
Christian Practice 701 (Spiritual Formation/Ministry Integration)	Christian Practice 701 (Spiritual Formation/Ministry Integration)
First Year Writing Assessment	

Term 3 May (Summer)	Term 4 August (Fall)
Liturgical Studies 730 (Introduction to Christian Worship)	Christian Theology 705 (Introduction to Christian Theology)
Elective	Elective (UMC Deacons take UMC Wesleyan Foundations)
Christian Practice 701 (Spiritual Formation/Ministry Integration)	Christian Practice 701 (Spiritual Formation/Ministry Integration)

Term 5 January (Spring)	Term 6 May (Summer)
Elective (UMC Deacons take UMC Mission and Practice)	Elective
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Christian Practice 701 (Spiritual Formation/Ministry Integration)	Christian Practice 701 (Capstone Course)
Student Portfolio Submitted at end of term	

Basic Degree Requirements:

- Maintenance of 2.0 GPA; 18 credits: 6 units of Spiritual Formation, 6 core courses, 6 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 meets with the student to provide feedback on their work, explain the types of theological writing they will be expected to master for their classes, and acquaint them with the services of the Center for Writing and Academic Support.



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- **Student Portfolio:** M.A. students are required to compile and submit a Student Portfolio for review by an academic advisor or instructor. The review is due at the end of the fourth term.
- **Pass/Fail Grading:** Students may request up to three courses as P/F beyond the Christian Practice 701 courses.
- **Transfer Credit:** Students are limited to no more than 2 approved non-DIV courses.

Students graduate and degrees are conferred in September after Term 6. Commencement activities only occur in May. Students are invited to return to campus to participate in Commencement in the first May after their degree is conferred. For most students, this will be approximately 9 months after students receive their diploma.