



Doctor of Ministry Curricular Paradigm

Term 1 August (Fall)	Term 2 January (Spring)
Old Testament 901 (Old Testament)	New Testament 902 (New Testament)
Cohort Course	Cohort Course
Doctor of Ministry 900 (Formation Seminar)	Doctor of Ministry 900 (Formation Seminar)

Term 3 May (Summer)	Term 4 August (Fall)
Church History 903 (Church History)	Christian Theology 904 (Christian Theology)
Cohort Course	Cohort Course
Doctor of Ministry 900 (Formation Seminar)	Doctor of Ministry 900 (Formation Seminar)

Term 5 January (Spring)	Term 6 May (Summer)
Doctor of Ministry 901 (Thesis Seminar)	Continuation
Cohort Course	
Doctor of Ministry 900 (Formation Seminar)	

Basic Degree Requirements:

- Maintenance of 3.0 GPA; 15 credits: 5 units of Spiritual Formation, 5 core courses, 5 cohort courses
- **Thesis:** The DMin thesis is expected to be a polished theological analysis of a question or issue with practical, leadership implications for the student’s area of ministry. The writing of a thesis will ordinarily take one to two years after the student completes their coursework.
- **Student Portfolio:** DMin students are required to compile and submit a Student Portfolio for review by the Director of the Program. The review is due at the end of the fifth term.
- **Continuation:** DMin students who have registered for the required courses and have completed all coursework except the thesis must register for course continuation (CONTDIV) each term until they complete all the requirements for the program.
- Completion of all requirements for the degree within six years.

After their first year of study, Doctor of Ministry students may elect to substitute one Directed Study class for a cohort course. This may be an enhanced class within the Duke Divinity School Curriculum or a directed study with a regular rank faculty member.

Commencement activities occur only in May. Students who finish their theses during the Summer or Fall terms are invited to return to campus in May to participate in Commencement but only after their degree is conferred.