

Master of Arts in Youth Ministry (MAYM)

The Master of Arts in Youth Ministry (MAYM) degree at Memphis Theological Seminary is designed for persons who want to broaden and deepen their theological understandings and develop a practical skill base for ministry with youth in the church and the world. Candidates for the order of deacon in the United Methodist Church can meet ordination requirements with this degree. The curriculum equips students with basic theological disciplines while exploring deeply practical theology with young people.

The educational goals of the MAYM degree are that:

1. Students will achieve fluency in practical theologies of youth ministry.
2. Students will develop competency in leadership development, teaching, discipleship, and youth counseling.
3. Student will demonstrate their ability to connect the practical theology to the practice of youth ministry.

The MAYM degree curriculum objectives seek to accomplish the following:

1. Provide instruction in knowledge and skills that lay a foundation for theological reflection on the practice of ministry with young people.
2. Create opportunities for personal and critical reflection on religion within a communal setting.
3. Promote an increase in the knowledge and love of God and neighbor.

A. Master of Arts in Youth Ministry degree requirements

The Master of Arts in Youth Ministry is a specialized ministry degree designed to equip students for competent leadership in Youth Ministry. Students will be prepared to teach, disciple, and counsel youth in congregations and other settings. Student will be required to complete 48 graduate credit hours and a church internship in order to complete the degree.

Core Courses (18 hours)

NT 10000	Introduction to Interpreting the New Testament	3
OT 10000	Introduction to Interpreting the Old Testament	3
TH 10000	Christian Beliefs	3
CH 10000	Introduction to Church History	3
CM 02062	Introduction to Evangelism	3
CM 20000	Mission of the Church	3

Youth Ministry Courses (12 hours)

YM 02352	Theological Foundation of Youth Ministry	3
YM 02456	Advanced Studies in Youth, Church, and Culture	3
YM 32352	Communicating the Gospel to Youth	3
YM 02656	Youth Minister as Pastor and Leader	3

Spiritual Formation (3 hours)		
FM 10108	Formation for Ministry (Semester 1)	1
FM 20108	Formation for Ministry (Semester 2)	1
FM 30108	Formation for Ministry (Last Semester)	1
Youth Ministry Practicum (6 hours)		
YM 03462	Practicum (Semester 1)	3
YM 03463	Practicum (Semester 2)	3
Electives (9 hours)		
WP 20000	Theology of Worship and Preaching*	3
PM 03212	Early Methodism: History, Doctrine and Polity *	3
CH 03213	American Methodism: History, Doctrine and Polity*	3
CH 03834	Cumberland Presbyterian History and Doctrine	3
PM 03111	Cumberland Presbyterian Polity and Program	3
CH 03735	Disciples of Christ History and Polity	3
PM 03313	Doctrine and Polity of Christian Methodist Episcopal Church	3
YM 02765	Contemporary Issues in Youth Ministry	2
YM Elective	(Weekend Intensive)	2
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Totals hours		48

*Electives are required for United Methodist ordination. The *Book of Discipline* of the United Methodist Church (§ 315) requires that all seeking ordination take seminary-level courses in “Old Testament; New Testament; theology, church history; mission of the church in the world; evangelism; worship/liturgy; and United Methodist doctrine, polity and history”.

Theological Colloquia: The colloquia are intended to provide theological learning opportunities beyond the classroom through dialogue and exposure to scholarship, preaching, teaching, and the life work of scholars, practitioners, and leaders who exemplify the mission goals of MTS. A listing of “approved” events that will fulfill this requirement will be published on the electronic website bulletin board and postings on campus. Traditionally, these approved events have consisted of MTS-sponsored lecture series; however, students may obtain approval to attend a limited number of events not sponsored by MTS to earn colloquia credits.

It is expected that all Theological Colloquia credit will be earned by students attending the approved events; however, if a student is unable to attend the colloquia events in person, he/she may earn up to 50% of the colloquia credits by viewing video tapes of the missed lectures. Most lecture series tapes are available in the MTS library. Students may submit a one-page synopsis for each lecture missed to the Registrar’s Office no later than one calendar month after

the first date of the lecture series missed. All written documents are required to be written in compliance with the current version of the MLA Handbook.

B. Ordination Requirements

Many denominations require a course on polity, history or doctrine specific to their denomination. The Registrar can assist students in obtaining information about such courses that might be necessary for ordination, but which are not regularly offered as part of our curriculum. When necessary, special offerings of courses required for ordination might also be possible. Students seeking ordination from other denomination affiliations not listed below should consult their denominational officials to ascertain current requirements and procedures.

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

CH 03735 Disciples of Christ Polity, History and Doctrine 3 credit hours

Christian Methodist Episcopal

PM 03313 Doctrine and Polity of Christian Episcopal Church 3 credit hours

Cumberland Presbyterian

CH 03834 Cumberland Presbyterian History and Doctrine 3 credit hours

PM 03111 Cumberland Presbyterian Polity and Program 3 credit hours

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Candidates from any PCUSA presbytery must successfully complete Greek, Hebrew and exegesis courses in both Old and New Testaments. It is recommended that all PCUSA students consult with their presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry. The Presbytery of the Mid-South requires candidates for ordination to complete successfully courses in Reformed Theology and PCUSA polity.

United Methodist

PM 03212 Early Methodism: History, Doctrine, and Polity 3 credit hours

PM 03213 American Methodism: History, Doctrine and Polity 3 credit hours