



Doctor of Ministry Degree

Description

The Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) is an advanced professional degree. The Doctor of Ministry program is designed for ministry professionals who desire to excel in the practice of ministry. Participants in the program are afforded the opportunity for advanced education while remaining active in their local ministries. The Doctor of Ministry presupposes ministerial experience and a Master of Divinity or its equivalent. Students holding M.M., M.A.C.E., or M.A.B.S., may build on each of these degrees with additional course work toward each successively higher level masters degree until reaching the M.Div. or its equivalency. Those entering the program on the M.Div. equivalency basis may remove deficiencies while enrolled in the D.Min. program with special permission from the Administration. While the Doctor of Ministry program is general in scope and intent, participants are encouraged to select one of the following focuses:

Department of Pastoral Studies

- Pastoral Theology Focus
 - Pastoral Leadership Emphasis
 - Expository Preaching Emphasis
 - Counseling
- Chaplaincy Focus
 - Military

Department of Discipleship Studies

- Discipleship Focus
 - Local Church Emphasis
 - Christian School Emphasis
- Missions Focus

Goals

The goals for the D.Min. degree include “an advanced understanding of the nature and purposes of ministry, enhanced competencies in pastoral analysis and ministerial skills, the integration of these dimensions into the theologically reflective practice of ministry, new knowledge about the practice of ministry, and continued growth in spiritual maturity.” (Association of Theological Schools Bulletin No. 45, 2002, p. 114).

The educational objectives of the Doctor of Ministry program are the following:

1. To develop the skills and abilities possessed by the minister so that he will have a higher level of excellence, balance, and competence in the ministry.
2. To inculcate in him an awareness of the modern-day problems and issues in the church and in society and to equip him to meet those challenges.
3. To integrate Biblical and theological principles with practical and experimental factors, thus to achieve a true Biblical perspective in ministry.

Admission, Degree Candidacy, and Graduation

General Requirements

The general requirements for entrance as a student into Temple Baptist Seminary apply to all masters and doctoral students. These are stated in the Admissions section of this catalog.

Specific Requirements

There are two levels of standing in the program.

Level One—Program Admission Status

1. A Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent from a recognized seminary or graduate school (M.Div. equivalency may be achieved by completing an acceptable master's degree and at least 72 applicable credit hours.)
2. A graduate grade point average of 3.00 or above or demonstration of superior ability and potential for success in doctoral work.
3. Active ministry
4. Three recommendations
5. Approval of the Administration

Level Two—Degree Candidacy Status

1. Completion of 26 semester hours of applicable courses with a minimum grade of B in each course, including DM-829, Research Design and Procedures
2. Presentation of an approved field project proposal
3. Passing a written examination on all Doctor of Ministry course work
4. Maintaining continuous enrollment by taking at least one course per year until completion of 26 credit hours of approved doctoral courses and enrolling in DM 830 every semester after that until the project is completed and approved
5. Making progress toward the completion of the D.Min. requirements

Specific Graduation Requirements

1. Completion of 30 hours of approved course study with a minimum average of B in all academic work and in each course
2. Submission of an acceptable doctoral project
3. Passing the written and oral examinations
4. Maintaining a consistent, quality church-related ministry
5. Fulfilling the Degree Candidate Status requirements
6. Meeting all financial obligations to the Seminary
7. Attending graduation exercises

Special Policies and Procedures

A. Class format

Doctoral modular classes are offered in a five-day format beginning each day at 8:00 a.m. and continuing until 5:00 p.m. with one hour reserved for a lunch break. These modules are offered in January, June, and August. Courses may also be taken through residency in the fall and spring semesters and/or through distance education.

B. Course requirements

Requirements vary according to the nature of the course and the expectations of various teachers. The following are some of the types of assignments which may be required:

1. Reading of assigned material prior to the first day of class.

2. Research or reports during the week of class sessions.
3. Tests over class material, either during the week or sometime after its completion.
4. A project or paper related to some aspect of the course, due on a date assigned by the professor.

C. Modular course policies

1. Projects, reports of completed reading assignments, etc. should be sent to the Seminary office.
2. All modular course work is due by the following dates:
 - a. January modules - April 15
 - b. June modules - October 15
 - c. August modules - November 15
3. Work turned in late may receive a grading penalty according to the amount of time it exceeds the due date.

D. The field project

The field project is an integral part of the total D.Min. program. It is designed to assist the participant in relating Biblical principles to the practice of ministry. Four hours are assigned to the project. After completing 26 hours of D.Min. course study, the student must register for the course DMIN-8982 (Doctoral Project) the very next semester or pay continuation fee. The student must register for DMIN-8982 every semester to maintain continuous enrollment until the project is completed and approved. NC (No Credit) will be assigned for DMIN-8982 until the field project is approved. DM-8972 (Research Design and Procedures) is a prerequisite for DM-8982.

E. Doctoral project deadlines

Fall Deadlines

1. Proposal - September 15
2. First Draft - January 15
3. Final Draft - March 15

Spring Deadlines

1. Application for written comprehensive exams – April 12
2. Written Comprehensive Exam – August 15 (or a week prior to the first day of class)
3. D.Min. Project Proposal – September 15
4. First Draft - January 15
5. Final Draft - March 15
6. Oral Project Defense – First two weeks of April

F. Program requirements

1. Doctor of Ministry Degree Core	12
2. Concentration	12
Research Design and Procedures	2
3. Doctoral project	4
Total	30

G. Course requirements

1. Core	12
DMIN 8023 New Dimensions in Church Ministry (3)	
DMIN 8223 Contemporary Challenges to the Christian World View (3)	
DMIN 8003 The Ministry Leader (3)	
DMIN 8013 Philosophy and Practice of Ministry (3)	

2. Focus	12
Pastoral Theology Focus	
• Pastoral Leadership Emphasis	
DMIN 8313 Preaching and Teaching the Old Testament (3)	
DMIN 8323 Preaching and Teaching the New Testament (3)	
DMIN 8453 Advanced Pastoral Counseling Seminar (3)	
<i>One of the following:</i>	
DMIN 8759, 8959, 8969 Major-Related Directed Self-Study (3)	
• Expository Preaching Emphasis	
DMIN 8313 Preaching and Teaching the Old Testament (3)	
DMIN 8323 Preaching and Teaching the New Testament (3)	
DMIN 8343 Developing the Relevant Expository Message (3)	
<i>One of the following:</i>	
DMIN 8303 Effective Pulpit Communication (3) OR	
DMIN 8353 Advanced Pastoral Seminar (3)	
Students in this emphasis must have had at least	
one year of Hebrew and one year of Greek	
or LANG 5103 and LANG 5003	
or their equivalents.	
Chaplaincy Focus - Military	
DMIN 8613 The Chaplaincy Ministry – Military (3)	
DMIN 8623 Chaplaincy Ministry Survival – Military (3)	
DMIN 8633 Chaplaincy Ministry: Deeper Dynamics (3)	
DMIN 8643 Chaplaincy Ministry: Chaplain as Staff Officer (3)	
3. DMIN 8972 Research Design and Procedures	2
4. DMIN 8992 Doctoral Project	4
TOTAL	30