

M.Div. Equivalency Requirements

Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary employs the following template to determine M. Div. equivalency. Our accrediting agencies require that those admitted to the D. Min. program will hold an accredited Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent. Academic transcript(s) from an applicant who does not have a Master of Divinity degree (M.Div.) from an ATS accredited institution are reviewed by the Doctor of Ministry Committee to determine if the applicant's completed graduate work is "equivalent" to an M.Div. degree. To be considered equivalent to an M.Div. Louisville Seminary requires ordinarily that an applicant will have earned a total of 80 master's-level semester credit hours.

Additionally, instruction in the following areas must constitute part of the 80 hours:

- Bible -12 hours distributed as follows:
 - 3 hours in Introduction to New Testament
 - 3 hours in Introduction to Old Testament

 - 6 hours in other advanced biblical electives

- Theology -15 hours
 - 3 hours of a survey of Theological Thinking, including an introduction to systematic theology, learning to think theologically, and introduction to theological ethics.
 - 3-6 hours of Church History
 - 3 hours of Theological Ethics
 - 3-6 hours of theology or religion

- Practical Theology
 - 9 hours in a variety of practical ministry coursework, not all in one discipline, including:
 - Pastoral Care
 - Supervised Ministry/CPE/Clinical Supervision - 3 hours (1 course)
 - Homiletics/Christian Worship/Liturgics - 3 hours (1 course)
 - Christian Education - 3 hours (1 course)
 - Evangelism

**The remaining 44 hours shall be made up in electives germane to a M.Div. degree*

***The Association of Theological Schools also requires that applicants must have three years of pastoral experience after completing the M.Div. degree. In certain circumstances, the Seminary can waive this three years of post-M.Div. pastoral experience requirement.*