

# DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

## LOUISVILLE SEMINARY

The Doctor of Ministry program strives to reflect the Church's vocation to bear witness to the grace of the triune God as shown in Jesus Christ, and continues Louisville Seminary's long history of reaching across cultural, racial, and religious divides. The DMin program strengthens the connection between theology and ministry practice in the Church or in fields closely related to the mission and witness of the church, while fostering the spiritual and professional growth of participants. Core professors work with experienced practitioners to build face-to-face communities of learning in which students study cutting-edge theological, biblical, and practical bases of ministry; share collective wisdom, curiosity, and experience; and complete a Research Project that informs and enhances their current ministry.

An advanced, professional degree, the DMin is designed for experienced practitioners who have a Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent from an ATS-accredited school, along with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and significant ministry experience (either a minimum of three years post MDiv experience or at least five years of consistent professional ministry experience prior to application).

*The program is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and the Association of Theological Schools (ATS).*

**3**  
YEARS

**36**  
CREDIT HOURS

### PLAN OF STUDY

The Louisville Seminary Doctor of Ministry degree is a 36-credit-hour program consisting of a series of four Foundational Seminars, a total of three elective courses that can include both independent study courses and APM (Advanced Practice of Ministry) courses in any configuration, and a Final Research Project that addresses a significant issue in ministry. The program is designed to be completed in three years.

### TRACKS

#### BLACK CHURCH STUDIES

The DMin in Black Church Studies is designed to offer a flexible, advanced program of training that leads to doctoral-level competence in a wide variety of areas for Black Churches: preaching, pastoral care, Christian education, evangelism, congregational redevelopment, and community organizing. The program is designed to enhance critical theological thinking and reflection skills that are then used to inform current or proposed ministry practices.



#### PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

The DMin in Pastoral Care and Counseling (PCC) is designed to offer a flexible, advanced program of training that leads to doctoral-level competence in the practice of pastoral care and counseling.

#### ADVANCED PRACTICE OF MINISTRY

The DMin in Advanced Practice of Ministry is designed to offer a flexible, advanced program of training that leads to doctoral-level competence in a wide variety of areas: preaching, pastoral care, Christian education, evangelism, mission, worship, congregational development and redevelopment, and community organizing. The program is designed to enhance critical theological thinking and reflection skills that are then used to inform current or proposed ministry practices.

## 3-YEAR PATH TO GRADUATE



**6 CREDITS:**  
Seminar I (Jan.) 2 Weeks  
**4 CREDITS:**  
Seminar II (June) 1 Week  
**3 CREDITS\*:**  
Independent Study  
OR APM Course



**4 CREDITS:**  
Seminar III (Jan.) 1 Week  
**6 CREDITS\*:**  
Independent Study  
AND APM Course\*\*  
**6 CREDITS\*\*\*:**  
Seminar IV (June) 2 Weeks  
**RESEARCH PROPOSAL APPROVED**



**7 CREDITS:**  
**Research Project Report**  
(Completed by Mar. 1 or Oct. 1)  
Begin field research,  
write up findings, successfully  
defend your research and  
findings, graduate in either  
May or December.

\*Advanced Practice of Ministry Courses (APM) may be taken any time throughout the year and do not necessarily have to correspond with the DMin Seminars. Advanced Practice of Ministry Courses may not be taken prior to DMin Seminar II without the written permission of the Associate Dean.

\*\*The student must take two courses in any combination (ie. two APM or two Independent Studies or one of each).

\*\*\*All coursework must be completed before the Research Proposal can be approved.

## TUITION AND OTHER ESTIMATED EDUCATIONAL COSTS:



\$ 15,950 Total tuition for the entire program\*  
\$ 2,000 Books and incidental costs for 4 seminars and 3 elective courses  
\$ 750 Technology Fee (\$250 per year x 3-year program)  
\$ 45 DMin Project Report Binding (Reference the DMin Project Report Formatting Guide & Schedule for fees based on additional options)  
**\$18,745**

**APRIL 1**  
EARLY DECISION  
APPLICATION DEADLINE

**SEPTEMBER 1**  
APPLICATION DEADLINE

\*Current tuition for cohorts beginning in January 2024, and subject to increase and does not include costs for programs, conferences, or other classes not associated with Louisville Seminary. Students should also consider other costs such as travel to and from Louisville, housing costs, food, etc.



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