

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY



LOUISVILLE SEMINARY DMIN DEGREE SNAPSHOT

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 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 program is for experienced practitioners who have a Master of Divinity degree (or equivalent) from an ATS-accredited school; a 3.0 GPA or higher; a minimum of three years post-MDiv ministry experience or five years consistent professional ministry experience prior to application.

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



3 YRS

36 CREDIT HOURS

ALL DMIN STUDENTS ARE PART OF THE GREATER LPTS "WHOSOEVER" COMMUNITY

Fostering a sense of community—where all are welcome—
is the foundation of all LPTS degree programs.

PLAN OF STUDY



**FOUR
FOUNDATIONAL
SEMINARS**



**THREE ELECTIVE
COURSES** (can include
both independent study
and APC courses in
any configuration)



**FINAL RESEARCH
PROJECT**
(that addresses a
significant issue
in ministry)

TRACKS

**BLACK CHURCH
STUDIES**

**ADVANCED PRACTICE
OF MINISTRY (APM)**

**PASTORAL CARE
AND COUNSELING**

Louisville Seminary DMin tracks are designed to offer flexible, advanced training that leads to doctoral-level competence in a wide variety of areas, depending on which track you pursue—preaching, pastoral care, Christian education, evangelism, mission, worship, congregational development and redevelopment, and community organizing. *We passionately pursue academic excellence for the sake of the Gospel and the healing of humankind*, equipping leaders with the skills and knowledge needed to provide Gospel-focused leadership and care to diverse individuals and communities.

3 ACADEMIC YEAR (AY) PATH TO GRADUATE



SPRING START

6 CREDITS:

Seminar I – Spring (Feb.)

4 CREDITS:

Seminar II – Fall (Aug.)

3 CREDITS*:

Independent Study or APC

4 CREDITS:

Seminar III – Spring (Feb.)

6 CREDITS*:

Independent Studies and/or APCs**

6 CREDITS***:

Seminar IV – Fall (Aug.)

Research Prospect Approved

7 CREDITS:

Project of Ministry

(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.

FALL START

6 CREDITS:

Seminar I – Fall (Aug.)

4 CREDITS:

Seminar II – Spring (Feb.)

3 CREDITS*:

Independent Study or APC

4 CREDITS:

Seminar III – Fall (Aug.)

6 CREDITS*:

Independent Studies or APCs**

6 CREDITS***:

Seminar IV – Spring (Feb.)

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Seminar (month) indicates a period of one week of on-campus instruction with asynchronous curriculum following.

*Advanced Professional Ministry Courses (APCs) may be taken after the completion of Seminar II.

**The student must take two courses in any combination (i.e., two APCs or two Independent Studies or one of each).

***All coursework must be completed before the Research Prospectus is approved.

TUITION/FEES AND OTHER ESTIMATED COSTS

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

Tuition and fees are subject to change; visit LPTS.edu/DMin for current information.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

You can begin your LPTS DMin program in either the Fall or Spring Semester.

MARCH 15

Application Deadline for **Fall Admission**

OCTOBER 15

Application Deadline for **Spring Admission**



To explore your next steps at LPTS, scan to connect with an Admissions Specialist: or email admissions.support@LPTS.edu



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