

The Unification Theological Seminary Doctor of Ministry Degree Program

Tomorrow's Degree Today!

If you have been waiting for the right Doctor of Ministry Program, your wait is over. The Doctor of Ministry Degree Program at UTS is just for you. You will benefit from the experience and knowledge of our gifted faculty who are committed to helping you to achieve the ministerial competence you need to succeed in your ministry. The UTS Doctor of Ministry Degree has been designed for the active minister – whether you have a pastoral ministry, a youth ministry, a campus ministry, an educational ministry, family ministry, a social ministry, or a ministry of your own design. Time spent on campus is kept to a minimum with roughly 80% of the degree coursework, research, and dissertation preparation completed off-campus. What's more, this design keeps the UTS D. Min. Program affordable, allowing access to advanced theological and ministerial training to more people. All of this is possible at UTS while maintaining an academically strong, theologically rich, and spiritually satisfying Program.

What is the Doctor of Ministry Degree Program at UTS?

The Unification Theological Seminary's Doctor of Ministry Degree Program is designed to provide advanced training in the practice of ministry relevant to the *contemporary culture* to men and women who are actively involved in vocational or bivocational ministry. The program concentrates on developing expertise in the scriptural rationale, sociological strategy, and practical implementation of ministry. The program encourages academically rigorous, cross-cultural and ecumenical inquiry as it nurtures the gifts of men and women for faithful ministry. The core values of the program include learning based on context and practice, serious theological reflection, engagement across cultures and traditions, and personal and congregational or organizational transformation.

The Doctor of Ministry degree program is the highest professional degree for those engaged in local church and parachurch ministries, world missions and interfaith relationships, (the PhD degree, by comparison, proposes primarily to equip students to engage in scholarly research and teaching). The DMin program is offered "in ministry" rather than "in residence" as it assumes students will remain in ministry throughout the program and does not require them to relocate to New York.

VISION AND GOALS OF THE PROGRAM

The program is designed to give the students **FIVE** dimensions of growth.

1. **RETHINK** ways of doing ministry by giving students new critical and analytical thinking tools to effectively address the leadership need areas of their ministry.
2. **REFOCUS** on the students' call to ministry and the gifts they bring to ministry in order to gain greater effectiveness and impact in their ministry.
3. **RETOOL** with advanced leadership and management skills that provide new ways of addressing ministry for effectiveness.
4. **RENEW** the student's passion for a healthy, holistic and balanced approach to spiritual disciplines in their relationship with God.
5. **REORIENT** the student's perspective with a global, prophetic focus to reach a changing world with a spiritual approach.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES OF THE PROGRAM

The following are the Program Learning Outcomes of the DMin. program:

- 1) The students should be able to use critical and analytical tools to effectively assess the ministerial leadership changes and needs within their ministry.
- 2) The students should be able to assess their strengths and limitations in ministry and reflect on their theological and personal gifts that they bring to ministry so as to support effective self-care and greater ministerial competency.
- 3) The students should be able to integrate mastery of scripture, tradition and reason within their practice of ministry for ministerial effectiveness.
- 4) The students should be able to re-examine their personal theological and spiritual perspectives in light of a global, prophetic understanding of the modern world.
- 5) The students should be able to demonstrate effective leadership with diversity of skills appropriate to leading their communities of faith.

This non-residential program requires students to complete 28 credits of coursework plus 6 credits for a written Dissertation Project that allows them to focus on an issue of importance to them in ministry. The UTS DMin. program utilizes what is called an "Intensive" design. An Intensive is a 2-week period in which students register for a 3-credit course that is taught intensively each week in the 2 week period, plus a 1-credit research course that is taught over the course of the 2 week Intensive for a total of 7 credits each Intensive. Students may apply to enter either in the August or the February Intensive, though applicants are encouraged to begin the DMin. program with the August Intensive. Once students are accepted into the Program, they will receive their registration materials for each Intensive 2- 3 months before the Intensive begins. Students will follow this procedure for 2 years – registering for a total of 4 Intensive class periods.

During this two-week period, held at the main campus in Barrytown, New York, students will take the first of two 3-credit courses from Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm, and then take

their second 3-credit course the following week. In addition, students will also take a 1-credit Research Methodology Seminar throughout the 2-week period for a total of 7 credits each Intensive. Students will complete a total of 4 Intensive-based D. Min. Seminar courses, 4 Intensive-based Concentration Courses chosen from one of two concentrations: Family and Educational Ministries or Peace and Justice Ministries and 4 Intensive-based Research Methods Seminar courses. Upon completing the coursework, students then work to complete their Dissertation Project.

Because it is a non-residential program, students will do most of the preparation for their courses off-campus, at home. Students register for their Intensive periods 2-3 months before the courses take place. Course syllabi are sent to the students who then have those 2-3 months to complete the assignments and readings noted on the syllabi for their courses as preparation for the Intensive session. After completing the 2-week Intensive session, students will have an additional 6 weeks to complete all assignments. Each assignment is intentionally designed to integrate students' daily ministries with their coursework to provide greater insight and opportunities for self-reflection on their ministries. In reality, the Program requires that each student be focused enough to complete their studies at a distance from UTS.

At the conclusion of their final Intensive session at Barrytown, students will submit their Dissertation Project proposal as developed through their Research Seminars. Through these Seminars, each student will be able to outline their Dissertation Project and possibly draft a chapter or two before finishing their Intensive coursework. Students are then free to develop, implement and complete their Dissertation Project. Their final step on the journey toward receiving their Doctor of Ministry degree is to successfully defend their Dissertation Project. Successful completion of the Doctor of Ministry Program takes 3-6 years normally.

The UTS DMin. Program is also designed to provide students with multiple levels of support so that they can successfully complete their degree program. These levels of support include a faculty advisor, a field supervisor and a small ministry site team of peers who serve as a mentoring network for the student while they are working their way through the degree program. In addition, students also have their entering class colleagues with whom they share a common experience and a common bond working through their coursework, reflections and discussions. Entering classes for the UTS DMin. Degree Program will be intimate and collegial, thus providing our students with a truly rich and rewarding doctoral experience not found in many other doctoral programs.

The design of the D. Min. Program reflects the standards set by the Association of Theological Schools as well as the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. As a New York State chartered institution, UTS strives to maintain a theologically rich, biblically sound, and ministerially effective graduate education. It is also designed to encourage students to critically reflect on their current ministries so as to consider what is needed personally, theologically, and ministerially to achieve greater effectiveness and competency in their ministry. Situated on the Seminary's beautiful 250 acre campus in upstate New York, students will be able to utilize our well-equipped library with vital online resources as well as immerse themselves in vibrant discussions and fellowship with their fellow students throughout each of their two week residency periods.

Admissions Requirements for the D. Min. Program:

What are the admissions requirements for the UTS DMin. Degree Program? All applicants seeking admission to the program must meet the following requirements:

1. Master of Divinity Degree, or its equivalent, from an accredited school with a minimum overall grade average of B (3.00). In cases where strong ability has been demonstrated in the practice of ministry, applicants with a lower grade average may be considered, with the understanding that they will begin the Degree Program with a conditional admission. Full admission status will be granted in such cases after the student has completed the first Intensive Period with a grade of B or better. Equivalency means fulfilling the core courses that distinguish the M. Div. degree as training for ministry. A review of the applicant's transcripts by the Doctoral Admissions Committee will identify what specific courses will be needed to fulfill this equivalency.
2. A minimum of three years experience in a ministry of some type subsequent to their first graduate theological degree before admission to the DMin. program. For those with extensive experience in their particular ministry field, exceptions to the time requirement of their ministry experience being subsequent to their first advanced theological degree can be allowed in this admission requirement.
3. Submit an autobiographical statement in the form of an extended essay. The essay should include: (1) a review of past and current ministerial experiences; (2) reasons why the applicant wishes to pursue the D. Min. Degree; (3) and a theological reflection on the applicant's ministerial goals. The length should be roughly 5-7 pages.
4. A score of 550 on the TOEFL for non-native English speakers. If the applicant has completed degree work within the United States, this requirement may be required based on a review of the type of graduate degree obtained.

How Do I Apply?

Applicants can contact the UTS Admissions Office for an application form for the D. Min. Program. The completed Application Form should be submitted to the Admissions Office together with (a) a \$30 non-refundable Application Fee, (b) original transcripts of undergraduate and graduate level studies, (c) 2 recommendation letters, (d) the extended essay, and (e) 1 digital photo and 1 passport size physical photo no later than 3 months before they wish to begin their studies. The Doctoral Admissions Committee will review all applications in a timely manner. Once the applicant is accepted, they will receive a letter of acceptance to the program and all course syllabi for the August Intensive courses.

International students requiring the F 1 visa will also need to submit either personal financial documentation or financial documentation from a sponsor(s) indicating enough funds to cover at least the first year of study. If the applicant has a sponsor, that sponsor will also need to submit a signed Affidavit of Support form. This documentation allows the SEVIS officer for

UTS to generate the I 20 document that the applicants needs when applying for the F 1 visa. Applicants need to give themselves enough time to complete this visa process.

Admissions Office

Applicants may send their documents via email or post the application materials to either campus:

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What Will the D.Min. Cost?

The UTS D.Min. Program has been designed to be one of the most affordable doctoral programs in higher education. The fees that students will be paying for the 2017-2018 Academic Year include:

\$	30.00	Non-refundable Application Fee
\$	150.00	Graduation Fee/Binding Fee
\$	30.00	Library Fee (each term)
\$	500.00	Tuition per credit (2017-2018)
\$	TBD	Room and Board per Term

Tuition and Room and Board costs do increase on a consistent basis from academic year to academic year. Tuition for the 2017-2018 academic year is \$500/credit.

A deferred payment plan is possible on arrangement with the Finance Office of UTS. American students are eligible to apply for federal student loan programs. To initiate this process, the standard FAFSA form will be required. Students may also apply for any scholarships that may be available for the DMin. program.

Applications for each class are due no later than June 10th for the August Intensive.

The UTS Doctor of Ministry degree is certainly the right degree for those involved in ministry. Now is the time for you to take that first step toward realizing your dream of a fulfilling and rewarding vocation and mission while serving God's people everywhere. Don't wait any longer. Contact the Admissions Office today for your application form. If you have any questions about the Degree Program, don't hesitate to contact Dr. Winings.

Apply today and take your ministry to new levels!