

MASTER OF ARTS IN YOUTH MINISTRY

MEMPHIS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY & THE CENTER FOR YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING

The Master of Arts in Youth Ministry is a specialized ministry degree designed to equip students for competent leadership in youth ministry. Students will be prepared to teach, disciple, and counsel youth in congregations and other settings. Students will be required to complete 48 graduate credit hours and a church internship in order to complete the degree.

CORE COURSES

[18 HOURS]

Introduction to Interpreting the Old Testament – 3 hrs
Introduction to Interpreting the New Testament – 3 hrs
Christian Beliefs (or) Christian Heritage II– 3 hrs
Introduction to Church History (or) Christian Heritage I – 3 hrs
Introduction to Evangelism – 3 hrs (or) Practical Theology for Youth Ministry
Context and Models for Mission & Evangelism – 3 hrs

YOUTH MINISTRY COURSES

[12 HOURS]

Theological Foundation of Youth Ministry – 3 hrs
Advanced Studies in Youth, Church and Culture – 3 hrs
Communicating the Gospel to Youth – 3 hrs
Youth Minister as Pastor and Leader – 3 hrs

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

[3 HOURS]

Formation for Ministry Year 1 – 1 hr
Formation for Ministry Year 2 – 1 hr
Formation for Ministry Year 3 – 1 hr

YOUTH MINISTRY PRACTICUM

[6 HOURS]

Practicum (Semester 1) – 3 hrs
Practicum (Semester 2) – 3 hrs

ELECTIVES

[9 HOURS]

[Optional] Contemporary Issues – Fall 1st Year – 2 hrs
[Optional] Contemporary Issues – Spring 1st Year – 2 hrs
[Optional] Contemporary Issues – Fall 2nd Year – 2 hrs
[Optional] Contemporary Issues – Spring 2nd Year – 2 hrs
[Optional] Contemporary Issues – Fall 3rd Year – 2 hrs
[Optional] Theology of Worship and Preaching* – 3 hr
[Optional] Denominational History & Doctrine* – 3 hr
[Optional] Denominational Polity* – 3 hr

[OTHER] _____

[48 HOURS TOTAL]

*Electives marked with an asterisk are required for United Methodist ordination. The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church (§ 315) requires that all seeking ordination take seminary-level courses in “Old Testament; New Testament; theology; church history; mission of the church in the world; evangelism; worship/liturgy; and United Methodist doctrine, polity and history.”

Conversion Key for Students Changing from MAYM to MDIV Program

MAYM Course:	Creditable Toward MDIV Degree Requirements As:
Introduction to Interpreting the Old Testament (3)	Introduction to Interpreting the Old Testament (3)
Introduction to Interpreting the New Testament (3)	Introduction to Interpreting the New Testament (3)
Introduction to Church History (3)	Introduction to Church History (3)
Christian Beliefs (3)	Christian Beliefs (3)
Mission of the Church (3)	Mission of the Church (3)
Formation for Ministry (1, 1, 1)	Formation for Ministry (3)
Theological Foundations for Youth Ministry (3)	Christian Ministry (3)
Advanced Studies in Youth, Church, and Culture (3)	Ethics and Mission specified elective (3)
Introduction to Evangelism (3)	Practice of Ministry specified elective (3)
Communicating the Gospel to Youth (3)	Ethics and Mission specified elective (3)
Youth Minister as Pastor and Leader (3)	Free Elective (3)
Youth Ministry Practicum I (3)	Supervised Parish Practicum (3)
Youth Ministry Practicum II (3)	Not Creditable Toward MDIV Degree
Remaining Free electives	Creditable up to 9 hours of Free Electives
Total Required MAYM Hours: 48	Maximum Number of MAYM Hours Creditable Toward MDIV: 45

Additional Required Courses to Complete the MDIV Degree

(No substitutions will be accepted for the following Courses)

EM20000: Introduction to Educational Ministry (3)
WP20000: Theology of Worship and Preaching (3)
PC20000: Introduction to Pastoral Care (3)
ET20000: Introduction to Christian Ethics (3)
PC01151: Clinical Practicum (3)
WP01104: Worship and Preaching Practicum (3)
One Church History Elective (3) (excluding CH03034, CH03735, CH03945)
One Theology Elective (3) (excluding TH03953, TH01111)
Two Biblical Studies Electives (6)
One Cross-Cultural Elective (3)
Financial Leadership for Ministry (3)
Two Practice of Ministry Electives (6); One of Which Must Be a Preaching Elective
**If necessary, a student must also complete any additional courses required by the standard MDIV degree that were not transferred/credited from the MAYM program (For example, if a MAYM student transfers to the MDIV program before completing the 48 hours of the MAYM degree).
**Summary: If a student transfers in 45 hours from the MAYM program, he or she shall be required to complete the above 42 hours for the MDIV degree.