

## **The Doctor of Ministry Program At United Lutheran Seminary**

*The DMin program at United Lutheran Seminary has three chief components: colloquia, supervised instruction, and Project in Ministry.*

- 1) **Colloquia** are intensive residential sessions held in June
  - Colloquium I introduces prospective degree candidates to the program and helps to prepare them to meet candidacy requirements.
  - Colloquium II focuses on preparation for the Project in Ministry.
- 2) **Supervised Instruction.** Students complete at least 8 course units (3 semester hours per course unit of supervised study). At least 5 shall be course offerings at ULS.
  - In the first academic year, students will normally complete Colloquium I and four courses including “DMin Collegial Seminar”
  - Of the additional four courses of supervised instruction three may be taken at any accredited theological school or graduate department of an accredited college or university. Such courses are negotiated with the supervisor in light of the intended Project in Ministry. Students may choose to register for an independent study (usually with their advisor) on issues pertaining to the Project in Ministry.
- 3) **Project in Ministry** is an intensive study that seeks to integrate academic theory and the actual practice of ministry. In its final form, it is a major piece of writing coming out of systematic observation and experience in one’s own ministerial setting.

### *Options for study*

Students will be exposed to various disciplines, but will also choose a focus within a field of ministry.

- **Focus:** Each student in the DMIN program will be exposed to various disciplines, but will also choose one Focus within a field of Ministry. The Focus will include at least two designated courses, one Independent Study, and the final project in Ministry. The focus should be identified at Colloquium I and defined in the Student Learning Goals. Foci can be chosen from the following broad areas: Biblical Studies, Black Church Studies, Christian Education, Church Administration, Church and Society, Evangelism/Mission, Interfaith Studies, Rural/Small Church Ministry, Mission and Cultures, Pastoral Care, Preaching, Spirituality, and Worship.
- **Flexibility:** ULS offers semester long online courses and intensive courses. Up to three courses in the program (9 semester hours) may be done at other institutions that are accredited to offer advanced level degrees. Courses from other institutions must be at an advanced level and approved in advance by the student’s advisor. ULS is a member of

the Washington Theological Consortium, which provides many different ecumenical options.

*Duration of the Program*

The duration of the program will vary with each candidate depending upon their professional responsibilities and progress toward the stated goals. However, the program shall be completed in no less than three calendar years and no more than six. The following summarizes the three program years:

**Program Year I**

- Colloquium I (June)
- Collegial Seminar
- 3 courses

*(4 courses, on-site visit, candidacy review, candidacy approved)*

**Program Year II**

- Colloquium II (June)
- 4 courses or 3 courses and 1 independent study

*(project proposal approved)*

**Program Year III**

- Project in Ministry completed
- Project draft defended

*(DEGREE)*

Please know that it is desirable to complete Colloquium I as early as possible in the program.

*Cost*

For information on the current cost of the program, please see the Admissions page on the ULS website.

*Admission*

To be considered for admission for the fall semester your application must be completed and all documents received by July 15th. Spring applications must be completed, and all documents received by November 15th. More information can be found on the ULS Admissions website or you may contact the Admissions Office.

<p><i>For application material contact:</i></p> <p>Deacon Dr. Nancy Gable Interim Director of Admissions Phone: 717-338-3008 Email: <a href="mailto:ngable@uls.edu">ngable@uls.edu</a></p>	<p><i>For program information contact:</i></p> <p>The Rev. Dr. Allison deforest Director of Graduate School, Institutional Assessment, Distributed Learning and Co-op Programs, and Adjunct Faculty. Phone: 215-248-6347 Email: <a href="mailto:adeforest@uls.edu">adeforest@uls.edu</a></p>
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