Course Requirements – 56 semester hours total

**Biblical Interpretation (8 semester hours)**
- 11/12-503 Bible Content 2
- 11-500 Introduction to Old Testament 3
- 12-500 Introduction to New Testament 3

**Church History (6 semester hours)**
- 13-501 History of Christian Thought and Practice I 3
- 13-502 History of Christian Thought and Practice II 3

**Theology and Ethics (6 semester hours)**
- 21-505 Introduction to Theology 3
- 21-514 Introduction to Global Christianity or
- 22-504 Church and Community* 3

**Theory and Practice of Ministry (3 semester hours)**
- 31-511 Christian Public Worship or
- 31-542 United Methodist Worship 3

**Spiritual Formation/Evangelism Core (15 semester hours)**
- 34-511 Prayer in Christian Ministry or
- 34-540 Spiritual Disciplines for Personal and Parish Renewal 3
- 34-537 Empowering Congregations for Evangelism or
- 34/21-628 Theology of Evangelism 3
- Approved courses in Spiritual Formation or Evangelism 9

**Integrative Courses* (13 semester hours)**
- 10-500 Vocational Formation and Church Leadership (VFCL) fall & spring 4
- 10-501 Field Placement (Evangelism track only) 0
- 34-602B/603B Practicum/Supervision in Spiritual Formation/Companionship (SF track) or
- 10-502 Vocational Formation and Church Leadership (Evangelism track) 4
- 34-600 Spiritual Formation/Evangelism Stance 1

**Elective courses**
- Any field 9

Candidates for ordination in The United Methodist Church must also complete 6 hours covering United Methodist history, doctrine, and polity.

*Alternative courses may be approved.
**Recommended Course Plans**

Although one course plan cannot be prescribed for all student schedules and backgrounds, the following plan offers a recommended sequence of courses that takes into account the prerequisite courses for field education and other advanced courses.

In addition to course requirements, students must complete a plagiarism tutorial, boundaries training, program evaluations, and a cross-cultural studies requirement. The plagiarism tutorial is completed during the first term of enrollment, the boundaries workshop during the first year of enrollment, and it is recommended that the cross-cultural study be completed prior to the final term of registration.

Master of Arts students need to take an average of 28 semester hours each year to complete the degree in 2 years. 56 hours are required to complete the MA.

### SAMPLE 2 YEAR PLAN

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+ 21-505 Introduction to Theology needs a prerequisite of Old or New Testament