Master of Divinity Certificates

Master of Divinity Certificate in Environmental Ministry

This certificate is designed for those students who desire to incorporate environmental awareness into their M.Div curriculum across a wide range of disciplines. The Episcopal Church has an ongoing commitment to creation care as one of its chief priorities, and this certificate aims to form church leaders for environmental ministry and strengthen the church's urgent environmental witness, taking advantage of the unique natural setting of the Domain on the Cumberland Plateau.

The certificate will appear as a notification on the student's transcript. M.Div students must request the office of the registrar to be registered for the certificate.

Learning Objectives

In addition to those for the MDiv curriculum:

- Students will demonstrate understanding of environmental issues and their relevance for ministry (coursework in concentration)
- Students will demonstrate the capacity to engage practically with an environmental topic or issue (community engagement).

Requirements

In addition to the M.Div curriculum:

Code	Title	Semester Hours
CEMT 560	Environmental Ethics	3
At least two electives selected from the following categories:		8
Environmental Policy, such as:		
ECON 335	Environmental Economics	
ENST 334	Environmental Policy and Law	
ENST 336	Environmental Land-Use Policy	
Land Use and Agriculture, such as:		
ENST 336	Environmental Land-Use Policy	
ENST 201	Foundations of Food and Agriculture	
BIOL 220	Reading the Landscape (Lab)	
ENST 305	Ecological Integrity in Agriculture	
Environment and Culture, such as:		
ANTH 285	Anthropology and Environmental Justice	
HIST 283	Environmental History	
ENGL 320	Poetry, Nature, and Contemplation	
ENST 150	Introduction to "Nature" Writing	
RELG 305	Religion and Animals	
Environmental Theology and Ministry, such as:		
Relevant electives offered by the School of Theology		
Other special interests as applicable, such as:		
ENST 211	Sustainability and Global Environmental Change Seminar	
SPAN 390	Latin American Literature and the Environment	
SAST 325	Food, Agriculture, and Social Justice in Southern Appalachia and Beyond	
THEO 598	Research Project	
THEO 566	Religion and Environment Colloquium	0
A minimum of 25 hours of environmental community engagement, such as:		
Environmental work as part of field education		
Leading Creation Care Committee		
Volunteering at the University Farm		
Environmental Justice fellowship		

Internship with the Office of Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability	
Spring Break "Food Systems in Costa Rica" travel seminar	

Master of Divinity Certificate in Latino/Hispanic Ministry

This certificate is designed for those students who desire to incorporate courses in Spanish and Latino/Hispanic ministry into their M.Div curriculum across a wide range of disciplines. The School of Theology has a long-standing commitment to equipping students for Latino/Hispanic ministry. The seminary has been offering Spanish courses continuously since the fall of 1991, and it also offers several electives designed to provide cultural competency, pastoral skills, and theological foundations for ministry within Latino communities. The certificate aims to prepare seminarians more effectively for Latino/Hispanic ministry.

The certificate will appear as a notification on the student's transcript. M.Div students must request the office of the registrar to be registered for the certificate.

Learning Objectives:

In addition to those for the MDiv curriculum:

- Students will demonstrate awareness of the historical, cultural, and socio-demographic background of the Latino population in the United States
- Students will demonstrate familiarity with the sources, methods, and themes of Latino theology
- Students will demonstrate understanding of the development, significance, and practice of liturgical celebrations and popular devotions in Latino contexts
- Students will demonstrate understanding of different models of Latino/Hispanic ministry that address diverse pastoral and liturgical needsStudents will demonstrate proficiency in engaging in conversation and leading worship in Spanish

Requirements

In addition to the M.Div curriculum:

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Completion of three electives related to Latino/Hispanic ministry, normally consisting of:		9
MNST 590	Introduction to Latino Theology and Spirituality	
LTCM 546	¡Fiesta!: Liturgical Celebrations in Latino/a Contexts	
THEO 572	Theologies of Liberation	
Fulfillment of Spanish language requirement, by one of the following means:		
Demonstrating proficiency in conversational and liturgical Spanish		
Completing two semesters of Pastoral Spanish (MNST 583 and MNST 584)		
Participation in ELMC for credit during the fall semester		3
MNST 589	Episcopal Latino Ministry Competency Course	
A minimum of 25 hours of community engagement in a Latino/Hispanic context, such as:		
Field education placement with focus on Latino/Hispanic ministry		
Partnering with H.O.L.A. at Sewanee for a community-based project or activity		
Volunteering at a community organization, such as La Paz Chattanooga, Z.E.A.L. for Education and Language Manchester, or Conexión Américas Nashville		
Participating in an Office of Civic Engagement Outreach Trip to Latin America		

Master of Divinity Certificate in Biblical Languages

This certificate is designed for those students who desire to incorporate language learning and coursework in Greek and Hebrew into their M.Div curriculum. While the School of Theology does not require Greek and Hebrew, our faculty have a long-standing commitment to the teaching and learning of biblical languages. This M.Div certificate aims to encourage students to pursue language learning and study as an important part of their coursework and their preparation for teaching and preaching scripture.

The certificate will appear as a notification on the student's transcript. M.Div students must request the office of the registrar to be registered for the certificate.

Learning Objectives:

- Students will demonstrate competency in elements of biblical Greek or Hebrew (or both).
- Students will incorporate language learning more deeply into their biblical studies classes.
- Students will have a deeper understanding of the linguistic and socio-cultural contexts of scripture.

Requirements

In addition to the M.Div curriculum:

Code	Title	Semester Hours
12 hours of biblical languages and language-option biblical electives		12
THEO 598	Research Project	3