



Doctor of Ministry Interdisciplinary Contextual Concentration

The Doctor of Ministry degree is a contextually-oriented, interdisciplinary study in the practice of ministry. Students who opt for this foundational concentration engage in study and research in a wide range of topics, integrating theological reflection and social analysis in the context of their own practice of ministry. Students are encouraged to seek innovative solutions to the current problems and challenges of ministry, developing projects that will enhance their skills and contribute to the general practice of ministry through the development of new knowledge, new tools and innovative resources.

The interdisciplinary and contextual focus of the DMin degree enables students to explore their own leadership style and ministry context, develop skills for critical reflection on ministry-based issues, explore current research in the social sciences, and engage in critical theological reflection to seek creative responses to the challenges of ministry today.

Degree Requirements

The DMin degree at SFTS is designed to be completed in 5 years or less. Students must complete the following program requirements:

- Six 3-unit seminars
- Dissertation/Project Orientation seminar
- Approved Topic and Design proposal
- Dissertation/project, including field research project and manuscript.

Coursework

Students in the Interdisciplinary concentration are required to take:

- Two required 3-unit Foundational Seminars:
 - Pastor as Person
 - Theology, Culture and Mission
- Dissertation/Project Orientation Seminar (tuition free)
- Four elective three-unit resource seminars, which may be drawn from any area of the curriculum, based on the student's interests and research focus.

Most DMin seminars are offered during the intensive Summer Session and January Intersession, in a variety of formats, including:

- two-week courses, meeting 3 hours per day
- one-week courses, meeting 6 hours per day
- hybrid courses, combining time in the classroom and online