

# MINISTRY (D.MIN.) - PASTORAL COUNSELING

**Important:** This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
DMIN 810	Foundations for the Doctor of Ministry <sup>1</sup>	3
DSMN 815	Personal Spiritual Formation	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>6</b>

<sup>1</sup> DMIN 810, Portfolio Option courses, and Thesis Report Option courses may not be fulfilled with transfer credit or course substitution.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Pastoral Counseling Cognate</b>		
PACO 825	The Role and Development of the Pastoral Counselor	3
Choose two of the following courses:		6
PACO 830	Individual & Family Issues in Pastoral Counseling	
PACO 835	Premarital & Marital Issues in Pastoral Counseling	
PACO 840	Crises and Current Issues in Pastoral Counseling	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Portfolio or Thesis Project Report Courses <sup>1,2</sup></b>		
Choose one of the following options:		15
<i>Portfolio Option <sup>1</sup></i>		
DMIN 851	Micro-Project I	
DMIN 852	Micro-Project II	
DMIN 853	Micro-Project III	
DMIN 854	Micro-Project IV	
DMIN 855	Portfolio Presentation	
<i>Thesis Project Report Option <sup>1</sup></i>		
DMIN 820	Research and Thesis Development	
DMIN 830	Thesis Project Proposal Development	
DMIN 841	Thesis Research and Writing Part I	
DMIN 881	Thesis Research and Writing Part II <sup>3</sup>	
DMIN 890	Thesis Project Defense	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

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<sup>2</sup> Once the student enters the either the Portfolio process or Thesis Project Report process, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall and Spring semesters excluding Summer semester) until all degree requirements are completed

<sup>3</sup> Students choosing the Thesis Report Option may take DMIN 881 a maximum of four times. Any student who is not ready for enrollment in DMIN 890 after completing DMIN 881 the first time may be required, as determined by the student's thesis project mentor, to repeat DMIN 881

until deemed ready for enrollment in DMIN 890. Student must maintain enrollment in DMIN 881 fall and spring semesters until deemed ready for enrollment in DMIN 890.

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete 30 hours
- A maximum of 50% of a post-graduate and doctoral degree may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 3.0 GPA
- No more than one grade of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)
- No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)
- Portfolio or Thesis required (Minimum grade of B-)
- Degree must be completed within 5 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

## Program Offered in Online Format Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Semester</b>		
DMIN 810	Foundations for the Doctor of Ministry	3
DSMN 815	Personal Spiritual Formation	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
PACO 825	The Role and Development of the Pastoral Counselor	3
PACO Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Third Semester</b>		
PACO Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
DMIN 820 or DMIN 851	Research and Thesis Development or Micro-Project I	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Fourth Semester</b>		
DMIN 830 or DMIN 852	Thesis Project Proposal Development or Micro-Project II	3
DMIN 841 or DMIN 853	Thesis Research and Writing Part I or Micro-Project III	4
<b>Hours</b>		<b>7</b>
<b>Fifth Semester</b>		
DMIN 854 or DMIN 881	Micro-Project IV <sup>2</sup> or Thesis Research and Writing Part II	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Sixth Semester</b>		
DMIN 855 or DMIN 890	Portfolio Presentation or Thesis Project Defense	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>31</b>

<sup>1</sup> Choose from the following courses: PACO 830, PACO 835, or PACO 840.

<sup>2</sup> Students choosing the Thesis Report Option may take DMIN 881 a maximum of four times. Any student who is not ready for enrollment in DMIN 890 after completing DMIN 881 the first time may be required, as determined by the student's thesis project mentor, to repeat DMIN 881 until deemed ready for enrollment in DMIN 890. Student must maintain enrollment in DMIN 881 fall and spring semesters until deemed ready for enrollment in DMIN 890.