

# DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN MINISTRY STUDIES (PH.D.)

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## Purpose

The Doctor of Philosophy in Ministry Studies is an advanced Doctor of Philosophy program designed for ministry practitioners, leaders, and researchers who desire to deepen their understanding of ministry through a research-based doctoral degree. It aims to deepen students' understanding of ministry through research and dissertation writing. This program emphasizes a condensed structure, prioritizing research and dissertation work as its core components.

## Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Appraise biblical and theological principles as they relate to various aspects of a ministry.
- Evaluate the knowledge, values, and skills necessary for ministry implementation.
- Evaluate the knowledge, values, and skills necessary for ministry leadership.
- Conduct original research containing knowledge of the literature of the discipline, scholarship, professionalism, and application.

## Program Specific Admissions Requirements

In addition to general requirements for admission to the School of Divinity, applicants for admission to the *Doctor of Philosophy in Ministry Studies* must submit the following for review:

1. Admission application
2. Application fee
3. Official college transcripts showing a conferred Doctor of Ministry, Doctor of Educational Ministry, or Doctor of Education degree (or similar) through an accredited Seminary.
4. A writing sample: minimum 10-page paper (excluding a cover page, table of contents, and bibliography) in Turabian format. Sample may be from prior academic coursework.
5. 3.00 GPA
6. School of Divinity Questionnaire
7. Department/Faculty Approval
8. TOEFL scores for students who speak English as a second language

## Transfer Credit

Transfer hours may not exceed 18 credit hours for the Ph.D. program. Transfer credits are considered on a case-by-case basis and must have been completed as Ph.D. course work within the previous seven (7) years from a regionally accredited program to be accepted. Courses must have a grade of B- or higher to be eligible for consideration for transfer credit. Correspondence studies or life experiences will not be accepted for transfer credit. Credits from a prior degree earned through Liberty University are considered transfer credits.

Transfer credits will not be accepted for the following courses: CHMN 846, CHMN 847, CHMN 848, CHMN 849, CHMN 987, CHMN 988, CHMN 989, & CHMN 990.

## Program of Study

### Delivery Format: Online Only

- Ministry Studies (Ph.D.)

## Career Opportunities

- Author
- Pastor
- Professor
- Church Staff
- Parachurch Ministry Leader