

Doctor of Ministry Degree Requirements—30 Credits

Global University's Doctor of Ministry degree program requires students to complete 30 credits beyond a minimum of 90 graduate credits comparable to the course requirements for Global University's Master of Divinity degree. The 30-credit doctoral requirement will include 9 credits of doctoral core courses, 12 credits in the area of specialization, and 9 credits for a doctoral dissertation project that will include a 3-credit research and proposal portion and a 6-credit writing and defense portion. Core courses for the Doctor of Ministry degree should be completed prior to enrolling in other required courses specified for a Doctor of Ministry degree. See course descriptions for details for specific courses. Courses that are not currently available include the notation: "Publication date to be announced." Doctor of Ministry degree requirements follow.

Doctor of Ministry—Biblical Studies and Theology Specialization—30 Credits

Core Courses for Doctor of Ministry degree ¹—9 credits

MIN 6233	Ministerial Ethics: The Bible Confronts a Changing World	3
MIN 6503	Relationships for a Lifetime of Ministry	3
MIN 6513	Spiritual Formation	3

Plan-specific Courses for Doctor of Ministry degree: Biblical Studies and Theology Specialization—12 credits

RES 7813	Specialized Reading and Research (discipline-specific options: BIB, BNT, BOT, THE) ²	3
RES 7823	Specialized Reading and Research (discipline-specific options: BIB, BNT, BOT, THE) ² and Any two Biblical Studies courses (6000 level or higher: BIB, BNT, BOT, THE) ³	3 6

Doctoral Dissertation Project—9 credits

RES 8953	Dissertation Research and Proposal	3
RES 8966 ⁴	Dissertation Writing and Defense	6

Total Credits

30

¹ Core courses for a Doctor of Ministry degree should be completed before enrolling in additional courses. If a student has completed equivalent doctoral-level courses, other 6000 or 7000 level courses may be taken to fulfill core course credit requirements for the Doctor of Ministry degree.

² Required 7813/7823 Specialized Reading and Research courses should be in the area of the student's specialization (BIB, BNT, BOT, or THE). Additional 7813/7823 courses may be completed in a related Biblical Studies discipline.

³ Options include the following courses: BIB 7813, BIB 7823, BNT 6203, BNT 6303, BNT 6503, BNT 6683*, BNT 7103, BNT 7503, BNT 7813, BNT 7823, BOT 6233, BOT 7813, BOT 7823, THE 6023*, THE 6093*, THE 7813, THE 7823.

⁴ Options for the division-specific writing and defense portions of the dissertation project enrollments include BIB 8966, BNT 8966, BOT 8966, and THE 8966.

Doctor of Ministry—Church Ministries Specialization—30 Credits

Core Courses for Doctor of Ministry degree ¹—9 credits

MIN 6233	Ministerial Ethics: The Bible Confronts a Changing World	3
MIN 6503	Relationships for a Lifetime of Ministry	3
MIN 6513	Spiritual Formation	3

Plan-specific Courses for Doctor of Ministry degree: Church Ministries Specialization—12 credits

RES 7813	Specialized Reading and Research (discipline-specific options: EDU, LDR, MIN, MIS) ²	3
RES 7823	Specialized Reading and Research (discipline-specific options: EDU, LDR, MIN, MIS) ² and Any two Ministerial Studies courses (6000 level or higher: EDU, LDR, MIN, MIS) ³	3 6

Doctoral Dissertation Project—9 credits

RES 8953	Dissertation Research and Proposal	3
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² Required 7813/7823 Specialized Reading and Research courses should be in the area of the student's specialization (EDU, LDR, MIN, or MIS). Additional 7813/7823 courses may be completed in a related Ministerial Studies discipline.

³ Options include the following courses: EDU 6073, EDU 6203, EDU 7813, EDU 7823, LDR 6033, LDR 7813, LDR 7823, MIN 7813, MIN 7823, MIS 6023, MIS 6043, MIS 6073, MIS 7813, MIS 7823.

⁴ Options for the division-specific writing and defense portions of the dissertation project enrollments include EDU 8966, LDR 8966, MIN 8966, and MIS 8966.

Doctor of Ministry Subsequent to a Master of Arts or Higher Degree

A student who has fulfilled all requirements for and been granted full admission to a Doctor of Ministry degree program will be allowed to enroll in courses for the 30-credit Doctor of Ministry degree. See the section on "Full Admission to the Graduate School of Theology."

A student who has earned a Master of Arts or equivalent degree comparable to that offered by Global University, but who has not previously earned a degree comparable to the 90-credit Master of Divinity degree offered by Global University, may be granted provisional admission as a doctor of ministry student.

A student who has been granted provisional admission must satisfy the course requirements for the Master of Divinity degree, as offered by Global University, prior to being granted full admission and allowed to enroll in courses for the 30-credit Doctor of Ministry degree. The exact number of credits required and the focus of the courses to be completed will be determined by the Director of Doctoral Studies according to procedures and course evaluation criteria established by Global University. These requirements will be presented to the student in an individualized Learning Contract.

A doctoral student who has been granted provisional admission will be allowed to enroll in pre-doctoral graduate courses indicated in the individualized learning contract prepared for the student. See the sections on "Provisional Admission to the Graduate School of Theology" and "Doctor of Ministry Prerequisites and Credit Deficiencies."

Also see sections on "Master of Divinity Degree for Students with an Undergraduate Degree in Bible and Theology," "Master of Divinity Degree after Graduate Studies Certificate from Global University," and section on "Master of Divinity as a Second Graduate (Post-Baccalaureate) Degree."