

MASTER OF DIVINITY
(Thesis Track)
Major in Pastoral Ministry

I. Justification for the Proposed Revised Curriculum

The Master of Divinity has been the staple master's degree course offering of the Divinity School. The proposed general revision of the Divinity School curriculum calls for expanding its offerings by providing various majors and one area of concentration is Pastoral Ministry. The Master of Divinity, major in Pastoral Ministry, is designed for those intending to go into local church ministries. It is kept abreast with the needs of the ministerial vocation and of the church, thus ensuring that our graduates are so equipped to face up to the demands and rigors of the pastoral vocation.

The Thesis Track program is designed for graduates of Bachelor of Theology and will offer a variety of areas students can major. The Pastoral Ministry is a professional degree and therefore, offered for pastors and church workers who intend to upgrade their competencies to respond to the broadening challenges of the local church and parish programs as well as for service to wider judicatories.

II. Extent of the Revision

The revision is extensive. The revision calls for new subjects that are radically different from the M. Div. Pastoral Ministry (Non-Thesis Track). The reason behind this is that the course requires a Bachelor of Theology background and therefore presupposes that the basic subjects had already been taken.

FIRST YEAR

1st Semester

Code	Description	Units
DCM 451	Pastoral Program Planning and Management	3
DCM 453	Stewardship and Resource Development	3
DCM 443	Teaching the Bible in Racially and Culturally Diverse Contexts	3
DBI 445	Wisdom Literature	3
EL 33	Critical Essay Writing	3
	Total	15

2nd Semester

Code	Description	Units
DCM 442	Intimate & Domestic Violence as a Social, Pastoral, Theological and Ethical Issue	3
DCM 452	Preaching Patterns and Worship as Context for Preaching	3
DCM 454	Pastoral Theology	3
DCM 456	Illness, Disability and Healing: Theological, Spiritual and Biblical Perspectives for Ministry	3
DS 1	Research and Thesis Proposal Writing	3
	Total	15

SECOND YEAR

1st Semester

Code	Description	Units
DCM 455	Death and Dying.	3
DBI 449	Cross-cultural Reading of the Sacred Texts	3
THE 443	Ecofeminism and Earth Spiritualities around the World	3
DS 2	Research 2	3
	Total	15

2nd Semester

Code	Description	Units
DS 3	Thesis Completion and Defense	6