WHAT IS THE UNION UNIVERSITY DOCTOR OF MINISTRY?

Our Doctor of Ministry program is designed to enhance your practice of expository preaching. This professional degree for leaders in Christian ministry is intended for those in an ongoing ministry of preaching and teaching Scripture. Here are the goals you will achieve as a result of participating in this program:

- Deeper understanding of the nature of expository preaching, informed by a biblical and practical study of expository preaching
- Advanced competency in the preparation and delivery of expository sermons
- Documented research skills, demonstrated by a fresh contribution to the practice of expository preaching through a doctoral dissertation or project
- Professional growth in ministry dimensions such as personal spiritual formation, biblically balanced ministry, church renewal and revival, and evangelism and global missions
- Greater personal spiritual maturity through increased love for God, Scripture, and persons

WHY STUDY AT UNION UNIVERSITY?

- **Faculty:** You will study with an outstanding Christian studies faculty at one of the premiere Christian universities in America. Union University is Baptist by heritage and evangelical by conviction.
- **Facilities:** Your seminars will be hosted at the Stephen Olford Center at Union University, an 18-acre retreat-like setting in Memphis, Tennessee, only 20 minutes from Memphis International Airport.
- **Fellowship:** Our campus includes outstanding classroom and library resources as well as onsite lodging and food services. All these combine to create a learning and enrichment environment second to none.

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“The only hope, both in the Church and in reaching a lost world, is a return to God’s Word expounded in the power of the Holy Spirit.”

- Dr. Stephen Olford
  (1918-2004)
**DMIN 610 – Critical Issues in Expository Preaching**

An examination of biblical, theological, incarnational, and practical principles related to the practice of ministry generally and preaching in particular. Included in this seminar will be a presentation of the “Covenant of Learning,” which students must fulfill on a continuing basis in order to remain in good standing in the program.

**DMIN 615 – Spiritual Formation and Expository Preaching**

An examination of the relationship between personal spiritual development and preaching. Models of spiritual growth will be discussed, emphasizing how preaching relates to life change in individuals, congregations, and societies. The relationship between God’s Word and God’s Spirit in expository preaching will be explored.

**DMIN 620 – Ministry Research Seminar**

An introduction to methods of research necessary for completion of the Doctor of Ministry dissertation or project.

**DMIN 625 – Sermon Content and Delivery**

Aspects of sermon content will be studied with a view to improving message content. Also, there will be an analysis and assessment of the dynamics of communication in relation to the practice of expository preaching. Biblical principles related to communication will be explored, as well as contemporary theory and models.

**DMIN 630 – Expository Preaching and New Testament Texts**


**DMIN 635 – Expository Preaching and Old Testament Texts**

An in-depth study of the genres of literature in the Old Testament, focusing on hermeneutical and homiletical issues related to preparing expository messages from the Old Testament.

**DMIN 640 – Expository Preaching and Evangelism**

A consideration of how preaching engages culture and the world. Focuses on the dynamics of evangelistic preaching and preaching cross-culturally.

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**SCHEDULE OF SEMINARS**

- **July – 1st Seminar Week**
  - DMIN 610 or DMIN 630
- **July – 2nd Seminar Week**
  - DMIN 615
- **January – 1st Seminar Week**
  - DMIN 620 or DMIN 640
- **January – 2nd Seminar Week**
  - DMIN 625 or DMIN 635

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**ADMISSIONS**

**Academic Foundation**
- Master of Divinity (or M.Div. equivalency) from a regionally accredited seminary
- 3.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) in all master's level studies
- Preference given to applicants with advanced preparation in biblical languages

**Ministry Foundation**
- Three full years of vocational ministry experience after completing master’s work
- Ministry endorsement letter supporting the applicant’s intent to pursue doctoral study

**Requirements**
- Completed application form (with $50 non-refundable application fee)
- Official transcripts from all institutions of higher learning attended since high school
- Three reference forms
- Personal essay
- Sample sermon manuscript
- Interview with Doctor of Ministry Program Director

Enrollment in each entry class is limited. Upon request, we will be pleased to send you a complete application packet containing all the forms you need.

International students are welcome to apply and should contact us for added admission requirements.