

# MASTER OF MINISTRY

## Master of Ministry

The Master of Ministry is a professional degree designed for the active minister or church leader who desires additional academic development leading to a master's degree focusing on Christian ministry.

The program for the degree consists of eight basic courses combined with elective Master of Ministry courses (675 and 685) and/or other electives chosen from 600 level courses in the School of Theology and Christian Ministry for a total of 36 semester units. All elective courses must be approved by the program director.

## Vision Statement

The purpose of this degree is to provide a program in academic and professional ministry competencies that is rooted in the classic theological disciplines and engaged with contemporary life, resulting in leadership skills in the formation of character in Christian communities. The desired outcome is the integration of theology and ministry culminating in graduates who are "practical thinkers and thinking practioners." The program builds on basic prerequisites in undergraduate work and professional experience and provides education intended to lead to lifelong learning for the active minister.

The following eight courses are team taught by guest lecturers, professionals in their respective fields, along with faculty from the School of Theology and Christian Ministry and other appropriate academic departments of the University.

## Graduation Requirements

1. A completed Application for Degree Candidacy (on-line or in the Office of Records, main campus);
2. A completed graduation application with appropriate approvals;
3. Successful completion of all core course requirements (24 units);
4. Completion of a minimum of 36 units (including core courses);
5. Cumulative grade-point average of 2.75 or higher; and
6. All accounts paid in full.

## Admission Requirements

- A completed application for admission to the program;
- Official transcripts indicating an approved undergraduate degree;
- Evidence of one year of full-time Christian ministry;
- An interview with the director of the Master of Ministry program; and
- A writing sample which includes a statement of commitment to Christian values and to excellence in scholarship.

## REQUIRED COURSES

COURSE	TITLE	UNITS
CMI 612	The Life of the Minister	3
CMI 622	Communicating the Gospel	3
CMI 632	The Old Testament in the Christian Pulpit	3
CMI 642	The New Testament and Ministry	3
CMI 652	The Christian Faith	3
CMI 662	Worship, Leadership and Liturgy	3
CMI 672	Contemporary Ministry	3
CMI 682	Stewardship and Management in Ministry	3
	Total Units	24

## Electives

COURSE	TITLE	UNITS
CMI 675	Theology and Christian Ministry	3
CMI 685	Bible and Christian Ministry	3

Electives may be repeated

The remaining six units of electives may be

earned by 1) transfer of approved graduate-level course work; 2) cross-referenced graduate-level course work in the School of Theology and Christian Ministry; or 3) registration in Christian Ministry 690 Special Studies.

#### **PREREQUISITES**

- Completion of an acceptable undergraduate degree from an accredited institution plus the completion of one year of full-time Christian ministry in a local church setting.
- Students should read carefully the general regulations concerning admission to a graduate program at Point Loma Nazarene University and the basic requirements for graduate degrees that appear in this Graduate Catalog.

Courses