

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements to be considered for admission to the Doctor of Ministry degree program:

1. A Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent, or a Master of a theological nature from an approved school
2. Achieved at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (4.0 scale) on the degree above
3. A ministerial leadership position. Applicants must have at least three years of service in parishes or other forms of ministry. All applicants must be actively serving parishes or engaging in other forms of ministry at the time of admission to the degree program
4. Demonstrate the ability to write effectively and to produce a written doctoral project. Applicants must submit an evidence of academic writing proficiency: a 6-10 page ministry reflection paper

Language Requirement:

Applicants whose native language is not English and who have not earned a degree from an appropriately accredited institution where English is the principle language of instruction must demonstrate college-level proficiency in English through one of the following:

1. A minimum score of 550 on the paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL PBT) or 80 on internet-based Test (iBT), 6.5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or 58 on the PTE Academic Score Reports;
2. A minimum grade of Level 3 on the ACT COMPASS's English as a Second Language Placement Test
3. A minimum grade of Pre-1 on the Eiken English Proficiency Exam
4. A transcript indicating completion of at least 30 semester hours of credit with an average grade of "B" or higher at an appropriately accredited college or university where the language of instruction was English.

Applicants who do not meet all the formal requirements but who show definite promise for making a significant contribution to the work of ministry may apply with whatever evidence they deem supportive. The D.Min. Committee considers each case individually.

TUITION AND FEES

Application fee:	\$50
Tuition:	\$180 per credit (34 total credits)
Books (estimated):	\$50-\$100 per course

SCHOLARSHIPS

UUC offers limited scholarships to students who demonstrate a strong potential for ministry and have special financial circumstances. UUC's scholarship committee will consider each applicant on a case by case basis. Apply online at www.uuc.edu or contact the Financial Aid Office at fao@uuc.edu.

OUR FACULTY

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and others

OUR STUDENTS

Our students are ethnically, denominationally, theologically, geographically, linguistically, economically, contextually, and circumstantially *diverse*.



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DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM

Union University of California has designed a unique online Doctor of Ministry program that is open to ministerial leaders located anywhere in the world who meet the qualifications for admission, have access to the Internet, and are proficient in online work. Each applicant to the program will submit a brief essay outlining the focus he or she would like to pursue in the doctoral program. On the basis of this essay and full qualification for the program, the accepted applicant will be matched with an academic advisor.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

The purpose of the UUC's DMin program is to improve the students' skills and abilities in their ministries. The program is constructed to help graduates develop their professional competencies, including critical reflection on ministry, interpersonal skills, the capacity for theological interpretation, and special skills for service in particular contexts. More specifically, graduates will:

1. Demonstrate a fluency in critical thinking, as observed by independent thinking and the ability to be flexible with diverse populations.
2. Apply the biblical guiding principles that form the values and outcomes of any ministry.
3. Diagnose the needs of a community and implement a biblically based response to meet those needs.
4. Analyze current intellectual missiological trends and develop a strategy for how to address them in teaching, preaching and useful service.
5. Identify and research social issues, the mission opportunities it opens, and empower believers to meet that need.
6. Integrate research, verbal and written communication, and leadership skills to provide a solution to a pressing missional opportunity.

METHOD OF STUDY

UUC uses an asynchronous method of instruction. The UUC calendar year is divided into four modules. Each module lasts for ten weeks. Classes are divided into five two-week lessons. Students can enter the class anytime during the two-week period to participate in discussions, complete the assignments and take quizzes or exams.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for graduation with the Doctor of Ministry degree the student must successfully fulfill all of the following requirements:

1. Fulfill DMin course requirements (34 units)
2. Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale
3. Successfully complete the DMin Ministry Thesis or Dissertation
4. Pay all tuition and fees

OUR MISSION

UUC is an online Christian educational institution committed to overcoming language, immobility and financial barriers to prepare students who serve God effectively in their locations and vocations.

OUR FAITH

We subscribe to the Apostle's Creed. Our understanding of the gospel and our mission is guided by the Lausanne Covenant.

UNION UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Union University of California (UUC) is an online theological university intent on reaching the world's church leaders to provide them with the opportunity to study practical, holistic theological and church leadership training in degree programs.

UUC welcomes students from all denominations and Christian faith traditions, and recruits faculty to represent the wide variety of denominations and faith traditions within the Christian Church. UUC seeks to ground our theological training within the context, insights, and theological developments of the church in the regions where our students live and minister.

UUC is approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) of the State of California to grant academic degrees, whereby "approved" means compliance with state standards as set forth in the Education Code. UUC is also an affiliate member of the Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE), the United States Distance Learning Association as well as the California Association of Private Postsecondary Schools.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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PROGRAM DESIGN

PHASE 1: COURSEWORK

The Doctor of Ministry program consists of 34 credit hours of study.

Foundational Courses: 8 Credits

RES-701 Research Design
RES-702 Qualitative Research Methods

DMin Courses: 16 Credits (choose any four of the following courses)

CED-702 Theological Education in the Twenty-First Century
IND-701 Independent Study on A Special Topic
LDR-701 Leading and Managing Change
LDR-706 Emotional Intelligence in Leadership
MIN-705 Building Healthy Churches
MIN-706 Cause Collaboration
MIN-712 The Arts and Science of Mentoring
RES-704 Survey Research Methods
THL-701 Revisiting the Mission and Ministries of the Church
THL-702 Contextual Missional Ecclesiologies in the 21st Century
THL-713 Perspectives on World Christian Mission
THL-714 Theology of Work
THL-715 Fundamentals for Doing Theology

Final Project: 10 Credits

THS-901 Developing Doctor of Ministry Final Project Proposal (2 credits)
THS-941 Doctor of Ministry Final Project (8 credits)

Qualifying Examination

At the end of the equivalent of one year of full-time enrollment in the program, students will take the qualifying examination. The exam is intended to test the student's ability to do doctoral research. The exam also serves as a diagnostic tool to identify weaknesses in a student's preparation for the final project. Students must pass this examination to continue in the program.

Comprehensive Examination

Upon completion of all coursework, the student must complete a comprehensive 40-page theology of ministry paper. The student will collaborate with his or her advisor to determine the bibliography and direction of the paper.

PHASE 2: THE FINAL PROJECT

Once the student has successfully completed the program's coursework requirement and comprehensive examination, the student can proceed to the final project phase of the Doctor of Ministry program. Students then work with his or her advisor for the Developing Doctor of Ministry Proposal. Once the proposal is approved by the DMin Committee, students have one year to complete it.