

**Some Notes on Curriculum Requirements
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Topics covered include: Requirements for Areas A, B, and C, the Black Church Studies Concentration, and the Concentration in Educational Ministry.

Area A

- Advanced Exegesis courses are distinguished by term-long focus on a book (or a related collection of books) of the Bible. They can be based on the original Hebrew or Greek text or on the text in English translation. (Even English-based courses may include reference to the Hebrew or Greek in the course of classroom discussions.)
- MDiv students who entered in Fall 2011 and later must take six hours of biblical electives beyond the introductory courses (= Scripture I and II, Hebrew/Hebrew exegesis, Greek/Greek exegesis). The six hours should include at least one three-hour Advanced Exegesis Course based on the original Hebrew or original Greek text.
- MDiv students who entered before Fall 2011 must take six hours of biblical electives beyond the introductory courses (= Scripture I and II, Hebrew/Hebrew exegesis, Greek/Greek exegesis). The six hours should include at least one three-hour Advanced Exegesis Course based on either the original Hebrew or original Greek text or on the text in English translation.
- Except for Basic Bible Content, all courses offered by Area A beyond introductory courses – including one-hour Greek and Hebrew reading courses – can be considered Biblical Electives.

Area B

- Area B Elective credit can be earned only after the completion of ITE (formerly FQI). If a student takes an Area B Elective before taking ITE, the course counts as a General Elective. (This policy was first stated in the 2010-2011 catalog.)
- Core Theology courses include the letter “C” as the last element of the course number, e.g., TH 274C Frederick Douglass.
 - The “C” element will appear in the course number on the transcript.
- Core Ecclesial Tradition courses include:
 - ET 1044 Presbyterian Heritage
 - ET 1054 History and Doctrine of Methodism
 - ET 1063 History of the Baptist Churches in the United States
 - ET 1083 Denominational Heritage (normally taught as Independent Studies led by local instructional resources)
- For more on the Core Ecclesial Tradition requirement, see the additional page on it.

Area C

- Several Christian Education (CE) courses count as General Elective and do not fulfill the MDiv Teaching Ministry requirement -- CE 4103 Writing for the Church and CE 4153 Child Advocacy and the Church, for example.
- Registration for Practical Theology in Congregations (PTC) is not the same thing as registration for Field Education (FE). Students register for PTC with the Office of the Registrar; students register for FE with the Office of Field Education.
- Students register for CPE as a course (PC 314-3) with the Office of the Registrar; they register for CPE Field Education units through the Office of Field Education.
- As a course, CPE (PC 314-3) is a General Elective and does not fulfill the Pastoral Care & Counseling requirement for MDiv students.

Black Church Studies Concentration

- MDiv students must take twelve (12) hours of BCS courses for the concentration. These twelve hours can lessen the total number of General Elective hours available to students in the MDiv degree.
- Courses designated as BCS courses are noted as such on the schedule for each term posted to the website and distributed with registration materials.
- Sometimes a BCS course will fulfill other MDiv degree requirements and not count against General Electives. For example, TH 274-C Frederick Douglass (a BCS course) fulfills the MDiv Core Theology requirement and is not a General Elective.
- MAR (Religious Thought) students must take twelve (12) hours of BCS courses for the concentration. These hours generally lessen the total number of Area B Elective hours for the MAR (Religious Thought) degree.
 - A BCS course offered by Area A counts towards Bible requirements of the MAR (Religious Thought) degree and as a BCS course.
 - The Area C offering Gender, Race, and Class, counts for Area B Credit for the MAR (Religious Thought) degree.

Concentration in Educational Ministry

- Requirements for the Concentration in Educational Ministry are determined in the early part of a student's seminary career, and they are designed for each specific student by a Professor of Christian Education. Therefore Dr. Wigger should be consulted as early as possible.