



We are delighted by your interest to take the next step in ministry in pursuit of your Doctor of Ministry at Columbia Theological Seminary! It is our hope that you will join our community of theological inquiry, leadership development, and formation for ministry in the service of Jesus Christ. We believe that doctoral education for pastors and other ministry leaders is a sacred calling to enhance your knowledge, skills, and leadership capacities for the communities that you are called to serve. This packet is designed to answer some of your pressing questions as you begin the application process.

Our application can be found on our website, [www.CTSnet.edu](http://www.CTSnet.edu), for study in one of our two new DMin concentrations: Justice Studies and Leadership Studies.

The DMin presupposes broad foundational competencies of theological integration, contextual analysis, ministerial and leadership identity, and personal and spiritual formation. While an ATS-accredited MDiv degree ordinarily may be accepted by a school as sufficient demonstration of these competencies, DMin applicants who hold a master's degree of a theological nature may qualify by demonstrating a broad foundation in biblical studies, theological and historical studies, ministerial and contextual studies, and ministerial experience as determined by the school to be commensurate with entry level competency for DMin study. All applicants also must have at least three years of substantive ministry experience and be engaged in a context of ministry for ongoing praxis, reflection, and research in the DMin program.

Your Doctor of Ministry program will begin with the first of three concentration core classes—one each in biblical studies, theological studies, and practical ministry studies. Seasoned and highly esteemed faculty members will lead you on a personal pilgrimage of ministry analysis, theological reflection, and personal growth. You will then work with your academic advisor to develop a course of study which broadens you theologically, informs your present ministry praxis, enhances your leadership skills, and contributes to your final project research.

The Doctor of Ministry program typically has a four-year timeline and is a professional degree, designed to accommodate the busy ministry leader and working adult. We provide on-site, hybrid and online courses so that you can decide how to pursue your DMin experience. In this packet, you will find, a suggested program timeline, program concentration offerings, and a tuition and fee listing. Please feel free to call or email us should any questions arise. We believe that Columbia Theological Seminary offers one of the finest educational opportunities to continue to respond to God's creative fashioning of your unique ministry and call. We look forward to receiving your application and personally welcoming you to the Columbia Theological Seminary experience.

Yours in Christ,

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## DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM 4-YEAR TIMELINE (36 CREDITS)

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**Year 1<sup>1</sup> 9 credits**

Faculty advisor assigned and New Student Orientation  
Concentration Core Course I<sup>2</sup> – 3 credits  
Concentration Core Course II –3 credits  
One elective course<sup>3</sup> - 3 credits

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**Year 2 9 credits**

Concentration Core Course III—3 credits  
I 730 Introduction to Research Methodologies –3 credits  
One elective course – 3 credits each  
Begin DMin Practicum:  
    1. Practicum Proposal form approved  
    2. Supervisor and peer group identified  
    3. Practicum site approved

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**Year 3 9 credits**

One elective course – 3 credits  
Practicum completed – 3 credits  
I 731 Project Proposal Workshop – 3 credits  
To register for the Project Proposal Workshop, you must have in place:  
    1. Early germinal idea of final project discussed with advisor and then 1<sup>st</sup> reader  
    2. Project Proposal form completed with preliminary approval by 1<sup>st</sup> reader

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**Year 4 9 credits**

I 732 DMin Literature Review – 3 credits  
I 735 DMin Doctoral Project (Final project research and writing) – 6 credits  
    Public presentation  
    Final report  
Graduation

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<sup>1</sup> The timeline begins with the term in which DMin students are accepted to begin their program (Summer Term or January Term)

<sup>2</sup> Students take 3 required Core Concentration Courses to integrate biblical perspectives, theological perspectives, and theory of practice perspectives—taken in any order.

<sup>3</sup> See DMin Manual for elective possibilities, including independent study and travel seminar options



## CTS Doctor of Ministry Degree Concentrations

### **Justice Studies**

#### ***Equipping leaders for intersectional justice-making***

Addressing the prophetic call to do justice, students pursuing a DMin in this area will gain conceptual and practical tools for the work of justice in their ministry contexts. In their program, students may explore justice in the arenas of ecology, race, sexuality and gender, disability, or other forms of social justice.

### **Leadership Studies**

#### ***Equipping leaders for inclusive leadership***

Addressing a pervasive need for theologically informed and spiritually grounded leaders, students pursuing a DMin in this area will gain fresh conceptual and practical tools for leadership in their ministry contexts. In their program, students may focus on leadership in ministries (such as congregations, non-profit agencies, social entrepreneurial enterprises, etc.) with attention to women's religious leadership, Black/African American religious leadership, and church and community transformation



## Advanced Professional Studies 2022 Schedule for Entering DMin Students

The Doctor of Ministry program begins with DMin Program Orientation and concentration courses specific to the concentration.

Refer to the information below for these start dates.

<i>DMin Program Start Summer Term</i>	<i>DMin Program Start January Term</i>
<i>Justice Studies and Leadership Studies</i>  <b>Application Deadline: April 15, 2022</b>  <b>Summer Term Dates</b> Advanced Degrees 1 <sup>st</sup> term: July 11-22 Advanced Degrees 2 <sup>nd</sup> term: July 25-August 5 Class Schedule and Start Date TBD	<i>Justice Studies and Leadership Studies</i>  <b>Application Deadline: October 15, 2022</b>  <b>January Term Dates</b> Advanced Degree Classes: Jan 9-20 Class Schedule and Start Date TBD



# DMin and DEdMin Estimated Cost Breakdown

Using current rates, effective Summer 2021

**TOTAL ESTIMATED PROGRAM COST (including all fees & tuition):**  
**\$16,321**

## FEES INCLUDE

- \$50 Application fee
- \$250 Entering Student fee
- \$640 Annual student fee (\$160/year for 4 years)
- \$35 Thesis binding fee for 1 copy
- \$200 Commencement fee

## COSTS OTHER THAN TUITION & FEES

The other basic categories of expense aside from tuition are travel, housing, meals, and books. These expenses vary greatly depending on how far students travel; whether they can stay with friends, family, or colleagues; if/how they commute during courses at CTS; etc.

### HOUSING

On-campus housing is available in the Harrington Center. The current rates are:

- \$83.16/night single occupancy
- \$106.92/night double occupancy
- \$92.88/night queen (bed) room

### MEALS

Students can cook for themselves in one of the two Harrington Center kitchens OR eat in the campus refectory, where meals are approximately:

- \$7.56 for breakfast
- \$9.29 for lunch
- \$10.37 for dinner

### BOOKS

The estimated cost of books per course is \$100, but the actual amount varies widely.

***Note: All fees and costs are subject to change***