

# DOCTOR OF MINISTRY



## LOUISVILLE SEMINARY DMIN DEGREE SNAPSHOT

The Doctor of Ministry program strives to reflect the Church's vocation to bear witness to the grace of the triune God as shown in Jesus Christ, and continues Louisville Seminary's long history of reaching across cultural, racial, and religious divides. The DMin program strengthens the connection between theology and ministry practice in the Church or in fields closely related to the mission and witness of the church, while fostering the spiritual and professional growth of participants. Core professors work with experienced practitioners to build communities of learning in which students study cutting-edge theological, biblical, and practical bases of ministry; share collective wisdom, curiosity, and experience; and complete a Research Project that informs and enhances their current ministry.

**An advanced, professional degree, the DMin program is for experienced practitioners** who have a Master of Divinity degree (or equivalent) from an ATS-accredited school; a 3.0 GPA or higher; a minimum of three years post-MDiv ministry experience or five years consistent professional ministry experience prior to application.

*The program is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSSOC) and the Association of Theological Schools (ATS).*



**3 YRS**

**36** CREDIT HOURS

### ALL DMIN STUDENTS ARE PART OF THE GREATER LPTS "WHOSOEVER" COMMUNITY

Fostering a sense of community—where all are welcome—  
is the foundation of all LPTS degree programs.

### PLAN OF STUDY



**FOUR  
FOUNDATIONAL  
SEMINARS**



**THREE ELECTIVE  
COURSES** (can include  
both independent study  
and APC courses in  
any configuration)



**FINAL RESEARCH  
PROJECT**  
(that addresses a  
significant issue  
In ministry)

### TRACKS

**BLACK CHURCH  
STUDIES**

**ADVANCED PRACTICE  
OF MINISTRY (APM)**

**PASTORAL CARE  
AND COUNSELING**

Louisville Seminary DMin tracks are designed to offer flexible, advanced training that leads to doctoral-level competence in a wide variety of areas, depending on which track you pursue—preaching, pastoral care, Christian education, evangelism, mission, worship, congregational development and redevelopment, and community organizing. *We passionately pursue academic excellence for the sake of the Gospel and the healing of humankind*, equipping leaders with the skills and knowledge needed to provide Gospel-focused leadership and care to diverse individuals and communities.

# 3-YEAR PATH TO GRADUATE



## 6 CREDITS:

Seminar I (Jan.) 2 Weeks

## 4 CREDITS:

Seminar II (June) 1 Week

## 3 CREDITS\*:

Independent Study  
OR APC Course



## 4 CREDITS:

Seminar III (Jan.) 1 Week

## 6 CREDITS\*:

Independent Study  
AND APC Course\*\*

## 6 CREDITS\*\*\*:

Seminar IV (June) 2 Weeks

**RESEARCH PROPOSAL  
APPROVED**



## 7 CREDITS:

Project of Ministry

(Completed by Mar. 1 or Oct. 1)

Begin field research, write up findings, successfully defend your research and findings, graduate in either May or December

\*Advanced Professional Ministry Courses (APCs) may be taken any time throughout the year and do not necessarily have to correspond with the DMin Seminars. Advanced Professional Ministry Courses may not be taken prior to DMin Seminar II without the written permission of the Associate Dean.

\*\*The student must take two courses in any combination (i.e., two APC or two Independent Studies or one of each).

\*\*\*All coursework must be completed before the Research Proposal can be approved.

## TUITION/FEES AND OTHER ESTIMATED COSTS

<b>\$15,950</b>	Total tuition for the entire program
\$ 2,000	Books and incidental costs for 4 semesters and 3 elective courses
\$ 750	Technology Fee (\$250/year x 3-year program)
\$ 45	DMin Project Report Binding ( <i>Reference the DMin Project Report Formatting Guide &amp; Schedule for fees based on additional options</i> )
<b>\$18,745</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

**Tuition and fees are subject to change;  
visit [LPTS.edu/dmin](https://lpts.edu/dmin) for current program information**

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

### APRIL 1

Early Decision Application Deadline

### SEPTEMBER 1

Application Deadline



To explore your next steps at LPTS, scan to connect with an Admissions Specialist:  
or email [admissions.support@LPTS.edu](mailto:admissions.support@LPTS.edu)



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