



DOCTOR OF MINISTRY (D.MIN.)

A PROGRAM OF SAN FRANCISCO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (SFTS)

Offered in-person at our Marin campus
in Summer and January Intersession

5
years

6
3-unit seminars

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Dissertation/Project

An international and innovative environment for contemporary ministry.

The Doctor of Ministry degree does more than update professional skills and encourage individual growth; it also seeks to tap into the very wellspring of creative ministry. The program brings together a wide variety of active ministries to learn, explore, and envision creative approaches to community growth and spiritual connection.

Throughout its 50-year history, the program's hallmark has been the interfaith and international character of the student body and faculty, as well as its engagement with forward-looking scholarship at the intersection of spirituality and social justice. The seminary's collaborative environment is an incubator for the research and development of alternative understandings, new tools, and novel resources for ministry in a rapidly changing world. It is also the only Doctor of Ministry program in the country to feature a concentration in Chaplaincy/Spiritual Care Research Literacy.

The interdisciplinary/contextual focus of the D.Min. degree provides students with a framework to integrate critical theological analysis and Biblical reflection with contextually applied social analysis to examine current issues in ministry. It also opens the door to the development of innovative and creative approaches to the challenges of ministry today.

Prerequisites

- M.Div. degree, or equivalent Master's degree in theological or religious studies
- 3 years post-M.Div. professional ministry experience, typically but not necessarily, recognized through ordination
- An active practice of ministry, providing a context for the student's research project

Concentrations

- Pastoral Care and Counseling
- Pastor as Spiritual Leader
- Chaplaincy/Spiritual Care Research Literacy
- Executive Leadership
- Interdisciplinary Studies of Ministry

Learning Outcomes

- Reflect independently, critically, and theologically upon the issues in society and ministry today
- Build relationships based on trust and cooperation among peers in ministry
- Use interdisciplinary and research skills to develop innovative approaches to ministry and pastoral work



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