2019-2020

M.Div. General Ministry



Competency-Based Theological Education -- Deploy Program

18 COMPETENCIES

This M.Div. in General Ministry program consists of 18 competencies. To earn this degree, you must complete each of the 18 competencies with either Mastery or Proficiency Completion (the equivalent of no lower than a final grade of B in a traditional academic model). The credit equivalencies for each competency are listed to the right of each competency.

DGM 5100	Embracing Sanctification	3
DGM 5200	Thinking Critically in Ministry	2
DGM 5300	Becoming a Mature Disciple	3
DGM 5400	Research & Writing	1
DGM 5500	Practicing Biblical Hermeneutics	3
DGM 5600	Understanding Biblically Healthy Churches	3
DGM 5700	Exercising Flexibility in Ministry	3
DGM 5800	Applying Biblical Exegesis	14
DGM 5900	Articulating Biblical Theology	10
DGM 6000	Utilizing Biblical Languages	18
DGM 6100	Applying Foundational Doctrines	6
DGM 6200	Understanding the Development of Doctrine	3
DGM 6300	Embodying the Love of God	3
DGM 6400	Embracing Cultural Diversity	3
DGM 6500	Articulating Personal Theology	3
DGM 6600	Resolving Leadership Conflict	3
DGM 6700	Communicating God's Truth	6
DGM 6800	Initiating Transformational Change	3

GRADUATUATION REQUIREMENTS

Every competency shown above has several competency modules or parts (e.g., DGM 5101, DGM 5102, etc). Students may register for the entire competency in a given semester (e.g., DGM 5100 which comes with all the parts DGM 5101, DGM 5102, and DGM 5103--3 credit equivalencies) or register for part of the competency (e.g., DGM 5100 with the goal of completing just the first part DGM 5101 -- 1 credit equivalency). Ultimately, you will complete 90 credit equivalencies, consistent with many other M.Div. programs in seminary education. But again, earning this degree is not based upon earning credits, but upon your mastery of the competencies needed in ministry. Complete all 18 and earn your degree. Complete all 18 with no more than one Proficient Completion grade and earn Honors Graduate distinction.

Students may not be enrolled simultaneously in both Deploy programs, the MA Local Church Ministry and MDiv General Ministry. Students may be able to change programs from the MA to the MDiv (or vice versa), but this cannot occur in the final semester of a student's program.