

Master of Arts in Ministry (M.A.M.)

Pursue your calling at Perkins

The M.A.M. Program prepares students for specialized faith-based ministry for their community and congregation. The M.A.M. Program also increases students' knowledge about the heritage of the Christian faith, the church and its ministries.

This degree is 37 academic credit hours, including a paid internship.

The Program allows for:

- Developing a greater understanding of the life and thought of the Christian community in its historical expressions and of the interrelations between Christianity and global culture
- Engaging in constructive theological and ethical reflection
- Choosing a concentration to direct your study and tailor your elective coursework to match personal interests
- Continuing your path in ministry as supervisors, faculty and seminary peers partner with you in developing your leadership during a six-month, paid internship

Some of the courses you will be taking in the M.A.M. Program are:

Interpretation of the Christian Message, Interpretation of the Old and New Testaments, Christian Heritage and The Church in Its Social Context and Spiritual Formation

With this degree, students will be prepared to serve as an Ordained Deacon in the United Methodist Church or can be ordained in other Christian denominations. Other staff positions in the church, such as a church coordinator, manager of missionary outreaches, youth leader, a chaplain or more will also greatly benefit from our Master of Arts in Ministry Program.



At Perkins School of Theology, you will gain a balance of academic preparedness and hands-on learning to equip you for ministry and leadership in the church of the 21st century.

Learn more about the M.A.M. degree program at smu.edu/mam

Focus: Primarily to prepare students for specialized area of church ministry

Credit Hours: 37
(31 w/ 6 hr. internship)

Ministry Paths: Ordained Deacon in the UMC or ordained in other denominations (necessary to check with ordaining bodies in particular denominations), other staff positions in the church or agency or chaplain



"I have been the executive director for the Agape Clinic for eight years, and I felt that the focus of [the M.A.M.] program would make me a better leader."

Stephanie Bohan
2020 Perkins
M.A.M. Graduate

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AREAS OF STUDY	CREDIT HOURS	COURSEWORK
Foundational Coursework Credit Hours: 16	3	OT 6301 Interpretation of the Old Testament I OT 6302 Interpretation of the Old Testament II
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	3	HX 6305 The Christian Heritage I HX 6306 The Christian Heritage II
	3	ST 6301 Interpretation of the Christian Message I
	3	XS 6301 The Church in Its Social Context
	3	XX 6104 Spiritual Formation I
	3	XX 6104 Spiritual Formation II
Concentration* Credit Hours: 15	15	Christian Education Urban Ministry Theology and Social Justice Christian Spirituality Evangelism and Mission Customized Concentration
Internship Credit Hours: 6	6	Supervised Internship

**Ordination requirements are determined by ordaining bodies and will require students to be familiar with the needs (if any) of their affiliated denomination and may influence concentration selection.*



Learn more
at one of our exploratory
discernment events
(both in-person and virtual).



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by visiting our
Admission website.



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and alums,**
we invite you to refer
prospective students here.