



Doctor of Ministry Quick References and Outline

REFERENCE POINTS

People Who Can Help and Guide You

Dominique Highfil (Technologist) – for issues related to technology and online platforms. dhhighfil@lextheo.edu

Jaime Mulloy (Registrar and Financial Aid) – for issues related to course registration, logistical academic issues, and financial aid jmulloy@lextheo.edu.

Wilson Dickinson (Director of Doctor of Ministry Program – your academic advisor - questions about the program and more curriculum focused academic issues. wdickinson@lextheo.edu

Jon Barnes (Dean of Academics) – the decision maker on petitions or problems, but first go through your advisor. dbarnes@lextheo.edu

Websites to consult

Canvas – site for courses - <https://lextheo.instructure.com/>

Student handbook – this is the document that outlines policies and procedures relevant to students. [Student Handbook - Lexington Theological Seminary \(lextheo.edu\)](#)

DMin policy – the section of the handbook that outlines the DMin program [7.0 Degree Programs - Lexington Theological Seminary \(lextheo.edu\)](#)

Schedule of courses - [Academic Schedule - Lexington Theological Seminary \(lextheo.edu\)](#)

CURRICULUM

Core Courses

Scheduled over approximately twelve months, an entering cohort of students will take the following courses (for a total of ten hours of credit) in order:

- DM 811, *Building the Capacity of the Reflective Practitioner* (online, typically October-November)
- DM 812, *Building Cultural Frameworks for Contemporary Contexts* (on-campus intensive, typically January)
- DM 813, *Building Congregational/Ministerial Frameworks for Contemporary Contexts* (on-campus intensive, typically January)
- DM 814, *Building Theological Frameworks for Contemporary Contexts* (online, typically April-May)
- DM 815, *Building Capacity for Transformative Ministries* (online, Typically August-September)

Electives

Students will complete twelve hours of electives. These electives will be taken primarily after the completion of the initial required courses. However, one elective (a two-credit hour course) may be taken following the successful completion of DM 811 and another two electives (each a two-credit hour course) may be taken following the successful completion of DM 812 and DM 813. These courses will be 600-level M.Div. courses with added requirements for D.Min. students.

The Final Project

A PROJECT (not a dissertation) following reflection-action-reflection model. Exploring an issue in your ministry context, designing an intervention and action for your context, and analyzing it. The chapters of the project largely follow the core courses: opening chapters analyze the context, then outline an action, and finally evaluates it.

The Process:

- DM 890 – A two month course/workshop where you write up your project proposal. At this point you are paired up with a **Project Advisor** (not to be confused with your academic advisor), who is a scholar-practitioner with relevant expertise and experience. The project advisor will be chosen from a list and in consultation with the Program Director and Dean.
- Project Proposal – submitted to DMin Committee, composed of LTS Faculty, Dean, and DMin Director. Committee provides approval/guidance.
- Writing up and carrying out the project – with guidance from your Project Advisor you carry out analytical/reflective work, design a program, institute program, evaluate process, and write it up in an approximately 125 page document.
- Submit the project for defense to DMin director. At which time two more readers who are also scholar-practitioners will be brought on to form Final Project Committee.
- Final Project Defense – Hour and a half discussion of the project, the Final Project Committee evaluates the project.
- Graduation and Celebration.