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THE M.A.P.S. AT PTS

The Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies (M.A.P.S.) is a flexible, two-year degree **hybrid program** that equips students for congregational ministry careers and pastoral positions in other settings. The MA in Pastoral Studies curriculum provides flexibility for students to define a ministry-oriented course of study and to learn in their current context and in Pittsburgh.

The pastoral studies program provides grounding in core disciplines and the ability for a student to select from a variety of ministerial electives to suit their interests and vocational needs.

To complete the Pastoral Studies program, each graduate student learns to illuminate Scripture, Christian history, and theology to their ministerial context and completes the degree with a year of **field education** and a final project. To customize their pastoral ministry degree, students can pursue the **Graduate Certificate in Urban Ministry**.

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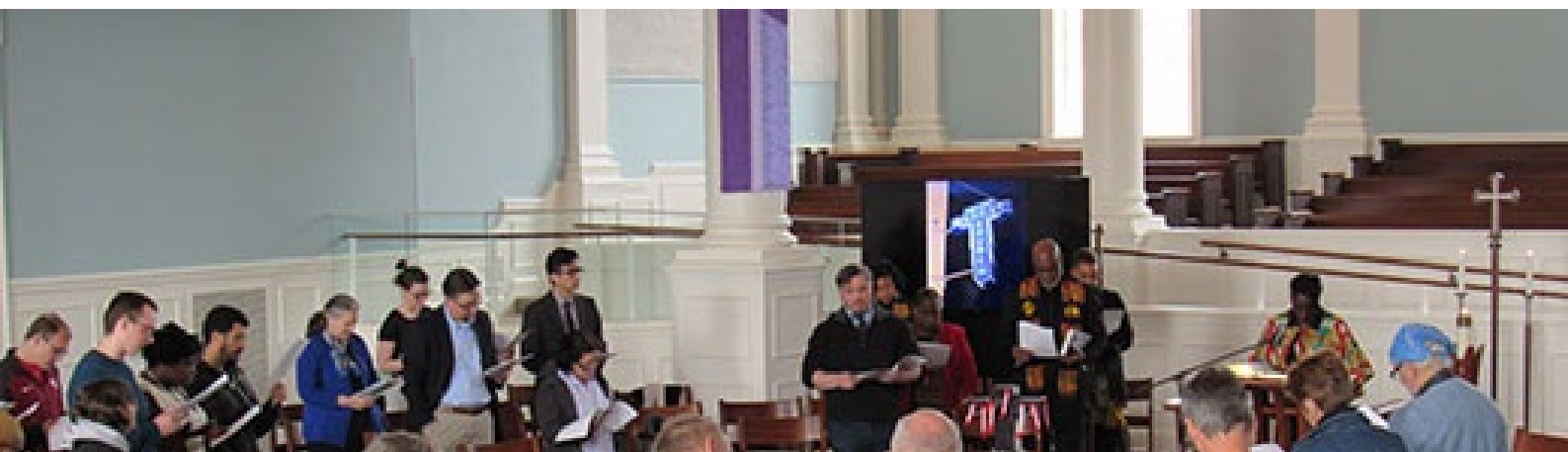
ABOUT THE MASTER'S IN PASTORAL STUDIES

The Pastoral Studies hybrid degree program can be completed on a part- or full-time basis with day and evening classes available. Because the program is hybrid, students will complete courses online, on campus, and in their context.

A low student-to-faculty ratio fosters close interaction with dedicated scholars and mentoring teachers to fully prepare students for the joys and challenges of ministry.

With our connections to local ministry opportunities and the largest theological library in the tri-state area, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary offers unmatched resources for students to begin their journey to a fulfilling career in Christian ministry.

In addition to cross-registration opportunities at local colleges and universities, Pittsburgh Seminary students have the option to earn a **joint law degree through Duquesne University** alongside their pastoral ministry degree.





48

CREDIT HOURS

2

YEARS

16

COURSES

M.A.P.S. REQUIREMENTS

Hybrid coursework in Scripture, theology, history, and ministry electives

Year-long **Field Education course and placement**

Integrative final project

“Many times, the best learning occurs in the casual conversations before and after class. Students can ask whatever questions are on their mind.”

THE REV. DR. JEROME CREACH, PROFESSOR

CAREERS FOR PASTORAL STUDIES GRADUATES

Pastoral Ministry

Chaplaincy

Religious Education

Non-profit Leadership

Spiritual Direction

MAPS SEQUENCE

PASTORAL STUDIES LEARNING OUTCOMES

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HYBRID PASTORAL STUDIES PROGRAM AT PITTSBURGH SEMINARY

The Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies degree at Pittsburgh Seminary empowers graduates to embark on fulfilling careers in Christian ministry. This pastoral ministry degree features a flexible curriculum and the option to complete the degree on a part-time basis. Students can customize their degree program with in-person and online courses in the hybrid program.

REQUEST INFORMATION

* First Name

Preferred Name

* Last Name

* Address

* City

* State

* Zip

* Phone

* E-mail

* Program of Interest

Please Select

- Masters Program of Interest:
- ☐ Master of Divinity
 - ☐ Master of Divinity Emphasis in Forming New Faith Communities
 - ☐ Master of Theological Studies
 - ☐ Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies
 - ☐ Masters Degree with Urban Ministry Certificate
 - ☐ Joint Degree (Social Work)
 - ☐ Joint Degree (Law)
 - ☐ Non-Degree

- Certificate Program of Interest:
- ☐ Graduate Certificate in Adaptive and Innovative Ministry
 - ☐ Graduate Certificate in Faith, Work, and the Common Good
 - ☐ Graduate Certificate in Ministry
 - ☐ Graduate Certificate in Missional Leadership
 - ☐ Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies
 - ☐ Graduate Certificate in Urban Ministry

- Doctor of Ministry Program of Interest:
- ☐ Bridging Divides: In Church, Community, and Country
 - ☐ Christian Spirituality Focus
 - ☐ Creative Writing and Public Theology Focus
 - ☐ Eastern Christian Focus
 - ☐ Intergenerational Black Church Studies Focus
 - ☐ Missional Leadership Focus
 - ☐ Reformed Focus with University of Edinburgh (Scotland) Focus

- Desired Year:
- ☐ 2025
 - ☐ 2026
 - ☐ 2027
 - ☐ Undecided

Desired Semester:

- ☐ Fall
- ☐ Spring
- ☐ Summer
- ☐ Winter
- ☐ Undecided

Desired Modality:

- ☐ Weekly Online Courses with In-person Gatherings at PTS (4/year)
- ☐ Mostly In-Person Courses

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- ☐ Opt-Out

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