



Doctor of Ministry

The Doctor of Ministry degree (D. Min.) is granted for demonstration of competencies associated with being a minister of the Gospel (pastor, church planter, missionary) and other ministry leaders who are situated to have significant influence in formal or informal church networks.

General objectives of all MBILD Christian International University programs:

- Comprehensive development in character, skills, and knowledge for effective ministry.
- Life development and lifelong learning orientation.
- Recognition of and participation in the centrality of the local church in the plan of God.
- Ability to master biblical content, benefit from significant contributions of scholars, and build strategic models of ministry accordingly.
- Develop a foundational understanding through an integrated core of interdisciplinary studies.

The general objective of Ministry Degrees is to help train those who desire to be part of a leadership and ministry team that is one-minded in ministry, vision, and philosophy. Out of this team would come those who commit themselves long term to local church leadership or those who desire to train to be part of a missionary team involved in planting or establishing churches in other areas.

Specific program objectives of the D. Min.:

- Identify and address paradigm-level issues in theological education, doing theology, hermeneutics, missions, and Christian education.
- Build biblical philosophies in each of these areas.
- Construct and evaluate strategic models and tools that integrate biblical philosophy with contemporary ministry situations.

The Doctor of Ministry program is offered by distance education to existing and emerging leaders rooted in local churches, church networks, and other ministry organizations in order to help them be trained and recognized as part of a ministry leadership team that is one-minded in ministry, vision and philosophy.

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The Doctor of Ministry Degree requires 40 credits: 25 for Core courses and 15 for the Doctoral Project. This program is designed to be done after having successfully completed the Master of Theological Studies program.

5 Core Courses – 5 Semester Credit Hours each

- A 20-page paper or equivalent is to be written on each of the five core topics with Bibliography.
- The papers are to be written according to the standards of the University as discussed in the book “Research Writing Made Easy”, which will be outlined for each student.

Doctoral Proposal: The student is to then write a proposal for the Doctorate, describing the project according to the prescribed format. The completed proposal is to be approved by the Doctoral Committee of the University. The process and format for a Doctorate Proposal will be described, referring to “Research Writing Made Easy” and the paper titled “Steps to Completing Your Doctoral Project / Dissertation”.

Doctoral Project: The student is then (upon approval of the proposal) to begin writing their Doctoral Project, according to the specific format. The Doctoral Project is the finishing work for the Doctoral degree and is what provides the right to be called Doctor. It could take the form of a dissertation (literature review and original research), a book, or a leadership-type course (suited to a particular ministry situation or issue). It is worth 15 credits towards the degree program.

5 Core Courses:

DM803: Counseling, Family Life & Pastoral Leadership

Shepherding, Counseling, and the Early Church

The overall objective of this course is to build a comprehensive shepherding strategy for a church, which is rooted in the traditional pastoral care paradigm, drawn from the Scriptures, especially from Paul's early letters, rather than the secular psychological care paradigm of contemporary culture. Specifically, this means that each person studying the course would:

- Develop an understanding of the biblical model of pastoral care practiced in the early churches as a basis for formulating a philosophy of pastoral care which is consistent with New Testament guidelines for living in community and treating problems in our own lives and in our churches.
- Formulate a clear perspective of the Gospel and the work of the Spirit in our lives (from an examination of the message of the Gospel in Paul's early Epistles) as a basis for addressing the foundational needs and life-controlling problems of new or unestablished believers.

- Examine the contemporary practice of integrating psychology and theology and assess the legitimacy of such an endeavor and its implications for the practice of counseling within the church.
- Lay necessary foundations for skillfully handling the Scriptures in counseling and develop convictions regarding the sufficiency of the scriptures in the counseling process.
- Critique the contemporary emergence of a new Christian profession--Christian psychologists and psychiatrists--and the church's reliance upon it for pastoral care while examining its implications on biblical authority structures and responsibilities.
- Design a contemporary and comprehensive pastoral care strategy consistent with the biblical guidelines set forth in the Scriptures for the life of the church and the individual's growth in the Spirit.

DM805: Spiritual Development of the Pastor, Church & Community

Ministry Priorities and Personal Management

The overall objective of this course is to create a life-management strategy founded on biblical principles and focused on a central life purpose that will guide each person to be an effective steward of his or her God-given priorities and responsibilities. Specifically, this means that each person studying the course would:

- Review and summarize God's purpose for the church in this age and write a unifying philosophy-of-life statement to be used as a guide in setting goals and building a personal management system.
- Develop an understanding of the priorities and responsibilities that God set forth for the proper functioning of His household, and our individual households, and how this proper functioning contributes to the building of His church.
- Set lifelong goals and build and implement a priorities management system out of the "house order" instructions of the Pastoral Epistles.

DM806: Ethics and the Church in Today's Culture – A Pastoral Perspective

Character of a Leader

The overall objective of this course is to understand the biblical idea of qualified leadership and to determine the fundamental biblical guidelines for character formation in leaders and in the household of God. Specifically, this means that each person studying the course would:

- Develop a conviction as to the reason for and the benefit of mature character as motivation for pursuing these character qualities personally, as a family, and as a church.

- Gain a clear understanding into the character qualities required of mature leaders and of mature men and women within the church, and how these qualities relate to the roles and functions of men and women within the church.
- Perform personal evaluations and design plans for developing and/or strengthening character qualities which would enhance overall growth and character development.
- Be able to help other leaders and/or members of the church design a plan for long-term spiritual growth and character development as they pursue their responsibilities within the church community.

DM807: Conflict Management and Resolution in Church Life

Ministry Perspectives: Conflict Without, Fears Within

The overall objective of this course is to develop a biblical perspective of life and ministry as the guiding force for standing firm in the ministry, skillfully and resolutely addressing the problems and problem people within the church. Specifically, this means that each person studying the course would:

- Study Paul's letters to the Corinthian church and his instructions to Timothy and Titus to gain insight into a "realistic" perspective of ministry.
- Formulate a description of the ministry and perspectives one should have of the ministry based on the study of Paul's Corinthian and Pastoral letters.
- Examine personal ministry attitudes and perspectives, and test these against Paul's description of the ministry and a minister, in order to reshape personal perspectives around his teaching and example.
- Make specific commitments and strategies related to personal perspective in ministry which will be a guide for long-term development and involvement in the church and its mission in the world.

DM 811: Missions in the 21st Century

Evangelism and the Early Church

The overall objective of this course is to develop and implement a household strategy for reaching unbelievers with the Gospel and incorporating them into the life of the church, based on biblical principles and patterns for the home and the church. Specifically, this means that each person studying the course would:

- Take a fresh look at evangelism through the eyes of the early church, looking for insights into their effectiveness and boldness, as well as identifying patterns which can serve as guides and models for today.

- Integrate the insights of the first-century church drawn from Acts with the mandates and exhortations of the Epistles to formulate a guide or model which can serve as an aid to shape our twenty-first-century strategies.
- Define the essentials of the gospel message, package them in a way that they can easily be shared with a nonbeliever and develop a core set of answers to all the basic questions non-believers ask concerning the validity of our faith.
- Think through the issue of establishing a new convert in their faith and study the role of baptism in this process in order to design a plan for incorporating a new believer into the life of a believing community--a local church.
- Design and implement a home-based evangelism strategy for your own household and design a generic strategy which could serve as a guide for any local church in developing evangelism strategy at a corporate level.

Financial Information:

Doctor of Ministry – 40 Semester Credit Hours:

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| • Registration Fee: \$75.00 (to be submitted with application) | |
| • Tuition Fee: \$125/Credit Hour (40credits) = | \$5,000.00 |
| • Doctoral Dissertation/Project Fee: | \$ 300.00 |
| • <u>Graduation Fee:</u> | <u>\$ 300.00</u> |
| • TOTAL: | \$5,600.00 |

The total tuition and Fees will be payable through a schedule of payments for 32 months.
For example: \$5600.00 / 32 months = \$175/month

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