

Suggested M.Div. Curricular Paradigm

FALL, First Year		FALL, Second Year		FALL, Third Year
<p>HB Interpretation I (REL503)†</p> <p>Introduction to Theology† (REL 600)</p> <p>first required History course*</p> <p>Area requirement or elective course •• (consider courses fulfilling Diversity and/or Non-Christian Religions requirement, and/or courses in Comparative Studies, Religion and the Arts, Philosophy of Religion, Study of Society)</p>		<p>NT Interpretation I (REL 505)†</p> <p>Homiletics* (REL 812 or REL 831) or Area requirement or elective course</p> <p>Foundations of Christian Worship •• (REL 682)</p> <p>Supervised Ministry Internship with Practicum (REL 3986) † or elective</p>		<p>Christian Ethics Seminar (REL 631) † or elective course</p> <p>Area requirement or elective course §</p> <p>Area requirement or elective course §</p> <p>Area requirement or elective course §</p>
SPRING, First Year	Summer	SPRING, Second Year	Summer	SPRING, Third Year
<p>HB Interpretation II (REL 504)†</p> <p>Intro to Pastoral Care (REL 807) or elective</p> <p>Introduction to Christian Ethics (REL 615)†</p> <p>second required History course*</p> <p>Negotiating Boundaries in Ministerial Relationships* (REL 3990) (Saturday seminar required prior to supervised ministry)</p>	<p>Options to consider: CPE†</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Biblical Language</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Summer Intensive Internship†</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Hispanic Summer Program††</p>	<p>NT Interpretation II (REL 506)†</p> <p>Homiletics* (REL 812 or REL 849) or Area requirement or elective course</p> <p>Supervised Ministry Internship with Practicum (REL 3987) † or elective</p> <p>Area requirement or elective course §</p>	<p>Options to consider: CPE†</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Biblical Language</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Summer Intensive Internship†</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Hispanic Summer Program††</p>	<p>Systematic Theology (REL 626) † or elective course</p> <p>Area requirement or elective course §</p> <p>Area requirement or elective course §</p> <p>Area requirement or elective course §</p>

NOTES

This grid outlines a *suggested* course of study. Please note that while these courses are normally offered each year, and in the semesters designated, there are occasionally exceptions. Students in denominational and ISM certificate programs are reminded to check with their program's advisor for additional requirements such as colloquia. Students are encouraged to take a course of study that, while fulfilling degree requirements, also focuses on the student's area(s) of interest and/or formation goals. Please talk with your advisor to help tailor your course of study both to meet degree requirements and to fulfill your study aspirations. If you aspire to ordination, consult with denominational representatives to ensure that you are fulfilling special requirements, such as denominational polity course requirements or biblical languages. Try to tailor your first few semesters—especially your first year—so that it is a manageable undertaking for you, taking into account your background preparation and preferred modes of learning. A goal of the first year might be to build a solid foundation for seminar courses in your second and third years.

* Designates required courses. In the History of Christianity sequence, M.Div. students must take two courses out of four possible options:

REL 712 History of Early Christianity: Origins and Growth

REL 713 History of Medieval Christianity: Learning, Faith, and Conflict

REL 714 History of Early Modern Christianity: Reformation to Enlightenment

REL 715 History of Modern Christianity: American Encounters, Postmodern Transformations

For the Homiletics requirement, M.Div. students must take one of three possible options:

REL 812 Principles and Practices of Preaching

REL 831 Is It a Sermon?

REL 849 Preaching for Creation

Note that non-starred courses are not requirements but suggestions for a possible course of study toward the M.Div. degree.

† Designates courses that are approved to fulfill additional specific M.Div. requirements: Hebrew Bible, New Testament, Theology, Ethics, Diversity, Non-Christian Religions, and Supervised Ministry. These requirements can also be fulfilled by other courses in the curriculum so designated.

§ Consider courses fulfilling Diversity and/or Non-Christian Religions requirement, and/or courses in Comparative Studies, Religion and the Arts, Philosophy of Religion, Study of Society.

••Students in Berkeley Divinity school are expected to take Foundations of Christian Worship in the Fall semester of their first year, rather than their second year.

†† For more information on the Hispanic Summer Program, please contact the YDS Registrar.

Students are also required to take a minimum number of credits in the various curricular areas: Area I (12), Area II (12), Area III (9), Area IV (12), Area V (9). For more information on degree requirements please consult the YDS Bulletin at <http://www.yale.edu/printer/bulletin/htmlfiles/div/index.html>.

A typical full-time course of study includes twelve credit hours per term. Students in their first semester are strongly discouraged from registering for more than fourteen credit hours of study.