



Introduction to Pathways to Completion of the MDiv (81 credits)

The following pages provide pathways for completing the requirements for the MDiv degree in three, four, five, and six years. The pathways align with the current annual rotation of courses and maintain a reasonable balance of credits for each semester. Additionally, they follow the guiding principles below, designed to provide a logical progression of learning and formation.

- The pathways are designed so that students take foundational courses (Old Testament/Hebrew Bible and New Testament courses, Anglican Liturgy and Music: Development and Theology, Church History, Systematic Theology, and Art of Preaching) early in the program, prior to their mid-program review. The mid-program review takes place in a spring semester, concurrent with Field Education 3.
- Students should take Liturgy and Music: Development and Theology in their first semester, while Anglican Liturgy and Music: Theology and Practice fits best with Field Education 5 toward the end of the program.
- It is recommended that Hebrew Bible and New Testament courses be taken in sequence.
- Church History should be taken before Systematic Theology and is a prerequisite for Anglican and Episcopal History.
- Systematic Theology is a prerequisite for Anglican Theology and Ethics.
- Students must complete a minimum of 24 credits before enrolling in Field Education 2.
- Students are encouraged to take Congregational Leadership and Development elective courses after Field Education 2, or in other words, after completing at least one semester in their field education site. Field Education 2 is a prerequisite for the following courses:
 - Reimagining Congregations in Missions
 - Organizational Systems
 - Community Development for the New Age
 - Diversity and Context
 - Leading Non-profits in the 21st Century
 - Making Mission Possible in Tough Times
- Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) units should be completed prior to enrolling in Pastoral Theology. Students will benefit most from their experience when taking Pastoral Theology and Field Education 4 in the same semester.
- Students are advised to take Constitution and Canons in their final year before their General Ordination Exams (GOEs).
- Students must take at least 6 credits of their 15 General Elective credits through Bexley Seabury.

Advisement

Every fall and spring semester, students meet with their faculty advisors during a designated advising period to review degree progress and select courses for the upcoming terms. Required courses are ordinarily scheduled in the same term each year. In the event that adjustments need to be made, students will be notified well in advance. On occasion a course may be cancelled or moved for unexpected reasons. In that event, accommodations will be made to ensure that student progress toward graduation will not be delayed.

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

All MDiv students must complete a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) through an ACPE-accredited program. One unit of CPE is required (400 hrs; 300 hrs. clinical experience + 100 hrs. instruction). While the length of CPE programs will vary from place to place, they most typically run for an extended period of approximately 14 weeks in the fall (August - December) or spring (January-May); or for approximately 12 weeks as summer intensives (late May or early June through August). Some programs may be more extended and run over the course of two semesters.

CPE appears in each of the pathways in places that will give you a balanced course load in each year. However, you will need to make the choice of taking CPE as an extended or intensive program depending on the programs available to you in your local area and on the time you have available to commit to CPE in a given semester. It is not advisable to take any electives while you are taking an intensive summer CPE unit. You will need to manage your credit load carefully and plan well in advance.

The CPE requirement may be waived for students who demonstrate satisfactory completion of one unit of an ACPE-accredited CPE program within five years prior to admission to the BSSF MDiv program.

Anglican Formation

Formation for ministry is an integral component of the MDiv program as a whole, therefore MDiv students will enroll in Anglican Formation every fall and spring semester throughout the program. The formation class is designed to facilitate spiritual growth, to help students live into their ministerial identities, and to provide space for cultivating the learning community. Community making is especially important in a distributed learning program such as the Bexley Seabury MDiv. The zero-credit course consists of an on-site retreat at the beginning of the fall semester and the end of the spring semester, with monthly synchronous sessions online throughout the rest of the term.

Course Scheduling

Students are strongly encouraged to follow these pathways as closely as possible. Like GPS, the pathways offer the most efficient route to the destination of graduation. Students may need to deviate from the suggested pathways in some particulars. While this certainly is possible, students should keep in mind that side trips may increase the length of time to program completion and may lead to course scheduling conflicts or the unavailability of a course when you need it. *Advisors must be consulted regarding any deviation from the pathways.*

Keys to Reading the Pathways

- All courses are three credits, unless otherwise indicated.
- Currently, Bexley Seabury offers courses in three primary modalities.
 - *Intensive* courses are held on campus or at another site for at least one week in January or summer. Students will stay connected online and may have assignments to do before, after, or in between sessions on campus. Bexley Seabury's travel courses are also intensives.
 - *Hybrid* courses blend online teaching and learning (which may be entirely asynchronous or may involve regular synchronous sessions) with sessions that meet on campus for one or two weekends in fall and spring or fewer than five weekdays in January and summer.
 - Fully *online* courses do not require visits to campus. They are as interactive as possible and often include both synchronous and asynchronous elements, though some courses are offered in an entirely asynchronous format.

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- In *hyflex* courses, students will have the option to join the course onsite or participate entirely online.
- Field Education courses include synchronous online sessions in addition to work at the student's site placement.
- Semesters and Terms
 - Fall Semester: early September through mid-December
 - January Term: month of January, though assignments may be due into the spring semester
 - Spring Semester: end of January or early February through early May
 - Summer Term: the Tuesday after Memorial Day through late July

Three-year Pathway to the M.Div.

Year One – 24 credits

- Fall:* ML 301 Anglican Liturgy and Music: Development and Theology
BIB 310 Introduction to the Old Testament: Sacred Texts and Imperial Contexts of the Hebrew Bible
HT 310 History of Christianity: New Testament to Present
- January:* ML 332 Art of Preaching
- Spring:* HT 320 Anglican and Episcopal History
BIB 311 Interpreting the Old Testament: Methods and Applications
HT 340 Systematic Theology
ML 321 Field Education 1 (0 credits)
- Summer:* CPE (through an ACPE-accredited program)* or General Elective 1

Year Two – 30 credits

- Fall:* Interreligious Elective
BIB 330 Gospels and Acts: An Introduction
ML 322 Field Education 2
- January:* Congregational Leadership and Development Elective 1
- Spring:* PSF 302 Anglican Spirituality and Ethos
BIB 331 New Testament Epistles and Revelation: An Introduction
CPE (through an ACPE-accredited program)* or General Elective 1
ML 323 Field Education 3
- Summer:* Congregational Leadership and Development Elective 2
General Elective 2

Year Three – 27 credits

- Fall:* HT 341 Anglican Theology and Ethics
ML 336 Pastoral Theology
ML 335 Constitution and Canons (1 credit)
ML 324 Field Education 4 (1 credit)
- January:* Context and Culture Elective
General Elective 3
- Spring:* ML 302 Anglican Liturgy and Music: Theology and Practice
General Elective 4
General Elective 5
ML 325 Field Education 5 (1 credit)
- Summer:* Congregational Leadership and Development Elective 3

Three-Year Pathway				
	Fall	January	Spring	Summer
Year One	ML 301 Anglican Liturgy & Music: Development and Theology BIB 310 Introduction to the Old Testament: Sacred Texts and Imperial Contexts of the Hebrew Bible HT 310 History of Christianity: New Testament to Present	ML 332 Art of Preaching	HT 320 Anglican and Episcopal History HT 340 Systematic Theology BIB 311 Interpreting the Old Testament: Methods & Applications ML 321 Field Ed 1 (0 credits)	CPE*/General Elective 1
	9 credits	3 credits	9 credits	3 credits
Year Two	Interreligious Elective BIB 330 Gospels and Acts: An Introduction ML 322 Field Ed 2	Congregational Leadership and Development Elective 1	PSF 302 Anglican Spirituality and Ethos BIB 331 New Testament Epistles and Revelation: An Introduction CPE*/General Elective 1 ML 323 Field Ed 3	Congregational Leadership and Development Elective 2 General Elective 2
	9 credits	3 credits	12 credits	6 credits
Year Three	HT 341 Anglican Theology and Ethics ML 336 Pastoral Theology ML 335 Constitution & Canons (1 credit) ML324 Field Education 4 (1 credit)	Context and Culture Elective Elective 3	ML 302 Anglican Liturgy and Music: Theology and Practice Elective 4 Elective 5 ML325 Field Education 5 (1 credit)	Congregational Leadership and Development Elective 3
	8 credits	6 credits	10 credits	3 credits

*As an alternative, CPE may also be taken in the summer of year two, in which case Congregational Leadership and Development Elective 2 and General Elective 2 will move to other semesters. Students are encouraged to talk with their advisors about what such a move will mean for the balance of their course load in each year, particularly if they are receiving federal aid.

Four-year Pathway to the M.Div.

Year One – 21 credits

- Fall:* ML 301 Anglican Liturgy and Music: Development and Theology
HT 310 History of Christianity: New Testament to Present
BIB 310 Introduction to the Old Testament: Sacred Texts and Imperial Contexts of the Hebrew Bible
- January:* ML 332 Art of Preaching
- Spring:* HT 340 Systematic Theology
BIB 311 Interpreting the Old Testament: Methods and Applications
- Summer:* General Elective 1

Year Two – 21 credits

- Fall:* Interreligious Elective
BIB 330 Gospels and Acts: An Introduction
General Elective 2
- Spring:* HT 320 Anglican and Episcopal History
BIB 331 New Testament Epistles and Revelation: An Introduction
General Elective 3
ML 323 Field Education 1 (0 credits)
- Summer:* CPE (through an ACPE-accredited program)

Year Three – 21 credits

- Fall:* HT 341 Anglican Theology and Ethics
ML 322 Field Education 2
- January:* Context and Culture Elective
- Spring:* PSF 302 Anglican Spirituality and Ethos
ML 323 Field Education 3
- Summer:* Congregational Leadership and Development Elective 1
Congregational Leadership and Development Elective 2

Year Four – 18 credits

- Fall:* ML 336 Pastoral Theology
ML 335 Constitution and Canons (1 credit)
General Elective 4
ML 324 Field Education 4 (1 credit)
- January:* Congregational Leadership and Development Elective 3
- Spring:* ML 302 Anglican Liturgy and Music: Theology and Practice
General Elective 5
ML 325 Field Education 5 (1 credit)

Four-Year Pathway				
	Fall	January	Spring	Summer
Year One	ML 301 Anglican Liturgy and Music: Development and Theology HT 310 History of Christianity: New Testament to Present BIB 310 Introduction to the Old Testament: Sacred Texts and Imperial Contexts of the Hebrew Bible 9 credits	ML 332 Art of Preaching 3 credits	HT 340 Systematic Theology BIB 311 Interpreting the Old Testament: Methods and Applications 6 credits	General Elective 1 3 credits
	Interreligious Elective BIB 330 Gospels and Acts: An Introduction General Elective 2 9 credits		HT 320 Anglican and Episcopal History BIB 331 New Testament Epistles and Revelation: An Introduction General Elective 3 ML 323 Field Ed 1 9 credits	CPE (through an ACPE-accredited program) 3 credits
Year Three	HT 341 Anglican Theology and Ethics ML 322 Field Ed 2 6 credits	Context and Culture Elective 3 credits	PSF 302 Anglican Spirituality and Ethos ML 323 Field Ed 3 6 credits	Congregational Leadership and Development Elective 1 Congregational Leadership and Development Elective 2 6 credits
	ML 336 Pastoral Theology ML 335 Constitution & Canons (1 credit) General Elective 4 ML 324 Field Ed 4 (1 credit) 8 credits	Congregational Leadership and Development Elective 3 3 credits	ML 302 Anglican Liturgy and Music: Theology and Practice General Elective 5 ML 325 Field Ed 5 (1 credit) 7 credits	

**It may be possible for students on a four-year pathway to begin the Field Education program with Field Education 1 (0 credits) in the spring of their first year, rather than in the spring of their second year. Please note that this would require changes to other parts of the pathway, as well. Students should talk with their advisors about their options and consult with the Director of Contextual Education as necessary.

Five-year Pathway to the M.Div.

Year One – 15 credits

- Fall:* ML 301 Anglican Liturgy and Music: Development and Theology
HT 310 History of Christianity: New Testament to Present
- January:* ML 332 Art of Preaching
- Spring:* HT 340 Systematic Theology
- Summer:* General Elective 1

Year Two – 15 credits

- Fall:* Interreligious Elective
BIB 310 Introduction to the Old Testament: Sacred Texts and Imperial Contexts of the Hebrew Bible
- January:* General Elective 2
- Spring:* BIB 311 Interpreting the Old Testament: Methods and Applications
ML 321 Field Education 1 (Online, 0 credits)
- Summer:* CPE (through an ACPE-accredited program)

Year Three – 18 credits

- Fall:* BIB 330 Gospels and Acts: An Introduction
ML 322 Field Education 2
- January:* Congregational Leadership and Development Elective 1
- Spring:* HT 320 Anglican and Episcopal History
ML 323 Field Education 3
- Summer:* Elective 3

Year Four – 17 credits

- Fall:* ML 336 Pastoral Theology
ML 324 Field Education 4 (1 credit)
- January:* Context and Culture Elective
- Spring:* ML 302 Anglican Liturgy and Music: Theology and Practice
BIB 331 New Testament Epistles and Revelation: An Introduction
ML 325 Field Education 5 (1 credit)
- Summer:* Congregational Leadership and Development Elective 2

Year Five – 16 credits

- Fall:* HT 341 Anglican Theology and Ethics
ML 335 Constitution and Canons (1 credit)
General Elective 4
- January:* Congregational Leadership and Development Elective 3
- Spring:* PSF 302 Anglican Spirituality and Ethos
General Elective 5

Five-Year Pathway				
	Fall	January	Spring	Summer
Year One	ML 301 Anglican Liturgy and Music: Development and Theology HT 310 History of Christianity: New Testament to Present	ML 332 Art of Preaching	HT 340 Systematic Theology	General Elective 1
	6 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
Year Two	Interreligious Elective BIB 310 Introduction to the Old Testament: Sacred Texts and Imperial Contexts of the Hebrew Bible	General Elective 2	BIB 311 Interpreting the Old Testament: Methods and Applications ML321 Field Education 1 (0 credits)	CPE (through an ACPE-accredited program)
	6 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
Year Three	BIB 330 Gospels and Acts: An Introduction ML322 Field Education 2	Congregational Leadership and Development Elective 2	HT 320 Anglican and Episcopal History ML 323 Field Education 3	General Elective 3
	6 credits	3 credits	6 credits	3 credits
Year Four	ML 336 Pastoral Theology ML 324 Field Education 4 (1 credit)	Context and Culture Elective	ML 302 Anglican Liturgy and Music: Theology and Practice BIB 331 New Testament Epistles and Revelation: An Introduction ML 325 Field Education 5 (1 credit)	Congregational Leadership and Development Elective 3
	4 credits	3 credits	7 credits	3 credits
Year 5	HT 341 Anglican Theology and Ethics ML 335 Constitution & Canons (1 credit) General Elective 4	Congregational Leadership and Development Elective 3	PSF 302 Anglican Spirituality and Ethos General Elective 5	
	7 credits	3 credits	6 credits	

Six-year Pathway to the M.Div.

Year One – 12 credits

Fall: HT 310 History of Christianity: New Testament to Present

January: ML 332 Art of Preaching

Spring: HT 340 Systematic Theology
HT 320 Anglican and Episcopal History

Year Two – 12 credits

Fall: ML 301 Anglican Liturgy and Music: Development and Theology
BIB 310 Introduction to the Old Testament: Sacred Texts and Imperial Contexts of the Hebrew Bible

Spring: BIB 311 Interpreting the Old Testament: Methods and Applications

Summer: CPE (through an ACPE-accredited program)

Year Three – 15 credits

Fall: BIB 330 Gospels and Acts: An Introduction
General Elective 1

Spring: PSF 302 Anglican Spirituality and Ethos
BIB 331 New Testament Epistles and Revelation: An Introduction
ML 321 Field Education 1 (0 credits)

Summer: Interreligious Elective

Year Four – 15 credits

Fall: HT 341 Anglican Theology and Ethics
ML 322 Field Education 2

January: Congregational Leadership and Development Elective 1

Spring: General Elective 2
ML 323 Field Education 3

Year Five – 14 credits

Fall: ML 336 Pastoral Theology
ML 324 Field Education 4 (1 credit)

January: Congregational Leadership and Development Elective 2

Spring: ML 302 Anglican Liturgy and Music: Theology and Practice
ML 325 Field Education 5 (1 credit)

Summer: Context and Culture Elective

Year Six – 13 credits

Fall: General Elective 3
ML 335 Constitution and Canons (1 credit)

January: Congregational Leadership and Development Elective 3

Spring: General Elective 4
General Elective 5

Six-Year Pathway				
	Fall	January	Spring	Summer
Year One	HT 310 History of Christianity: New Testament to Present	ML 332 Art of Preaching	HT 340 Systematic Theology HT 320 Anglican and Episcopal History	
	6 credits	3 credits	3 credits	
Year Two	ML 301 Anglican Liturgy and Music: Development and Theology BIB 310 Introduction to the Old Testament: Sacred Texts and Imperial Contexts of the Hebrew Bible		BIB 311 Interpreting the Old Testament: Methods and Applications	CPE (through an ACPE-accredited program)
	6 credits		3 credits	3 credits
Year Three	BIB 330 Gospels and Acts: An Introduction General Elective 1		PSF 302 Anglican Spirituality and Ethos BIB 331 New Testament Epistles and Revelation: An Introduction ML 321 Field Ed 1 (0 credits)	Interreligious Elective
	6 credits		6 credits	3 credits
Year Four	HT 341 Anglican Theology and Ethics ML 322 Field Ed 2	Congregational Leadership and Development Elective 1	General Elective 2 ML 323 Field Ed 3	
	6 credits	3 credits	6 credits	
Year Five	ML 336 Pastoral Theology ML324 Field Education 4 (1 credit)	Congregational Leadership and Development Elective 2	ML 302 Anglican Liturgy and Music: Theology and Practice ML325 Field Ed 5 (1 credit)	Context and Culture Elective
	4 credits	3 credits	4 credits	3 credits
Year Six	General Elective 3 ML 335 Constitution & Canons (1 credit)	Congregational Leadership and Development Elective 3	General Elective 4 General Elective 5	
	4 credits	3 credits	6 credits	