



## **Hartford International University (HIU)**

### **Cooperative Master of Divinity Program**

### **with Meadville Lombard Theological School**

### **Advising Guidelines since 2023**

**Important note:** This chart is intended to help students in the Cooperative MDiv pathway make informed choices about courses they may take at HIU that will satisfy core area degree requirements at MLTS. Students should be aware, however, that whether or not a HIU course will meet a specific requirement is a determination that is finally in the hands of MLTS, and that decision is made after the student has applied and been admitted to MLTS. This chart is a reliable guide of equivalency *but does not offer any guarantees*. Course offerings and degree/ curricular requirements (or configurations) at all institutions change over time; therefore, this chart will be periodically updated by Hartford International University. Students should ask their advisors each academic year for the most recent version of this document.

**MLTS Master of Divinity – requires 90 credit hours**

- Signature courses (including 2-year internship): 27 credits
- CPE: 6 credits
- Other required courses: 33 credits
- Electives: 24 credits (students seeking UU ordination must take UU History and Polity and Tools for Parish & Nonprofit Administration as part of their elective credits)

HIU students may transfer in up to 27 total credits to the MLTS MDiv, which may be a combination of required courses (see equivalencies below) and electives. Students are recommended to transfer in primarily required courses. Students who plan to complete the MLTS MDiv in two years after transfer from Hartford **must** complete all internship prerequisites prior to matriculation and be prepared to begin their two-year internship their first fall term. Internship prerequisites are marked below.

Requirements for the MLTS Master of Divinity degree may be found in the current Bulletin available online at <https://www.meadville.edu/our-programs/master-of-divinity/>.

<b>Meadville Lombard Theological School</b> <i>Required MLTS MDiv courses eligible for transfer equivalency (all courses are 3 credits)</i>	<b>Hartford International University</b> <i>Hartford Courses that can transfer to MLTS to meet MDiv requirements</i>
Introduction to Pastoral Ministry ( <b>internship prerequisite</b> )	AM 638 Pastoral Counseling and Ministry
Constructive Theology	TH-505 Intro to Christian Theology OR TH-605 Contextual Theologies
Topics in Worship and Liturgy	Worship elective, determined case-by-case
Preaching as if you Mean It	AM-625 The Art of Preaching
Global Religions	DI-550 Intro to Interreligious Studies
Hebrew Scriptures	SC-522 Hebrew Bible Survey
New Testament	SC-531 New Testament Survey
Introduction to Ethics: Themes & Topics	ET-631 Environmental Ethics OR ET-546 Theological Ethics & Public Life
History of Global Christianity	HI-523 The History of Christianity OR HI-532 Contemporary World Christianity

**Required MLTS MDiv Courses that must be taken at MLTS**

*All courses are 3 credits unless otherwise noted.*

Faith Formation in a Changing World  
Healthy Boundaries for Leaders  
Grounding: Theology and Social Praxis (*should be taken while at Hartford if student expects to complete MLTS MDiv in two years after matriculating – **internship prerequisite***)  
Vocational Studies: Formation  
Vocational Studies: Communities  
Year 2 Internship (year-long, 6 credits total)  
Leadership Studies: Formation  
Leadership Studies: Administration  
Year 3 Internship (year-long, 6 credits total)

**Clinical Pastoral Education**

Should be taken prior to MLTS matriculation if student expects to complete MLTS MDiv in two years – 6 credits for one CPE unit – **internship prerequisite**

**MLTS Electives – 8 courses (24 credits)**

Students pursuing UU ordination must take the following as electives:  
1) UU History and Polity  
2) Tools for Parish and Nonprofit Administration

Hartford courses not listed above may be transferred in as electives, including MAIRS core courses (IP-611, RS-525, or TH-513)

**Reminder:** Students seeking to complete the MDiv in two years of full-time study at MLTS must complete all internship prerequisites prior to transfer from HIU to MLTS and arrange a MLTS-approved 2-year internship placement (1000 total hours) to begin their first Fall term.

Internship prerequisites:

- Grounding Studies (must be taken at MLTS)
- CPE (can be taken at any accredited CPE site)
- AM 638 - Pastoral Counseling and Ministry