

# MINISTRY LEADERSHIP, M.A.

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The Master of Arts in Ministry Leadership seeks to develop mission-minded, biblically and theologically informed, contextually sensitive, and spiritually maturing Christian leaders who faithfully and skillfully pursue God's renewing mission.

## Admissions

Admission to the Ministry Leadership graduate program is open both to those serving or preparing to work in both marketplace and ministry roles. Admission does not require a specific undergraduate major or a prescribed set of courses, but students are expected to have demonstrated leadership experience and possess proficiency in written and spoken English. Accelerated MA students can take classes Junior and Senior year that do not count towards their bachelor's degree but which will count towards the MA should they matriculate in the accelerated MA Program.

## Requirements

### Standard Program

Requirements for the Ministry Leadership program leading to a Master of Arts consist of the successful completion of 42 credit hours.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Mission Core:</b>		
EVAN 526	Gospel: Theological Perspectives on Evangelism and Renewal (Category II TSR)	4
EVAN 542	Church: Movements & Models	4
EVAN 545	Culture: Emerging & Global	4
<b>Bible and Theology Core:</b>		
BITH 533	Exploring the Old Testament	4
BITH 555	Exploring the New Testament	4
BITH 565	Christian Theology	4
BITH 566	Foundations for Biblical Interpretation	4
<b>Leadership Core:</b>		
MIN 547	Preaching	2
MIN 559	Organizational Change and Leadership in Ministry	4
MIN 561	Congregational Leadership: Worship, Discipleship, and Care	4
MML 512	Leadership and Spiritual Formation	4
<b>Comprehensive Exam:</b>		
MIN 692	Comprehensive Exam	0
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>42</b>

As part of this 42-credit program, all graduate students are required to complete theological studies requirement of 6 semester hours. For M.A. in Ministry Leadership students, this consists of EVAN 526 and BITH 565.

### Converge Partner Program

Students who are accepted into the Converge ministry residency program may choose to enter the Converge Leadership Partner Program at Wheaton Graduate School. Through an arrangement between Wheaton College and Converge, upon:

1. Successful completion of the Converge residency program, as documented by a report from the Converge Director of Residency, and
2. Successful completion of the remaining degree requirements for the M.A. in Ministry Leadership,

Qualified students are granted a total of 10 credits (for their Converge courses) toward the completion of the M.A. in Ministry Leadership degree. The 10 credit hours awarded for their Converge will be MIN 547 Preaching, MIN 559 Organizational Change and Leadership in Ministry, and MIN 561 Congregational Leadership: Worship, Discipleship, and Care.

In order to receive the Masters in Ministry Leadership, students take 32 semester hours of additional courses, including:

Code	Title	Credits
EVAN 526	Gospel: Theological Perspectives on Evangelism and Renewal	4
EVAN 542	Church: Movements & Models	4
EVAN 545	Culture: Emerging & Global	4
MML 512	Leadership and Spiritual Formation	4
BITH 533	Exploring the Old Testament	4
BITH 555	Exploring the New Testament	4
BITH 565	Christian Theology	4
BITH 566	Foundations for Biblical Interpretation	4
MIN 692	Comprehensive Exam	0
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>32</b>

Students meet the graduate six-hour Biblical and Theological Studies requirement by taking EVAN 526 and BITH 565.

### African American Church Evangelism Institute Partner Program

Students who have completed or are enrolled in the African American Church Evangelism Institute (AACEI) cohort program may choose to enter the AACEI Partner Program at Wheaton Graduate School.

Through an arrangement between Wheaton College and the AACEI, qualified AACEI cohort participants (senior pastors and outreach leaders) who:

1. Successfully complete the AACEI cohort program and the additional AACEI partnership course work (including the zero-credit, one week EVAN 501 Advanced CEI Seminar), as documented by a report from the AACEI Executive Director, and
2. Successfully complete the remaining degree requirements for the M.A. in Ministry Leadership,

will be granted a total of 10 credits of advanced standing (for their AACEI work) toward the completion of the M.A. in Ministry Leadership degree. The 10 credit hours awarded for their AACEI work will fulfill EVAN 542 Church: Movements & Models (4), MIN 559 Organizational Change and Leadership in Ministry (4), and MIN 547 Preaching (2). This credit will be awarded upon the successful completion of MIN 692 Comprehensive Exam (0).

In order to receive the Master's in Ministry Leadership, students take 32 credits of additional courses, including:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Mission Core:</b>		
EVAN 545	Culture: Emerging & Global	4

EVAN 526	Gospel: Theological Perspectives on Evangelism and Renewal	4
<b>Bible and Theology Core:</b>		
BITH 533	Exploring the Old Testament	4
BITH 555	Exploring the New Testament	4
BITH 565	Christian Theology	4
BITH 566	Foundations for Biblical Interpretation	4
<b>Leadership Core:</b>		
MIN 561	Congregational Leadership: Worship, Discipleship, and Care	4
MML 512	Leadership and Spiritual Formation	4
<b>Comprehensive Exam:</b>		
MIN 692	Comprehensive Exam	0
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>32</b>

<b>Comprehensive Exam:</b>		
MIN 692	Comprehensive Exam	0
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>32</b>

\*Students meet the graduate six-hour Biblical and Theological Studies requirement by taking EVAN 526 and BITH 565 Christian Theology .

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## Church Evangelism Institute Partner Program

Students who have completed the Church Evangelism Institute (CEI) cohort program may choose to enter the CEI Partner Program at Wheaton Graduate School.

Through an arrangement between Wheaton College and the CEI, qualified CEI cohort participants (senior pastors and outreach leaders) who:

1. Successfully complete the CEI cohort program and the additional CEI partnership course work (including the zero-credit, one week EVAN 501 Advanced CEI Seminar), as documented by a report from the CEI Executive Director, and
2. Successfully complete the remaining degree requirements for the M.A. in Ministry Leadership,

will be granted a total of 10 credits of advanced standing (for their CEI work) toward the completion of the M.A. in Ministry Leadership degree. The 10 credit hours awarded for their CEI work will fulfill EVAN 542 Church: Movements & Models (4), MIN 559 Organizational Change and Leadership in Ministry (4), and MIN 547 Preaching (2). This credit will be awarded upon the successful completion of MIN 692 Comprehensive Exam (0).

In order to receive the Master's in Ministry Leadership, students take 32 credits of additional courses, including:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Mission Core:</b>		
EVAN 545	Culture: Emerging & Global	4
EVAN 526	Gospel: Theological Perspectives on Evangelism and Renewal	4
<b>Bible and Theology Core:</b>		
BITH 533	Exploring the Old Testament	4
BITH 555	Exploring the New Testament	4
BITH 565	Christian Theology	4
BITH 566	Foundations for Biblical Interpretation	4
<b>Leadership Core:</b>		
MIN 561	Congregational Leadership: Worship, Discipleship, and Care	4
MML 512	Leadership and Spiritual Formation	4