

Virginia Union University
Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology
Doctor of Ministry Program

Program Sequence

The Doctor of Ministry program is a 62-credit hour, three-year professional practice doctorate. The program incorporates four face-to-face on-campus residency requirements; four on-line courses; and a variety of learning settings which may include regional and international travel depending on chosen cohort specializations. Students are given 12 months advance notice of all required travel. The following table outlines the three-year thematic sequence:

Year 1 – Resources for Doctoral Education	
Semester 1¹ (July) – 12 credits	Semester 2 (December) – 12 credits
DM601 – Resources for Doctoral Education (<i>online course with 3-day residency requirement in September</i>) CON605 – Doctoral Consultation I ¹	DM602 – Colloquium I (<i>2-week residency requirement in January</i>) DM711 – Theoretical Foundations for Ministry (<i>8-week online course</i>) CON606 – Doctoral Consultation II
Year 2 – The Art and Practice of Research and Ethical Leadership	
Semester 3 (July) – 12 credits	Semester 4 (December) – 12 credits
DM603 – Colloquium II (<i>1 week on-campus residency requirement in July</i>) DM712 – Resources for Doctoral Research Methods (<i>8-week online course</i>) CON607 – Doctoral Consultation III	DM604 – Colloquium III (<i>1-week on-campus residency requirement in January</i>) DM713 – Transforming Community, Reforming Institutions (<i>8-week online course</i>) CON608 – Doctoral Consultation IV
Year 3 – Translating Research to Resource	
Semester 5 (July) – 7 credits	Semester 6 (December) – 7 credits
DM605 – Colloquium IV (<i>1-week on-campus residency requirement in July</i>) CON609 – Doctoral Consultation V	DM608 – Project/Document (Doctoral Defense on-campus) CON610 – Doctoral Consultation VI

¹ Consultation Courses (CON) are administered online during which students develop and submit for review all non-coursework requirements of the program (e.g., Contextual Associate Forms, IRB Application, Candidacy, etc.) These courses also include group and individual advisement.

¹ Semester 1 begins July 1st and ends mid-November; Semester 2 begins December 1st and ends late-April