



## Dickerson- Green Theological Seminary

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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

<b>Tuition</b>	\$8,100/academic year <i>**No scholarships or discounts will be given by the seminary.</i>
<b>Program Hours</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 75 hours</li><li>• Transfer students - 30 hours will transfer into the program</li></ul>
<b>Book Costs</b>	Depends on the courses being taken
<b>Program Delivery</b>	The mode of instruction will be a blend of face-to-face and online instruction.
<b>Application Fee</b>	\$45
<b>Where to Send all Information</b>	Dickerson-Green Theological Seminary Allen University 1530 Harden Street Columbia, SC 29204  -or-  <a href="mailto:dgtseminary@allenuniversity.edu">dgtseminary@allenuniversity.edu</a>

## **Frequently Asked Questions and Answers Continued**

### **Dickerson-Green Theological Seminary**

#### **Does seminary fully guarantee my ordination?**

While seminary can offer a time of further growth in spiritual development and vocation, a seminary education does not necessarily guarantee ordination.

#### **What other positions can I pursue with my degree?**

The Master of Divinity degree is an academic requirement for individuals interested in the pastoral profession of ordained clergy, other positions in chaplaincy, counseling, or religious education can also be obtained.

#### **How long will it take to finish my degree?**

The Master of Divinity program can be completed in either a 3-year or 5-year course of study.

#### **Can I take courses if I have not completed a bachelor's degree?**

No student may begin classes until the final transcript has been received after admission to the seminary.

#### **Is Dickerson-Green exclusively an African Methodist Episcopal seminary?**

No. Although Dickerson-Green is one of three African Methodist Episcopal seminaries, we are ecumenical in scope.

#### **Can I visit a class before making application?**

Yes, we welcome one (1) visitation to a class prior to applying for admittance.

#### **Is the seminary available online?**

Presently, the seminary is not fully online. However, many courses are hybrid (a blend of face-to-face and online classroom experience) allowing you to still complete your degree in a timely manner.

#### **Do I need to have a bachelor's degree in Bible or theology to attend seminary?**

No, you can apply to Dickerson-Green with a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

#### **Can I find the syllabus for my courses online?**

A copy of the course syllabus for each course can be found online in your course information on your Moodlerooms dashboard.

#### **Do I have to take my courses in any particular sequence?**

Yes, as a Master of Divinity student, it is advised that you enroll in courses commensurate with your program of study. For example, you would want to take Introduction to Hebrew

Bible first before enrolling in specific Biblical studies course such as, The Historical Books. This will insure that you have a command of Biblical interpretation and understanding before advancing to another course.

**How many courses should I enroll in per semester?**

It is advised that you should enroll in no more than the 12 credit hours per semester unless you have the time to devote to study. Seminary education is very comprehensive, and it requires quite a bit of reading and reflection. If you are working or commuting, you should take into consideration the time it takes for travel and or work.

**By enrolling in an AME affiliated seminary, will my ordination be impacted if I am a member of another denomination?**

No, it does not matter if you are a member of another church denomination. If you are seeking ordination, you can check with your governing church body to find out what their ordination requirements are. In many cases, you may be able to take courses related to polity and history on-line or at another neighboring institution.

**Will I be able to take courses as directed or independent study?**

Yes, you may take independent study courses if a professor is willing to devote time to this. You will have to check with the professor and administration to see if there is an additional cost with taking the course. Also, you should know that the course will be reflected on our transcripts as, Independent Study.

**I have attended seminary for one year and I want to transfer to Dickerson-Green Theological Seminary; will all of my credit hours transfer over?**

That depends on whether or not the courses that you have taken are equivalent to or commensurate with the course offerings at Dickerson-Green. Many times, courses will transfer with the exception of denominational courses. For example, a course in Baptist Polity and History probably will not transfer to Dickerson-Green because it is AME.

**What should I do if I want to enroll in a course that is full?**

You may discuss the matter with the professor to see if she or he would add you to the course. On some occasions, professors will add a student to the course especially if the student is scheduled to graduate that semester. If you cannot enroll in the course, you can wait until the course is offered again.

**Can I request an incomplete from a course and when should I put in the request?**

Students generally ask for incompletes from the professors when unexpected circumstances arise. You should contact the professor to explain the situation and make arrangements to complete the work. Usually, the school has a date as to when the student should have the work completed. You will have to fill out a form to process the request.

**What GPA do I have to maintain as a seminary student?**

As a theological student, you should always strive for academic excellence. However, all students should maintain at least a 2.350 GPA to remain in good standing with the seminary.

**Do students have to enroll in any specific language courses such as Greek or Hebrew?**

No, Dickerson-Green Theological Seminary does not require students to take Biblical language courses. However, you may want to take a language as an elective to enhance your overall understanding of the Bible for Biblical interpretation and preaching.

**Are there any other careers that I may enter into other than ministry?**

Yes, there are many areas of work that one may pursue outside of ordained ministry. Careers in counseling, teaching, public service, social justice and administration are available to persons who have obtained the Master of Divinity degree.