



Diploma in Christian Ministry

The Diploma in Christian Ministry is designed primarily for students who may have entered vocational ministry in later years, laypersons seeking formal training to equip them for local church ministry, and others desiring Bible, theology, and ministry training. (36 credit hours total)

The Diploma in Christian Ministry consists of six designated courses (18 credit hours), forming a core for diploma studies, and six upper-level courses (18 credit hours) from a combination of Bible, Ministry, and Theology subject-area courses. This upper-level coursework must include at least three courses (9 hours) from two distinct areas (Bible, Ministry, and/or Theology)

About the Program Director ~

Justin McGeary is the Director and Professor of Christian Studies. He earned his Master of Divinity from Westminster Seminary, California and his Master of Theology in American Religious History at Union School of Theology in Wales, UK. He worked for five years as Director of Programs in Campus Ministry at Chesterton House, a Christian study center at Cornell University. He has also served for two years as an assistant pastor in the Presbyterian Church of America in Ithaca, New York. Originally, Justin is from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and is the oldest of five children. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his wife and son, often talking theology, reading, playing various sports, gathering with friends, and participating in the life of his local church.





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Diploma in Christian Ministry Program Requirements (36 credits)

Diploma Core Courses (18 credit hours) ~

BIBLE 101	Origin of the Bible
BIBLE 111	Old Testament Survey
BIBLE 112	New Testament Survey
BIBLE 201	Biblical Interpretation
THE 231	Systematic Theology I: Theological Method, God, and Creation
THE 232	Systematic Theology II: Christ, Church, & Eschatology

Upper-Level Course Options (18 credit hours) ~

MINISTRY [MIN]	Theology of Practical Ministry (301), Missions & Evangelism (303), and Biblical Counseling (304)
BIBLE [BIB]	Biblical Backgrounds & Archeology (331), Pentateuch (411), Prophets (412), and Poetry & Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament (413), Historical Books (414), The Synoptic Gospels & Acts (421), The Pauline Epistles (422), The General Letters (423), and The Johannine Writings (424)
THEOLOGY [THE]	Historical Theology (335)