

# Atlantic School of Theology Summer Distance Master of Divinity Program for United Church of Canada Students



*The Summer Distance MDiv program for United Church of Canada students requires 30 credits (90.0 credit hours), taken over 5 years, including 15 credits over five Summer terms on campus in Halifax. Each Summer term runs from mid-June to the end of July, for a total of 6 full weeks. Normally 3 credits are taken each summer. The remaining credits are taken online through AST. Concurrently, students serve in a ministry placement with an educational supervisor.*

## Foundations Courses (7 credits)

RM 1000	Research Methods and Practices
BF 1001	Biblical Foundations HB/OT
BF 1002	Biblical Foundations NT
PF 1001	Pastoral Foundations
PF 1002	Preaching Foundations
TF 1000	Theological Foundations
WF 1000	Worship Foundations

## Supervised Ministry Placement (Supervised Field Education) (4 credits)\*

SMP 1000	<b>Note:</b> SMP 1000 and SMP 2000 are equivalent to the Field Education component of the campus-based MDiv program.
SMP 2000	
SMP 3000	SMP 3000 and SMP 4000 cover the United Church's SME requirements.
SMP 4000	Contact the SD MDiv Coordinator for more info.

## United Church Formation Program (1 credit) – distributed throughout the program

DF 3000

## United Church denominational courses (4 credits)

CH 2105	United Church History
ST 3102	United Church Doctrine
PT 2502	United Church Worship
PT 2501	United Church Polity&Ethics

Graduate Project and Seminar (taken in the final year of studies) (2 credits)

GS 3000A

GS 3000B

Electives (12 credits)†

1 – Pastoral Theology course (PT)

1 – Preaching Elective/Advanced Preaching course (PT)

2 - Hebrew Bible/Old Testament courses (HB/OT)

2 – New Testament courses (NT)

1 – Ethics course (ET)

3 – Systematic Theology, Church History, or Ethics courses (ST/CH/ET)

2 – Unrestricted electives (any area)

*\* SMP for UC Canada students: The 4 SMP courses integrate and include the full requirements of an internship (SME) for United Church of Canada candidates for ordination. Ordination in the United Church of Canada may directly follow the completion of this degree.*

*These courses require a paid or unpaid ministry placement, under supervision, with a minimum of 20 hours/week of service from September to April for four years. They can be undertaken in one site for all years (preferred), or in different sites if necessary. You cannot do your placement in your home congregation/pastoral charge. We actively discourage full-time appointments, as time must be reserved for studies. Appointments may extend to a year-round schedule (saving time for Summer term in Halifax as well as vacation leave) if desired.*

*United Church of Canada students should normally have the approval of denominational authorities before beginning the Summer Distance MDiv. They must be satisfied that you possess readiness and gifts for congregational leadership. You will need to work with your denominational authorities to arrange ministry placements. Close attention to denominational polity relevant to supervised ministry placements and ensuring that a supervisor is in place will help avoid delay in beginning the program.*

**Funding: United Church of Canada students who are certified as candidates for ordination or commissioning will receive a tuition bursary from Pine Hill Divinity Hall. Please contact Pine Hill directly for more information:**

Website: <http://www.astheology.ns.ca/home/about/pine-hill/pine-hill-funding.html>

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For a more details, please see the *Summer Distance MDiv Program Information and Handbook*:  
[www.astheology.ns.ca/future/graduate/master-divinity-distance.html](http://www.astheology.ns.ca/future/graduate/master-divinity-distance.html)

Website: [www.astheology.ns.ca](http://www.astheology.ns.ca)

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