

Hartford Seminary

Cooperative Master of Divinity Program

with Yale Divinity School

Advising Guidelines since 2021

Important note: This chart is intended to help students in the Cooperative M.Div. program make informed choices about courses they may take at Hartford Seminary that will satisfy core area degree requirements at Yale Divinity School. Students should be aware, however, that whether or not a Hartford Seminary course will meet a specific area requirement is a determination that is finally in the hands of YDS, and that decision is made after the student has applied and been admitted to YDS. This chart is a reliable guide of equivalency, *but does not offer any guarantees*. Course offerings and degree/ curricular requirements (or configurations) at all institutions change over time; therefore, this chart will be periodically updated by Hartford Seminary. Students should ask their advisors each academic year for the most recent version of this document.

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YDS Master of Divinity – 72 term hours

Requirements for the YDS Master of Divinity degree may be found in their current Bulletin available online at <http://catalog.yale.edu/div/>.

Yale Divinity School	Hartford Seminary
Area I. Biblical Studies –12 hours Hebrew Bible, New Testament and cognate studies Requires 3 credit hours in Hebrew Bible Interpretation (normally REL 504 or 504) and 3 credit hours in New Testament Interpretation (normally REL 505 or 506)	(SC- Scripture) – may take up to <i>6 credits</i> at HS; should include either Hebrew Bible Survey or New Testament Survey (SC-522) Hebrew Bible Survey, (SC-523) Torah OR (SC-639) The World of the Prophets (SC-531) New Testament Survey, (SC-540), The Synoptic Gospels OR (SC-617) The Pauline Letters The aim is to do one Testament at HS, the other at YDS.
Area II. Theological Studies – 12 hrs The development, thought, and institutional life of the Christian community; including theology, ethics, liturgical history, and denominational courses. Requires 3 credit hours in Theology (normally Introduction to Theology, REL 600, or Systematic Theology, REL 626) and 3 credit hours in Ethics (normally Introduction to Christian Ethics, REL 615, or Christian Ethics Seminar, REL 631)	Courses in Core Areas (TH-Theology) and (ET-Ethics) – may take up to <i>3 credits in theology</i> and <i>3 credits in ethics</i> at HS (for a total of 6 hours). These will fulfill the YDS “theology” and/or “ethics” requirement only if substantially similar to foundational YDS courses in theology and ethics. (CH-540) Religious and Cultural Ethics for Chaplaincy, (CH-623) Biomedical Ethics, (TH-505) Christian Theology: The Basic Components of Christian Faith and Life, (TH-526) Introduction to Black Theology, (TH-605) Contextual Theologies, (TH-611) Theological Approaches to Religious Pluralism
Area III. Historical Studies – 9 hours Studies in the historical substance of Christian faith and tradition. Must include TWO of the following courses (6 hours): History of Early Christianity (Rel 712), History of	Select courses in Core Areas (HI-History) and (TH-Theology) may be taken to fulfill this area - may take <i>up to 3 credits</i> at HS. These will normally not correspond closely enough to the required sequence courses at YDS to count in fulfillment

Medieval Christianity (Rel 713), History of Early Modern Christianity (Rel 714), History of Modern Christianity (Rel 715)	of that specific requirement. (HI-523) The History of Christianity: Defining Moments of a Faith, (HI-532) Contemporary World Christianity
Area IV. Ministerial Studies – 12 hours Studies in the work of the church and the various forms of its ministry in the world. Must include REL 812, Principles and Practices of Preaching	Courses in Core Area (AM-Arts of Ministry) may be taken to fulfill this area – may take up to <i>6 credits</i> at HS. Preaching should be taken at YDS. (AM 638-Essential Skills in Pastoral Counseling and Ministry, (AM-659) Ministry to the Incarcerated: Responding to the Challenge, (AM-690) Stewardship (CH-621) Death and Dying, (CH-730) Resiliency for Spiritual Leaders, (IP-612) Religious Leadership for Peaceful Change
Area V. Comparative and Cultural Studies – 9 hours. Comparative religions, religion and the arts, philosophy and religion, the study of personality, and the study of society.	Select courses in Core Areas of (RS-Religion and Society) and (CM-Christian-Muslim Relations), or courses in Islamic Studies and (WR-World Religions). May take up to <i>6 credits</i> at HS. (DI-550) Introduction to Interreligious Studies, (IP-611) Peace, Justice, and Violence in Sacred Texts, (RS-525) American Religious Realities, (TH-513) The Faiths as Formal Realities,
Electives	Electives – up to 9 credits at HS One of the CORE MAIRS requirements (IP-611, RS-525, or TH-513) will be counted as an elective.
Additional degree requirements:	
Diversity Requirement: Every M.Div. student is required to take one course (3 credit hours) in fulfillment of this requirement. Courses designated as fulfilling the diversity requirement either focus on or integrate in a sustained way material on class, gender/sexuality, race/ethnicity, disability, and/or global/cultural diversity. Courses fulfilling these requirements foster necessary understanding and analytical skills to successfully minister in multicultural, multiethnic contexts, with an awareness of processes that marginalize people and produce unequal power relations. Courses may be in any of the five curricular areas.	(AM-674) LGBTQ History and Theory: What Congregations Can Learn from a Movement, (RS-631) Race, Religion & Politics, (SC-715) Women, Gender and Power
Non-Christian Religion Requirement: Every M.Div. student is required to take one course (3 credit hours) in a non-Christian religion or one course in the relationship between Christianity and other religions. Courses normally fall in Area V.	(HI-619) Muslim-Christian Conflict or Cooperation: The Politics of Interpreting Our Shared Past, (RS-634) Interfaith and Civic Engagement, (TH-611) Theological Approaches to Religious Pluralism, (TH-616) Jesus in Christianity and Islam

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Additional information:

- HS students are required to take DI-550 and two of the three core courses, IP-611, RS-525, or TH-513, one of which will count only as an elective, the others will count toward Area V.
- A-synchronous online and week-long intensive courses will not be accepted for transfer at YDS.
- A minimum grade of B- must be earned in the course to be accepted at YDS.
- While Hartford Seminary does not grant credit for CPE, YDS will consider up to 6 credits of transfer provided the appropriate CPE evaluations are submitted to YDS. CPE credits taken prior to matriculation at YDS MUST be counted within the total unit of 36 credits from Hartford Seminary.
- In order to transfer the maximum number of credits (36) to YDS, the student must be enrolled in the Ministerial Studies specialization of the HS Master of Arts in Interreligious Studies (MAIRS), and have a recommendation from the MAIRS Director or from the Academic Dean. Failure to receive such a recommendation will result in the transfer of at most 24 credits from HS to the M.Div at Yale.

Area codes at HS:

AM Arts of Ministry
CH Chaplaincy
ET Ethics
HI History
IP Peacebuilding
RS Religion and Society
SC Scripture
TH Theology