

Hartford International University (HIU)

Cooperative Master of Divinity Program

with Boston University School of Theology (STH)

Advising Guidelines effective Fall 2023

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

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STH Master of Divinity – requires 74 credit hours

Requirements for the STH Master of Divinity degree may be found in their current catalogue available online at <http://www.bu.edu/academics/sth/>.

Boston University School of Theology	Hartford Seminary
Interdisciplinary Core: Intro to Christian Traditions/Christianity Engaging Modernity – 6 credit sequence	May be satisfied with (TH-505) Christian Theology: The Basic Components of Christian Faith and Life AND (HI-523) The History of Christianity: Defining Moments of a Faith OR (HI-532) Encountering World Christianity
Practicing Faith – 3 credits	May be satisfied with any 3 credits of the following AM, CH, or IP course at HS (AM-625) The Art of Preaching; (AM 638)-Essential Skills in Pastoral Counseling and Ministry; (AM-659) Ministry to the Incarcerated: Responding to the Challenge; (CH-621) Death and Dying; (CH-730) Resiliency for Spiritual Leaders; (IP-612) Religious Leadership for Peaceful Change;
First Year Formation (TF710) – 1 credit	Must be taken at STH
Spiritual Companionship Group (TC704) – 1 credit	Must be taken at STH
Social Ethics – 3 credits	May be satisfied with any 3 credits ET of the following courses at HS (CH-540) Religious and Cultural Ethics for Chaplaincy; ET-631 Environmental Ethics

Biblical Studies –12 credits Intro to Hebrew Bible (3 credits) Intro to New Testament (3 credits) One additional elective in Hebrew Bible (3 credits) One additional elective in New Testament (3 credits)	May take up to any 6 <i>credits</i> of the following courses in New Testament and/or Hebrew Bible at HS. (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 Any bible credits taken at HS over and above 6 will be applied to STH free electives upon transfer.
History of Christianity II Core – 3 credits	Must be taken at STH
Theology II Core – 3 credits	Must be taken at STH
Contextual Education – 6 credits	Ordinarily to be taken at STH
Electives – 36 credits	9 credits must be taken at STH, with 3 credits from each of the three clusters: (1) Texts and Traditions, (2) Engaging Contemporary Contexts, and (3) Theories and Practices of Leadership. Any number of other courses at HS may transfer in as electives providing the total number of transferred courses (including all of the above) does not exceed 36 credits. (The following four courses are required for HS students and will be counted as electives at STH: (DI-550) Introduction to Interreligious Studies; (RS-525) American Religious Realities; (IP-611) Peace, Justice, and Violence in Sacred Texts; (TH-513) The Faiths as Formal Realities

Additional information:

- Students transferring to STH must take all remaining courses at STH (this includes STH TX courses, which are offered through Boston University's Religion department. Transferring students may not register for courses through the Boston Theological Interreligious Consortium (BTI)
- A minimum grade of B- must be earned in the Hartford course to be accepted at STH.
- The STH MDiv offers seven tracks ("Pastoral Ministry," "Global and Community Engagement," "Chaplaincy," "Theology and the Arts," "Religion and the Academy," "Interfaith Leadership," and "Organizational Management"). Students transferring into the STH MDiv from Hartford are welcome to declare one of those tracks or simply to move into an open format version of the MDiv instead.
- In order to transfer the maximum number of credits (36) to STH, the student must be approved by the Academic Dean or Cooperative MDiv Director of Hartford Seminary. Should one of our MA students, either not enrolled in the Ministerial Studies program or failing to gain the endorsement of the Hartford Seminary, wish to transfer to STH for the MDiv degree, STH will transfer at most 24 credits of their MA toward the MDiv.

Area codes at HS:

AM Arts of Ministry
CH Chaplaincy
HI History
IP Peacebuilding

RS Religion and Society
SC Scripture
TH Theology