



**Hartford International**  
UNIVERSITY FOR RELIGION & PEACE

# 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 M.Div. 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.

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 <https://www.bu.edu/academics/sth/programs/divinity/>.

<b>Boston University School of Theology</b>	<b>Hartford Seminary</b>
<b>Interdisciplinary Core—6-credit sequence:</b> Intro to Christian Traditions (3 credits) Christianity Engaging Modernity (3 credits)	May be satisfied with (TH-505) Christian Theology: The Basic Components of Christian Faith and Life AND EITHER (HI-523) The History of Christianity: Defining Moments of a Faith OR (HI-532) Encountering World Christianity
<b>Practicing Faith – 3 credits</b>	May be satisfied with any <i>3 credits</i> 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
<b>First Year Formation (TF710) – 1 credit</b>	Must be taken at STH
<b>Spiritual Companionship Group (TC704) – 1 credit</b>	Must be taken at STH
<b>Social Ethics – 3 credits</b>	May be satisfied with any <i>3 credits</i> ET of the following courses at HS (CH-540) Religious and Cultural Ethics for Chaplaincy; (ET-631) Environmental Ethics
<b>History of Christianity II Core – 3 credits</b>	Must be taken at STH
<b>Theology II Core – 3 credits</b>	Must be taken at STH
<b>Contextual Education – 6 credits</b>	Ordinarily to be taken at STH

<p><b>Biblical Studies</b> –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)</p>	<p>Must take 3 credits of Hebrew Bible at STH, and may transfer up to any <i>3 credits</i> of the following courses in Hebrew Bible at HS.  (SC-522) Hebrew Bible Survey;  (SC-523) Torah; or  (SC-639) The World of the Prophets</p> <p>Must take 3 credits of New Testament at STH, and may transfer up to any <i>3 credits</i> of the following courses in New Testament at HS.  (SC-531) New Testament Survey;  (SC-540) The Synoptic Gospels; or  (SC-617) The Pauline Letters</p> <p>Any bible credits taken at HS over and above the 6 may be applied to STH free electives upon transfer.</p>
<p><b>History of Christianity II Core</b> – 3 credits</p>	<p>Must be taken at STH</p>
<p><b>Theology II Core</b> – 3 credits</p>	<p>Must be taken at STH</p>
<p><b>Electives</b> – 36 credits</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>(The following four courses are required for HS students and will be counted as electives at STH:</p> <p>(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</p>

**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 HIU course to be accepted at STH.
- The STH MDiv offers multiple 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 HIU 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 HIU. Should one of our MA students, either not enrolled in the Ministerial Studies program or failing to gain the endorsement of HIU, wish to transfer to STH for the M.Div. degree, STH will transfer at most 24 credits of their MA toward the M.Div.

Area codes at HS:

AM Arts of Ministry  
CH Chaplaincy  
HI History  
IP Peacebuilding

RS Religion and Society  
SC Scripture  
TH Theology