



Hartford International University (HIU) Cooperative Master of Divinity Program with Yale Divinity School (YDS)

Advising Guidelines for students matriculating at YDS Fall 2025 and later

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 (HIU) that will satisfy core area degree requirements at Yale Divinity School (YDS). Students should be aware, however, that whether or not a Hartford International University (HIU) course will meet a specific area requirement is a determination that is finally in the hands of the YDS Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in consultation with the YDS Registrar, and that such decisions are 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 HIU. Students should ask their advisors each academic year for the most recent version of this document.

YDS Master of Divinity – requires 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 International University
<p>Biblical Studies –9 hours REL 5503 Hebrew Bible Interpretation, REL 5516 New Testament Interpretation, and one additional Bible course</p>	<p>(SC- Scripture) – may take up to <i>6 credits</i> at HIU; 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</p>
<p>Theological Studies – 9 hours The development, thought, and institutional life of the Christian community; including theology, ethics, liturgical history, and denominational courses.</p>	<p>Courses in TH-Theology ET-Ethics , and (CH-Chaplaincy) – may take up to <i>3 credits in theology</i> and <i>3 credits in ethics</i> at HIU (<i>for a total of 6 hours</i>).</p> <p>(CH-540) Religious and Cultural Ethics for Chaplaincy, (ET-631) Environmental Ethics, (TH-505) Investigating Christian Theology, (TH-526) Introduction to Black Theology, (TH-605) Contextual Theologies</p>
<p>Historical Studies – 6 hours Studies in the historical substance of Christian faith and tradition.</p>	<p>Select courses in HI-History may be taken to fulfill this area - may take <i>up to 3 credits</i> at HIU. (HI-523) The History of Christianity: Defining Moments of a Faith, (HI-532) Contemporary World Christianity</p>

<p>Leadership – 3 hours Studies in the work of the church and the various forms of its ministry in the world.</p>	<p>Courses in Leadership, or CH-Chaplaincy may be taken to fulfill this area – may take up to <i>3 credits</i> at HIU. Preaching should be taken at YDS. (CH-730) Resiliency for Spiritual Leaders, (IP-612) Religious Leadership for Peaceful Change</p>
<p>Preaching – 3 hours One preaching course is required. It must be either REL 8812 Principles and Practices of Preaching <i>or</i> REL 8849 Earth-Honoring Witness as Public Theology.</p>	
<p>Lived Religion Beyond Christianity – 3 hours 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</p>	<p>Select courses may fulfill this requirement – <i>up to 3 credits from HIU</i> (HI-619) Muslim-Christian Conflict or Cooperation (SC-634) Major Themes of the Bible and Qur’an, (TH-611) Theological Approaches to Religious Pluralism, (TH-616) Jesus in Christianity and Islam</p>
<p>Electives – 15 hours</p>	<p>Must take <i>9 credits</i> at HIU from MAIRS Core courses: (DI-550) Introduction to Interreligious Studies, AND (IP-611) Peace, Justice, and Violence in Sacred, OR Texts, (RS-525) American Religious Realities, OR (TH-513) The Faiths as Formal Realities, And an additional <i>6 credits from any other course</i></p>
<p>Additional requirements at YDS – 3 hours Each M.Div. student in the cooperative M.Div. program is required to take two cohort-based integrative seminars, each carrying 1.5 credit hours: REL 3713 M.Div. Integrative Seminar I (in the fall) <i>and</i> REL 3714 M.Div. Integrative Seminar II (in the spring)</p>	<p>Taken once matriculated at YDS</p>

Additional information:

- HIU 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.
- Asynchronous online and week-long intensive courses will not be accepted for transfer credits at YDS.
- A minimum grade of B- must be earned in an HIU course for it to be accepted at YDS.
- While HIU does not grant credit for CPE in the MAIRS, YDS will consider up to 6 transfer credits, provided the appropriate CPE evaluations are submitted to YDS. CPE credits taken prior to matriculation at YDS MUST be counted within the total number of 36 credits from HIU.
- In order to transfer the maximum number of credits (36) to YDS, the student must be enrolled in the Ministerial Studies specialization of the HIU 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 HIU to the M.Div. at YDS.