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**Dual Master
of Arts in Interreligious Studies and Chaplaincy
Advising and Degree Planning Matrix**

Student Name: _____ Advisor: _____

Advising Copy - Official degree audits are conducted by the Office of the Registrar

The Master of Arts in Interreligious Studies and Chaplaincy (MAIRC) is a 72-credit pathway program that allows students to double-major in HIU's MAC and MAIRS degrees providing a multireligious context in which students engage in the study of various topics and disciplines of religion while also gaining the intellectual, interpersonal, and professional skills required for offering spiritual care in complex, pluralistic environments.

The program is structured to enable students to acquire the broadly recognized professional chaplaincy qualifications and competencies while completing coursework typically expected by their endorsing bodies. The MAIRC program is distinct in that coursework in spiritual caregiving theory and practice is complemented by coursework that encourages students to delve into the foundations of their own religion while expanding their understanding of the religions of others.

It is imperative that students meet with their academic advisor to create an academic plan based on their academic and professional goals and review it every semester as student select courses and satisfy requirements.

Program Matrix

Interreligious Studies (MAIRS) Gateway Course - 3 credits	Semester Taken
DI-550: Introduction to Interreligious Studies	

Core Chaplaincy (MAC) Courses - 12 credits	Semester Taken
CH-530: Chaplaincy Models and Methods	
CH-520: Theology and Scriptures in Spiritual Care Practice	
CH-510: Psychology and Sociology for Chaplaincy	
CH-540: Religious and Cultural Ethics for Chaplaincy	
CH-600: Chaplaincy Program Retreat (Summer)	

Co-Taught Interreligious Studies Seminars - 6 credits (Choose two of three)	Semester Taken
RS-525: American Religious Realities: The Changing Religious and Cultural Landscape	
IP-611: Peace, Justice and Violence in Sacred Texts	
TH-513: The Faiths as Formal Realities	



Directed Elective Courses* - 39 credits (CH-618 is required of students specializing in Islamic Chaplaincy) The Eco-Chaplaincy specialization requires three courses in Eco-Spirituality	Semester Taken

**Generally, religion-specific endorsing bodies want chaplain candidates to be well-grounded in the scripture, history, theology, and practices (or arts of ministry) of that religion. The military (and other federal chaplaincies) expect 20 hours of study in each category. Students must work closely with their advisor to identify the particular requirements set by their endorsing body. Students specializing in Islamic Chaplaincy will integrate theories with practices of chaplaincy rooted in the Islamic tradition. It will be helpful for students to refer to the MAIRS Program Matrix, which enumerates these specialization requirements.*

Practical Training and Capstone Requirements

Students should work with the Director of Field Education, in consultation with their advisor and the Chaplaincy Program Directors, to identify and select field education and CPE placements. As with the capstone project or thesis, students should plan well in advance to complete these program requirements.

Field Education - 6 credits	Semester Taken
CH-550: Field Education I	
CH-650: Field Education II	
Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) - 3 credits	Semester Taken
CH-635: Clinical Pastoral Education	

Capstone/Thesis Requirement - 3 credits	Semester Taken
MA-794 or MA-797: MA Thesis or Project	

Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____