The Master of Ministry (M.Min.) degree provides a solid foundation for ministry service by focusing on the core competencies of pastoral ministry. While providing a foundation of biblical and theological study, the program emphasizes practical ministry training, with a particular emphasis on leadership in ministry. The degree program will be appropriate for a variety of persons, including those already in ministry who are ready for advanced study, and persons entering ministry who seek an effective preparation for hands-on ministry service. The program will also be of value for committed lay leaders in the church who seek to advance their capacity and preparation for service.
Biblical/Theological

Introduction to the Old Testament (3)
An introduction to the literature of the Old Testament in the English Bible, including the Pentateuch, the historical books, the Prophets and Writings in the Old Testament, with an examination of critical, historical, hermeneutical, and theological issues.

Introduction to the New Testament (3)
A study of the materials available for studying the life and teachings of Jesus, the transmission of the gospel traditions in the early church, the teachings of Jesus, the main events in Jesus’ life, and a study of the Acts to Revelation in the framework of the history of the early church.

Biblical Hermeneutics and Exegesis (3)
A study of the history of the formation of the biblical canon and development of the English Bible, the goal of biblical interpretation, the presuppositions involved in the interpretation, the means of arriving at the meaning of an ancient text along with its present-day implications, and the application of those principles to biblical exegesis for preaching and teaching. Students will learn to exegete texts using various tools, including electronic resources.

Christian Theology (3)
A study of the major doctrines in Christian theology, including: creation, the image of God, human nature and original sin, the doctrine of God, Christology, soteriology, pneumatology, ecclesiology, and eschatology.

505. Church History (3)
An introduction to the development of Christianity from the apostolic period to the present. Emphasis is placed on the central historical figures, movements, and theological issues, with attention given to their importance for Christian ministry today.

Introduction to Christian Philosophy (3)
A study, in historical perspective, of the basic issues in the philosophy of religion, with a particular emphasis on the application of that study to the development of Christian worldview and the role of Christian apologetics in ministry.

Practical Ministry

Leadership in Ministry I (3)
A study of the principles of organizational leadership with a particular focus on the local church context. Topics will include ecclesiology, church polity and structure; financial management & budgeting; fund-raising and capital campaigns; personal management (time, finances, emotional management); and spiritual disciplines for ministry.

Communication for Ministry (3)
A study of rhetorical theory and the process of communication in a contemporary setting, with particular focus on the local church context. Areas of communication to be addressed include preaching, teaching, interpersonal communication, communicating via electronic media, and marketing for ministry.

Christian Preaching (3)
A study of the preparation and delivery of effective biblical sermons. (For students for whom preaching is not part of their ministry service, an alternate graduate course may be substituted with the permission of the Dean.)
Leadership in Ministry II (3)
Application of principles of organizational leadership to specific issues within a ministry setting, including: building and leading teams; staff relations; mentoring/coaching; interpersonal relationships; dealing with volunteers; conflict resolution; member assimilation; and using technology in leadership.

Evangelism and Church Health (3)
An introduction to the disciplines of evangelism and church health, including their biblical basis and theological foundations along with a study of strategies, methodologies, and trends with a focus on their practical application.

Pastoral Ministry (3)
An introduction to the theological foundations and practical strategies relating to pastoral ministry, including: pastoral care, worship, discipleship, spiritual disciplines, and issues in contemporary ministry.

Leadership in Ministry III (3)
Application of principles of organizational leadership to specific issues within a ministry setting, including: crafting and casting vision; project management; leading change; negotiating decision-making; strategic planning; risk management; space utilization; and accountability in leadership.

Ministry in the 21st Century (3)
Emphasis will be given to the church’s interaction with cultural and social change in the 21st century. The student will draw on insights gained in prior leadership courses to establish a foundation for effective service in the local church. Contextualizing ministry and evangelism in a changing world will be central to the course. Course will include research, preparation and presentation of a practical ministry project relating to the student’s area of ministry service.

Always check the current course catalog found on the Anderson University website for the most up-to-date program information.
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HISTORY
Anderson University traces its origins back to 1911, when it was chartered as a four-year college for women. Public minded citizens of Anderson, South Carolina wanted a college to be established in the growing area since a previous institution, The Johnson Female University had closed during the Civil War. With a donation of land and money from area citizens, the South Carolina Baptist Convention agreed to partner with those who wanted an institution of higher learning in Anderson, and the school opened its doors in 1912.

What we know as Anderson University has throughout its history adapted to the educational needs of South Carolinians and those outside the State seeking a great education in a Christian environment. In 2005, the school officially became Anderson University as it added graduate programs and reorganized into colleges. The University is in the midst of the biggest period of growth in its history, having nearly doubled in enrollment over the past 7 years. Today, 2,908 students enjoy a high-quality education in some 53 fields of study.

AU’s scenic campus, located in the historic district of Anderson, South Carolina, benefits from its proximity to the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains and the vibrant city of Greenville, South Carolina. Anderson’s campus has recently grown from its original 68 acres to more than 270 acres, including four new major building projects that have been completed within the past four years.
ANDERSON UNIVERSITY NATIONAL RECOGNITION
Anderson University has received numerous accolades and national recognition as an intentionally Christian university offering exceptional academics.

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- Top Tier University#20 on 2014 ranking of Regional Colleges (South) - U.S. News & World Report
- One of “America’s 100 Best College Buys”
- One of “49 Up-and-Coming” universities to watch, for progress and innovation, for the past five years in a row - U.S. News & World Report
- 138 Best Southeastern Colleges - The Princeton Review
- The #2 Regional College in the South for “Excellence in Teaching” - U.S. News & World Report
- A Best Christian College - Institutional Research & Evaluation