MDIV DEGREE PLANNER
78 cr. (minimum) required

Anglican Studies Concentration

Students should consult regularly with their academic advisor and the Dean of EDS@Union regarding the sequence of courses to be taken.
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Description
The MDiv with a concentration in Anglican Studies is a 78 credit, three-year professional graduate degree. This degree prepares individuals for diverse leadership roles within the Episcopal Church, including ordination, chaplaincy, or other ecclesiastical ministries.

The MDiv curriculum engages students in sustained and probing study of Bible, History, Systematic Theology, Practical Theology, Field Education, and Anglican Studies. The curriculum has three distinctive features:

1. The substitution of some core curriculum required electives (Practical Theology and Theology) while emphasizing the ministerial leadership pathway of Union's MDiv program.

2. A concentration of at least 15 credits in Anglican Studies and an additional 9 credits in general electives (first-year seminar, last-semester seminar, and Spanish for Ministry).

3. Focus on social disparities: In keeping with Union's broader curricula, the MDiv with a concentration in Anglican Studies intentionally engages social disparities based on gender, race, class, sexuality, and other marginalizing forces. Integrated into many courses, the goal is to cultivate an ability to respond to these disparities with analytic rigor, historical consciousness, sensitivity to tradition, equanimity and compassion.

The MDiv with a concentration in Anglican Studies curriculum also provides opportunities for personal, professional, and spiritual development. These opportunities include Field Education and Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). CPE is of particular importance for students considering chaplaincy. MDiv students at Union are expected to integrate theological knowledge with analysis of contemporary issues, while developing practical skills for serving the needs of the communities, institutions, and society.

Languages: Spanish for Ministry is highly recommended. Students should consult with the Dean of EDS@Union. Rationale: Latinas/os constitute the fastest growing segment of the Episcopal Church and are rapidly becoming a key part of most congregational ministries. This course will offer students a working knowledge of liturgical Spanish for leading Episcopal worship services, as well as highlight some of the recurring challenges and opportunities that are unique to Latino ministry in the Episcopal Church. These include:

- Introducing Episcopal identity and polity of Episcopal Church (especially the role of women, LGBTQ persons, and the democratic role of the vestry/mission committee)
- Stewardship matters – pledge cards, planned giving, coupling stewardship and personal finance education
- Need for developing leadership models for one, bilingual congregation
- Developing ministries for first, second, and third generation Latinos