

## Meadville Lombard Educational Model (MLEM) for the Master of Divinity Degree Program

MLEM Annual Themes			
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4 Option
Community Studies	Congregational Studies	Ministerial Leadership Studies	M.A. in Leadership Studies
UUA Credentialing Requirements			Full-time Internship  Consistent with Association of Theological Schools standards
Career Assessment (Fall) Regional Sub-Committee on Candidacy (Spring)		Ministerial Fellowship Committee (Fall)	
Signature Courses			
Community Partnership (3)*	Congregational Studies (4)*	Ministerial Leadership Studies (4)*	
Focal Pedagogical Themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theology</li> <li>Ethics</li> <li>Religious Education</li> </ul>	Focal Pedagogical Themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worship</li> <li>Congregational Life</li> <li>Ministerial Authority (i.e., preaching, ritual, aesthetics, polity, ecclesiology, pastoral care, RE within congregational context)</li> <li>Conflict Theory</li> </ul>	Focal Pedagogical Themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administration and Management (i.e., Program Development, Governance, Stewardship, Interfaith Engagement)</li> </ul>	
Formational Competencies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anti-racism/Anti-oppression</li> <li>Multiculturalism</li> <li>Cultural Systems Theory</li> </ul>	Formational Competencies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UUMA Guidelines</li> <li>Professional ethics</li> <li>Conflict transformation skills</li> </ul>	Formational Competencies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cross-cultural leadership</li> <li>Budget analysis</li> <li>Fundraising</li> <li>Crisis management</li> <li>Church Growth</li> </ul>	
Traditional Courses			
Liberal Theology, Arts and Aesthetics, Western Religious History, Introduction to Pastoral Ministry, Religious Education, Scriptures, Ethics, Spirituality, World Religions	Polity, UU History, Religious Education, Conflict Theory	Advanced Theology, Advanced Ethics, Advanced RE, Advanced Pastoral Care, Interfaith Engagement, Arts, Religion, Ethics	
Rotations			
Clinical Pastoral Education (3)	Rotations determined in consultation with faculty.	Rotations determined in consultation with faculty.	
Teaching Pastor/Congregation			
Students are paired with a working minister and a congregation throughout the program. The “Teaching Pastors” help students shape their integrated learning experience as they put it into the context of their ministry over time.			

\* (#) = units of credit per course. Units of credit required to complete the Master of Divinity degree = 30.