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Education Requirements for Ordination

For Deacon

A total of 10 courses (approx. 30 credit hours) are required for those ordained as deacon. Those courses include:

- Introduction to Old Testament
- Introduction to New Testament
- Systematic Theology
- Wesleyan Theology & Doctrine
- Methodist History & Polity of the Global Methodist Church
- Basics of Preaching
- Pastoral Care
- Evangelism & Mission
- Wesleyan Understanding of the Sacraments & Worship
- Inductive Bible Study or Hermeneutics

To learn more about ordination requirements & the ministry of the called in the GMC, visit the Book of Doctrines & Discipline ¶501-521 beginning on page 62.

Access the Book of Doctrines & Discipline

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For Elder

Individuals who have previously been ordained as a deacon in the GMC may be eligible to be ordained as an elder following the completion of at least 10 additional courses, including 8 required courses as follows:

- History of Christianity through the Reformation
- History of Christianity, Reformation to the Present
- Apologetics
- Wesleyan Discipleship & Spiritual Formation
- Christian Leadership & Conflict Resolution
- An Additional Old Testament Class
- An Additional New Testament Class
- Ministry of the Holy Spirit

Elective course may be chosen from the following areas:

- Mission of the Church & Church Renewal
- Cross Cultural Ministry & Evangelism
- Advanced Preaching
- Hebrew or Greek Language Studies
- Pastoral Counseling
- Church Finance & Administration
- Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in a Hospital or Similar Setting
- Philosophy of Religion
- Field Study in Israel
- Theology Electives
- Theology of Worship
- Children or Youth Ministry
- Gospel Vision for Justice
- Media & Modern Applications
- Directed Internship or Independent Study

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