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MASTER OF MINISTRY

2023-24 Program Information
School of Graduate and Professional Studies



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HELLO, WE ARE MVNU.

AND WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU SUCCEED.

Since 1993, MVNU's School of Graduate and Professional Studies program has helped thousands of graduates jumpstart their future.

Our programs will bring your strongest skills and abilities to light. You will create lifelong connections, learn to thrive in and out of the classroom, and discover who you were truly meant to be.

- **Quality** — Our award-winning programs are expertly crafted and continually updated to keep our students ahead of the game.
- **Convenience** — Life doesn't come with a pause button, so our classes are offered online one at a time, one night a week to fit into your busy schedule.
- **Enriching Environment** — Learn from professors who care about your personal, professional, and educational growth.
- **Affordability** — Payment is made on a course-by-course basis and our advisors will work with you on a variety of financial aid options.

*You are brighter than you know
— don't put your future on hold.*



A high-angle photograph of a person with dark hair and glasses, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt, sitting at a dark wooden table. They are looking down at an open book. To their right is a white coffee cup with a lid and a small card on top, sitting on a white saucer. The background is a light-colored wall.

MASTER OF MINISTRY

At MVNU, we realize that taking the first step towards continuing your educational journey can often be the most difficult one, especially for adult learners who desire to advance themselves academically but face a number of additional responsibilities that must be considered when making such an important decision. This is especially true for bi-vocational pastors — regardless of denominational affiliation — who would like to obtain a graduate degree in a program that is not only affordable and convenient, but also flexible enough to allow them to meet the already pressing demands of their personal and professional lives.

With that in mind, MVNU offers a Master of Ministry program designed to meet the needs of those currently in ministry, pursuing ministry, or exploring bi-vocational ministry.

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“Our Master of Ministry program is for anyone who feels led to ministry of any type. Our students include business people with interest in nonprofit ministry, second career ministry students, current pastors and teachers, and those who simply desire to be better prepared for service in the local church. Our program is well-rounded in ministry preparation and training, including the business of ministry as well as the hands-on work of theology and practices.”

MICHAEL G. VANZANT Ph.D.

Coordinator of MMIN

PROGRAM DESIGN AND CURRICULUM

The Master of Ministry program is focused on equipping students with the education, skills, and training useful in Christian ministry. This program combines practical application with academic study. The entire program is experienced online and can be completed in just 18 months. The program is designed to assist the student to:

- Understand the biblical, theological, and historical foundations for the practice of ministry;
- Apply these classical disciplines to pastoral ministry tasks and other forms of service;
- Enhance skills for the practice of ministry in leadership, communication, pastoral care, counseling, and education;
- Strengthen the art of proclamation, including interpretation of scripture, application to human need, and communication for evangelism, Christian nurture, and moral challenge; and
- Identify the purpose and goals of ministry and develop the disciplines of planning, implementing, and assessing progress toward those goals.

The major in the Master of Ministry degree is Practical Theology. Credits earned in this program can be transferred to graduate programs at other universities, including the Master of Divinity program offered by Nazarene Theological Seminary (NTS).

*100%
online*

*16 month
completion*

*Competitive
tuition rate*

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Although our admissions process is relatively straightforward, our knowledgeable staff is available to help you at all times. Admissions requirements include:

- A completed online application;
- A baccalaureate degree from a regionally-accredited institution with a grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.80 (on a 4.00 scale);
- Submission of official transcripts of all previous college or university undergraduate and graduate coursework completed to date; and
- A completed Registration Agreement Form.

Applicants from countries and U.S. territories in which English is not the primary language must also provide recent evidence of proficiency in English by scoring 80 or above on the Internet-based TOEFL with subscores in writing, reading, speaking, and listening of at least 20; or scoring 550 or above on the written TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with subscores in both writing and reading of at least 50. All tests of English proficiency must have been taken in the last 2 years to be considered for acceptance.

TRANSFER CREDITS

Up to six (6) semester hours of graduate work may be transferred from regionally accredited colleges, universities, or seminaries. Credit is transferred on a course by course basis as applicable to the degree. Transfer credit is granted only if a grade of C or better was earned. Equivalence and transfer of credit is determined by the Coordinator of the Master of Ministry Program.



**TRANSFER
CREDIT
AVAILABLE**

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PROGRAM POLICIES

- Students must attend and fully participate in each course.
- Students must have access to a laptop that meets current program and software requirements (required for weekly classroom participation).
- Students are expected to have basic knowledge and understanding of Microsoft Office (or programs similar). (As an MVNU student, you will have access to Microsoft Office 365.)
- Students must also successfully complete the “Preventing Sexual Harassment” online training session (required of all MVNU faculty, staff, and students) and abide by the university’s policies in this area.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduate students must meet the degree requirements as stated in the Catalog under which they first enrolled. Students must earn their degree within a maximum of six (6) years from the first date of enrollment at the University. Students who withdraw from the University for more than six (6) months will meet the graduation requirements as stated in the catalog under which they resume enrollment. Students changing majors or programs must meet requirements as stated in the Catalog that is current at the time they make such changes. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required for graduation. A student who receives a grade of less than a C will be required to repeat that course until a grade of C or better is earned.

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CHRISTIAN
COLLEGES

AffordableCollegesOnline.org
2022

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The MMin program has been designed with both affordability and student convenience in mind. Payment is made on a course-by-course basis and our financial aid advisors will work with you on a variety of financial aid options. All MMin courses will be charged at a rate of \$498/credit hour.

Although financing your college education can seem overwhelming, you may be able to reduce your cost if you are proactive and fully explore your financial aid opportunities. You can pay for your degree in a variety of ways, so taking the time to apply for financial assistance from as many sources as possible is worth the effort.

In addition to completing your online application for admission, you should also complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.studentaid.gov. MVNU's school code is 007085. Filling out the FAFSA is an important step in the financial aid process and is required for any financial aid to be awarded. Finally, please remember that applications which contain any incorrect information will delay the approval process, so accuracy is extremely important!



**COURSE-
BY-COURSE
PAYMENTS**

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TUITION COSTS

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE NAME	CREDITS	TUITION
MINS6023	Ethical Issues in Ministry	3	\$1,494
MINS6033	The Church in the Twenty-First Century	3	\$1,494
BIBL6003	Biblical Hermeneutics	3	\$1,494
MINS6003	The Pastor as a Person	3	\$1,494
MINS6103	Contemporary Approaches to Preaching	3	\$1,494
THEO6013	Contemporary Theological Issues	3	\$1,494
THEO6023	The Doctrine of Holiness	3	\$1,494
MINS6043	Building Ministry Teams	3	\$1,494
MINS6013	Church Growth	3	\$1,494
MINS6053	Managing the Church	3	\$1,494
TOTAL		30	\$14,940
	Master of Ministry Student Scholarship (\$500 per Master of Ministry class) ¹		-\$5,000
TOTAL (WITH SCHOLARSHIP)		30	\$9,940

¹ \$500 per class scholarship is applied to the following Master of Ministry core courses: BIBL6003, MINS6013, MINS6053, MINS6033, MINS6043, MINS6023, MINS6003, MINS6103, THEO6013, and THEO6023.

Additional Important Information:

- Program schedule and costs are subject to change and are provided for students during the enrollment process.
- Textbook costs are not factored into the overall cost of the program.
- Any student desiring to pursue the Master of Divinity program will be required to apply separately to NTS before the commencement of the MDiv program, and must transfer credits to that program before the conclusion of their time at MVNU.

*A \$100 Graduation Fee is charged to all students, regardless of degree type, when the Registrar's Office receives their Intent to Graduate Form.

**TOP 10 MOST
AFFORDABLE
ONLINE COLLEGES
IN OHIO**

BestColleges.com
2018-2021

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Ethical Issues in Ministry - MINS6023

An examination of current theories and practices of leadership, along with an exploration of the thesis that effective and ethical leadership lies in a commitment to universal moral principles, including justice, integrity, and compassion. Challenges to this thesis are also examined. Specialized assignments will focus on moral leadership in the church in a pluralistic world.

The Church in the Twenty-First Century - MINS6033

A study of biblical, historical, and contemporary understandings of the Church to develop insights and competencies in the practice of ministry.

Biblical Hermeneutics - BIBL6003

An examination of the principles underlying the interpretation of the various types of literature found in the Bible. Special emphasis is given to the exegesis of scriptural passages for preaching and teaching.

The Pastor as a Person - MINS6003

An inquiry into self-understanding, personal spiritual growth, and goal development for the practice of ministry.

Contemporary Approaches to Preaching - MINS6103

A study of contemporary patterns of preaching in the Christian church. Topics include narrative preaching, biographical preaching, preaching with imagination, life-situation preaching, inductive preaching, seeker-sensitive preaching, and other models.

Contemporary Theological Issues - THEO6013

An analysis of contemporary theological issues with which the parish minister may be confronted and a consideration of ways to respond to the issues. Special emphasis is given to historical backgrounds and current trends in Christian thought.



**FLEXIBLE
SCHEDULING**

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The Doctrine of Holiness - THEO6023

A Wesleyan theological examination of the doctrine of holiness. Attention is given to the doctrine as it has been understood historically within the American holiness and Wesleyan traditions respectively. This course will address such topics as sin, justification, sanctification, and holiness, with application to preaching and teaching within the local church.

Building Ministry Teams - MINS6043

A systematic examination of psychological and sociological variables that are important in the comprehension of individual motivation, the managing of groups, interpersonal relationships, and organizational effectiveness, as well as creativity and leadership within the organization. Specialized assignments will explore the biblical foundations for understanding of ministry by all of God's people and for leadership in that ministry, with special emphasis given to the biblical basis for the use of teams in ministry and in giving leadership to that ministry, resulting in an understanding of the values of the teams in ministry and strategies for the development of such teams in the local setting.

Church Growth - MINS6013

An introduction to the theory and practical application of marketing principles. Special emphasis is given to developing a framework for analyzing strategic marketing situations by defining target markets and developing a marketing mix related to the market stakeholders of the organization. Specialized assignments will focus on the practice, policy, and methods of church growth in local and worldwide settings, with special emphasis given to sociological, anthropological, and ethnic factors.

Managing the Church - MINS6053

A study of how organizations formulate, implement, and evaluate strategies. Students study strategic management concepts and techniques used to chart the future direction of different organizations. The major responsibility of the student is to make objective strategic decisions based on an integrated perspective of the program curriculum and to justify their decisions through oral and written communication. Specialized assignments will focus on a theological study of the principles of church finance, with special emphasis given to developing a sound financial base for ministry and management.



**18-MONTH
COMPLETION**

WHAT OUR STUDENTS ARE SAYING:

“MVNU has provided a lot of resources for my professional life, my personal life, and has also provided the skills necessary for being an able-bodied preacher. Being a part of the Graduate program at MVNU has provided even further instruction and insight into ministry, as well as my own personal life.”

ANDREW M. LUCAS

Master of Ministry, 2019

“I have been able to become a better leader in my church with the knowledge I gained from my education at MVNU.”

BRENNAN BAKER

Master of Ministry, 2019

RANKINGS



COURSE START DATES AND DEADLINES



Classes starting soon!

*[Check online](#) for the next available start date.
Contact your Enrollment Specialist for more
information about getting started.*

STEPS FOR APPLYING TO MVNU ONLINE

1. **Complete your application.** (There is no application fee!)
2. **Request all official transcripts** to be sent to MVNU from each college or university you have attended to date. Please have your transcripts sent to:

Mount Vernon Nazarene University

Attn: SGPS Admissions
800 Martinsburg Road
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Official Electronic Transcripts should be sent to
SGPSApplication@mvnu.edu.

*Additional materials may be required based on individual situations.

3. **Fill out the FAFSA** at www.studentaid.gov if you plan to use Federal Student Aid.
MVNU Code: **007085**
4. Once all transcripts have been submitted, you will **receive an official evaluation and admission decision** (typically within one week).
5. **Review your evaluation** with your Enrollment Specialist to understand transfer credits and program requirements.
6. **Complete a Registration Agreement Form** to be scheduled for classes.
7. **Receive course schedule and official Financial Aid award.**
8. **Start your classes!**

QUESTIONS?

1-800-839-2355
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