

# BGTS AND OTHER REQUIRED SEMINARY COURSEWORK

Most courses are required prior to commissioning

\* indicates completion required is prior to interviews

Instructions in italics are additional requirements by the Conference BOM.

Basic educational requirements for provisional membership are found in the 2008 Book of Discipline, ¶324.4a. The deacon alternatives to the MDiv are found in ¶324.4c and ¶325.5. Local Pastor options are outlined in ¶324.6.

Old Testament

New Testament

Systematic Theology\*

*Each candidate shall, prior to being interviewed by the Board of Ordained Ministry for probationary membership, have completed a seminary-level course in systematic theology. The theology course specified by the Discipline (¶324.4a) shall satisfy this requirement only when it is a thorough survey course in systematic theology.*

Church History

Mission of the church in the world

Evangelism

Worship

*Each candidate shall, prior to admission to probationary membership, have successfully completed at least one basic seminary-level course in worship, this course to include an introduction to the history, theology, and practice of Christian worship, including Sunday gatherings, the sacraments, weddings, funerals, etc. This requirement may be satisfied through a non-credit course with instructor, content, and procedures approved by the Board of Ordained Ministry.*

UM doctrine\* at least 6 hours in 3 classes combined. Some seminaries offer 2 -3

UM polity credit classes and some offer 3 – 2 credit classes.

UM history

Preaching \*

*Each candidate who intends to pursue ordination as an elder shall, prior to being interviewed for probationary membership, have successfully completed at least one basic seminary course in the theory and practice of preaching, including sermon preparation and critique. Courses not requiring personal involvement in the act of preaching are unacceptable.*

Sometimes one course can meet the two requirements. This mostly happens with the mission and evangelism requirement. Please ask Kim Ingram before making any assumptions.

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