



The Maine School of Ministry
Christian Studies and Leadership (CSL) Curriculum and Certificate Program
Maine Conference, United Church of Christ

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The Maine School of Ministry (MESOM) “CSL” Curriculum and Certificate Program (<http://maineucc.org/csl-curriculum/>) aims to provide all who feel so moved, from our own and from our Partner’s congregations, the educational opportunity to explore their callings to spiritual formation (or re-formation) or to preparation for authorized ministry. Students will also include clergy, deacons, and other leaders who have served the church for some time and who wish to return to study. For those who would be certified by it, the School offers the following four-part curriculum:

- **CSL 1: Christian Studies program** (8 courses, Certificate in Christian Studies, 2 years @ 2 courses/semester): an exploratory course of studies whose course credits may be transferred directly to CSL 2; see at <http://maineucc.org/csl-curriculum/csl1/>.
- **CSL 2: Pastoral Leadership program** (12 courses, Certificate in Pastoral Leadership, 3 years @ 2 courses/semester): an educational foundation for UCC Licensed Ministry; prerequisite for CSL 3 and CSL 4; see at <http://maineucc.org/csl-curriculum/csl2/>.
- **CSL 3: Special Ministries program** (Certificate in Special Ministries, 2 years): an educational foundation for UCC Commissioned Ministry in special areas, e.g. religious education, music, nursing, outdoor ministry; prerequisite is CSL 2; see at <http://maineucc.org/csl-curriculum/csl3/>.
- **CSL 4: Word and Sacrament program** (Certificate in Word and Sacrament, 3 years): an educational foundation for Ordained Ministry in the UCC; prerequisite is CSL 2; see at <http://maineucc.org/csl-curriculum/csl4/>.

MESOM CSL 1 and 2 course requirements may be satisfied too by New York School of Ministry courses (<http://uccny.org/ministries/nysom/nysom-courses/>) cross-listed each semester. Compare the two School’s programs and courses at <http://uccny.org/ministries/nysom/certificate-programs/>.

	Biblical Studies (BibSt)	Church History (ChHi)	Theology/Ethics (ThEth)	Practical Theology (PrTh)
Foundational (8 courses)	BibSt-Fdn 1: Gospels, Acts BibSt-Fdn 2: Epistles, Revelation BibSt-Fdn 3: Torah, Histories BibSt-Fdn 4: Prophets, Psalms, Wisdom Lit, Other	ChHi-Fdn 1: Church thru Reformation ChHi-Fdn 2: Church post-Reformation	ThEth-Fdn 1: Christian Theology ThEth-Fdn 2: Christian Ethics	
Practice-based (12 courses)		ChHi-Pb 1: Practicing the Word—Branches of Christianity ChHi-Pb 2: Practicing Torah—Branches of Judaism ChHi-Pb 3— Practicing Koran: Branches of Islam ChHi-Pb 4: Practicing Spirit—Branches of Native American religion	ThEth-Pb 1: Theological Reflection ThEth-Pb 2: Ethical Reflection	PrTh-Pb 1: Church Practice--UCC History and Polity PrTh-Pb 2: Church Practice--Congregational Life, Administration PrTh-Pb 3: Church Practice--Worship PrTh-Pb 4: Church Practice--Preaching PrTh-Pb 5: Church Practice--Pastoral Care PrTh-Pb 6: Church Practice--Advanced Preaching

Division:	Biblical Studies	Church History	Theology/Ethics		Practical Theology	June Intensive
Course Type:	Foundational	Foundational	Foundational	Practice-based	Practice-based	Practice-based
Year 2016-17 Fall semester	BibSt-Fdn 1: Gospels, Acts				PrTh-Pb 1: Church Practice--UCC History and Polity	ChHi-Pb 1: Practicing the Word—Branches of Christianity
Winter/Spring semester	BibSt-Fdn 2: Epistles, Revelation				PrTh-Pb 2: Church Practice--Congregation Life, Admin	
Year 2017-18 Fall semester	BibSt-Fdn 3: Torah, Histories				PrTh-Pb 3: Church Practice--Worship	ChHi-Pb 2: Practicing Torah—Branches of Judaism
Winter/Spring semester	BibSt-Fdn 4: Prophets, Psalms, Wisdom Lit, Other				PrTh-Pb 4: Church Practice--Preaching	
Year 2018-19 Fall semester		ChHi-Fdn 1: Church thru Reformation			PrTh-Pb 5: Church Practice--Pastoral Care	ChHi-Pb 3: Practicing Koran—Branches of Islam
Winter/Spring semester		ChHi-Fdn 2: Church post-Reformation			PrTh-Pb 6: Church Practice--Advanced Preaching	
Year 2019-20 Fall semester			ThEth-Fdn 1: Christian Theology	ThEth-Pb 1: Theological Reflection		ChHi-Pb 4: Practicing Spirit—Branches of Native American religion
Winter/Spring semester			ThEth-Fdn 2: Christian Ethics	ThEth-Pb 2: Ethical Reflection		