

**Course Descriptions for the Doctor of Ministry Degree
from the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL
2022-2024**

Term	Dates	Topic/Course title & description
	April 8, 2022	Reading list & syllabus distribution for June/July courses
Summer 2022	June 20-24 Residential	DM840 Self-Leadership; Transformative Ministerial Integration (3 credits) This course is focused on helping the minister to acquire a deeper level of self-understanding. By focusing on how Christian leaders are first disciples of Christ, this course will help students learn additional skill for using their own spiritual and human realities to strengthen and energize their pastoral leadership. <i>Focuses on self-understanding of the minister.</i>
Summer 2022	June 27- July 1 Residential	DM841 Ethics of Leadership (3 credits) This course focuses on the ethical challenges faced by today's pastoral leaders in a variety of environments. Students will learn to apply ethical principles drawn from the Tradition to their own pastoral contexts.
	TBA-see syllabus	Self-leadership paper due
	TBA-see syllabus	Ethics paper due
Fall 2022	Sept-Dec Online	DM842 Christian Leadership in the Tradition (3 credits) This course will help students better understand how their ministry fits into the longer tradition of Christian leadership. Different models of Christian leadership will be discussed, so that students can harness the richness and diversity of the full Christian Tradition to improve their own ministry. This course will help students learn how to draw practical lessons and inspiration from the History of the Church.
	October	Reading list distribution for January Course
	December	Christian Leadership paper due
Spring 2023	Jan. 9-13 Residential	DM843 Christian Leadership and the Human Sciences (3 credits) Part of a dynamic ministry environment is a competent leader who builds teamwork, encourages others in leadership, can process challenging situations and offer support. This course will engage helpful skills from the social and human sciences that assist pastoral leaders in building effective and productive teams.
Spring 2023	TBA	Paper due for Human Sciences
Spring 2023	Jan-April Online	DM844 Thesis Research, Writing and Methodologies (3 credits) This course will explain the Thesis project process for the Doctor of Ministry Degree. Among the topics covered are identifying a thesis topic, effective research skills, constructing a doctoral thesis project and proposal writing.
	March 1st	Reading list distributed
	June	First Draft of Thesis Proposal Due
Summer 2023	June 19-23 Residential	DM845 Christian Leadership and Scripture (3 credits) A key evangelization tool is preaching in liturgical and non-liturgical settings. This course will look to the Prophets as well as the apostolic preaching of the New Testament as models for growth and preaching for the new apostolic age.

Summer 2023	June 26-30 Residential	DM846 Leadership from the Vision of Aparecida (3 credits) The Catholic Church today is a dynamic and growing religious community. Much of this growth is occurring in the global south. Its creative insights are not well known in the English-speaking world. The Aparecida document captures this vision for growth, focused on Mission and Evangelization. This course will address the vocation of the baptized to become missionary disciples of Jesus and how pastoral leaders can engage them in a process of formation for missionary discipleship.
	TBA-see syllabus	Scripture paper due
	TBA-see syllabus	Aparecida paper due
Fall 2023	Sept-Dec online	DM847 Ecclesial Leadership (3 credits) This course provides students with insights, current developments, and executive skills on becoming leaders in today's Church organizations and communities. Students will review the historical evolution of leadership models, recognize the value and challenges of applying secular models into the ministry setting, and develop pastoral leadership competencies by means of readings, experiential exercises, self-reflection, and feedback. This interdisciplinary designed course combines theory and application in order form "practitioner-scholars" who can provide enlightened leadership in parish ministry, service organizations, or educational institutions.
	Oct 1	Reading list distributed for Spring course
	Dec.	Ecclesial Leadership paper due
Spring 2024	Jan 8-12 Residential	DM848 Leadership in an American Religious Context (3 credits) Effective leadership in the contemporary American religious and social context requires an ongoing effort to understand that context and deliberation about how to minister most effectively in it. Doing so successfully entails consideration of its history, the broader economic, cultural, and religious trends (key inter-faith relationships), the ethos, and the developing pastoral challenges and dynamics. This course will provide the opportunity to both become more familiar with some of the most important aspects of our social and religious context and to discuss strategies to minister most effectively in it.
	Jan 8-12 TBD	Interview with Director or Associate Director about Thesis project during final on-site visit.
	TBA-see syllabus	Paper for American Religious culture due
Spring 2024	April 15, 2024	Thesis proposal DUE
Spring 2026	April 1 deadline	DM849 Doctoral Thesis Project (3 credits)