

The Master of Theological Studies in Latino/a Ministries

The Master of Theological Studies in Latino/a Ministries* at Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University is an accredited graduate level program consisting of 12 courses and 36 credit hours (12 courses, 3 credit hours each). The Master of Theological Studies is a program that prepares people in pastoral ministry and/or church leadership through a series of courses in the areas of biblical studies, theology, and practice of ministry in a manner that is contextualized to the needs of Latino/a communities.

The Master of Theological Studies consists of 12 courses which are completed over the course of 2 years (6 courses per year). Each course is completed online throughout 7 weeks. Since this is an online program, the Master of Theological Studies can be studied wherever you are. Courses are completed online and students only need to participate in a 1-week orientation residency, which is completed at the beginning of each academic year at an accessible location for students in the region.

The program will be delivered in cohorts of 20 students each. There will be 3 cohorts for the next academic year (2016–2017):

- 1) a cohort of students from Mexico City and surrounding areas;
- 2) another cohort in the northwest of Mexico with students from Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico and surrounding areas;
- 3) and another with students currently residing in the U.S.

The Master of Theological Studies consists of the following 12 courses (3 credit hours each):

- Spiritual Formation
- New Testament
- Old Testament
- Biblical Interpretation for Ministry
- Introduction to Theology
- Church History

- Pastoral Care & Counseling
- Homiletics
- Systematic Theology
- Bible Elective
- Ethics Elective
- Integrative Seminar

The Master of Theological Studies in Latino/a Ministries is a collaborative initiative between Palmer Seminary of Eastern University, American Baptist International Ministries and American Baptist Home Mission Societies.

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*The use of the term Latinos/as is an intentional choice to express our institutional commitment to the equal inclusion of women and men in theological education and church ministry.