

New York School of Ministry Course and Ministry Practicum Rotation

Our core ministry courses are offered on a three-year rotation. Each 20 contact-hour course is offered via Zoom on weeknights or Saturday mornings. All courses are designed to address the Marks for Faithful and Effective Authorized Ministers in the UCC. Our courses are open to all (Members in Discernment, Lay Leaders, Ministers seeking Continuing Education).

Our Ministry Practicum (a facilitated seminar, grounded in participatory, intentional learning, that takes a deep dive into theology, ethics, preaching, and practical issues in ministry) is offered via Zoom and is open to Members in Discernment on our educational and formational path (whose Committees on Ministry have approved the path as appropriate preparation for them). The Ministry Practicum is offered on a two-year rotation.

Our courses and our ministry practicum sessions will be rearranged if faculty availability requires it.

2025-2026

Fall: Old Testament II: Psalms, Wisdom Literature, and Prophets
Family Systems and Pastoral Leadership

Fall Ministry Practicum: Ethics

Spring: Liturgy & Worship
Introduction to Theology
Congregational Life

Spring Ministry Practicum: Practical Issues – Pastoral Care, Leadership, and Liturgical Theology

2026-2027

Fall: Introduction to Christian Ethics
American Church History
Basic Counseling Approaches for Pastors

Fall Ministry Practicum: Theology

Spring: UCC (Post 1957) History & Polity
New Testament I
New Testament II

Spring Ministry Practicum: Ethics

2027-2028

Fall: Theory & Practice of Embodied Pastoral Care
Old Testament I
Elective: The Spiritual Formation of the Preacher-Pastor

Fall Ministry Practicum: Preaching

Spring: Congregational Life
Introduction to Leadership Theory
Christian History from Luke-Acts to the UCC

Spring Ministry Practicum: Practical Issues – Pastoral Care, Leadership, and Liturgical Theology