

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.

2026-2027

Fall: Interim Ministry Network Training: The Fundamentals of Transitional Leadership
Elective: The Spiritual Formation of the Preacher-Pastor (LMS/Supply Preachers)
Fall Ministry Practicum: Theology

Spring: American Church History
UCC (Post 1957) History & Polity
New Testament I and New Testament II
Spring Ministry Practicum: Ethics

2027-2028

Fall: Biblical Ethics
Old Testament I
Theory & Practice of Embodied Pastoral Care (or Basic Couns Approaches for Pastors)
Fall Ministry Practicum: Preaching

Spring: Introduction to Leadership Theory
Congregational Life
Christian History from Luke-Acts to the UCC
Spring Ministry Practicum: Practical Issues-Pastoral Care, Leadership, and Liturgical Theology

2028-2029

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

Spring: Liturgy & Worship
Introduction to Theology
Basic Counseling Approaches for Pastors