



South East Asian Theological Schools, Inc.
Doctor of Ministry in Missional Ecclesiology Program Description
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Doctor of Ministry in Missional Ecclesiology program. The Doctor of Ministry in Missional Ecclesiology program's goal at SEATS is to develop leaders who can translate the Christian faith into local Asian contexts so that the deep cultural artefacts that exist in these contexts can also be impacted by the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is primarily for the continuing professional theological education of senior ministry leaders in their pursuit of understanding and knowledge, in developing a missional, contextual, biblical, historical, philosophical, hermeneutical, cultural, and theological reflection for the next generation of ministry leaders of the church of Jesus Christ in the region. This degree is accredited by the International Council for Higher Education.

Admission Requirements:

A master's degree. Students wishing to enrol in the SEATS DMin program must complete an 18-unit bridge program after their master's degree, including a capstone project. After this, the required number of units for the DMin itself is 36 units. Students will also be required to complete a dissertation.

Significant ministry experience. SEATS students are generally actively involved in ministry. That's why we would like to hear a little bit about your ministry experience.

A heart for transformational church leadership. Since SEATS focusses on missional ecclesiology, we are looking for people whose true desire is not merely how to make church better, but to how to help the church engage with society.

Application Process:

The SEATS application process is three-fold:

1. Applicants must submit an online application/registration that includes a statement of purpose outlining their ministry goals. (Can be found [here](#).)
2. Applicants must also provide official academic transcripts.
3. Once all the other requirements are complete, Applicants must participate in an admissions interview either in person or via Zoom.

Costs:

Tuition fees:

Philippine-based student P5000/course

Rest of the World: \$200/course

Dissertation Fees:

Readers P10,000

Advisor P20,000

Tuition & Other fees can be paid by remitting funds to the SEATS Bank Account.

Financial Assistance:

SEATS does not currently have a financial assistance program. Rather, students are encouraged to find their own sponsors. SEATS will issue a *Confirmation of Enrolment* to help students with this process.

DMin Program Requirements. There are three major requirements for successfully completing the DMin program at SEATS: Course work, Colloquia, and a Project resulting in a Dissertation.

DMin Classes. Once fully enrolled in the program, students are required to take 36 units in order to complete the course requirements for the DMin. These units can be broken down into the following framework:

Core Courses – 20 units

DMin 303 Missional Ecclesiology	4
DMin 309 Philosophical Hermeneutics	4
DMin 313 Biblical Introduction to Intercultural Studies	4
DMin 324 Theology of Evil 1: Philippine Evangelicalism & the Theology of Evil	4
DMin 326 Theology and Culture	4

Elective Courses – 10 units

Students must take four (4) 4-unit elective courses.	16
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Colloquia – 6 units

DMin Colloquium I: Ministry, Context, and Theological Reflection	3
DMin Colloquium II: Ministry Research, Integration, and Transformation	3
Total Units:	6

Research & Dissertation – 12 units

DMin 399 Dissertation 1: Research & Writing at the DMin level	3
Dissertation Writing	9
Total Units:	48

DMin Colloquium

The Doctor of Ministry program incorporates two required three-unit face-to-face colloquia within the 48-unit degree program. The colloquia constitute an integral component of the DMin curriculum and are designed to facilitate the integration of theological education, ministry practice, and doctoral-level inquiry. Through faculty-led seminars, student presentations, peer engagement, ministry case analysis, and structured theological reflection, the colloquia provide opportunities for students to critically engage their learning in relation to their ministry contexts and to receive formative feedback on the development of their doctoral projects.

The first colloquium emphasizes ministry context, theological reflection, and the formulation of the ministry problem and research question.

The second emphasizes the development, integration, presentation, and refinement of the doctoral project.

Participation in the colloquia includes appropriate preparatory and post-colloquium academic work consistent with the assigned credit hours. The six colloquium units are included within, rather than added to, the required 48 units for the DMin degree and are intended to strengthen the program's commitment to accessible theological education, ministry praxis, scholarly reflection, and formation within a community of ministry practitioners.

DMin Dissertation. Doctor of Ministry students, apart from their class requirements of 36 units, must prepare a written dissertation. This is a two-stage process. Dissertations are approved by the advisor and two readers before being presented to a panel of earned doctorate degrees. Once they have an approved dissertation, they can begin research and writing. Their final defence will be before a panel of SEATS faculty. Upon successfully defending their dissertation, the students will be recommended to be awarded the Doctor of Ministry degree.

Students have two options when it comes to the DMin Dissertation.

Option 1: 80-pages, plus ten (10) vlogs of 10-minutes each.

Option 2: 120-page minimum dissertation with 100 reference Bibliography

Graduation. Upon successful completion of all coursework and defense of their dissertation, the students will join the graduation where they will be awarded the Doctor of Ministry degree.