FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
Doctor of Ministry Program

1. What is the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) Program?

The Doctor of Ministry (DMin) program is designed to prepare students currently in vocational ministry with the highest level of expertise in the biblical and theological application of God's truth to their contextual ministry setting in the church and para-church.

2. How do I apply to the DMin Program?

Relay your intent to apply for the program to Willie Gaines, GSOT's Director of Admissions & Enrollment (wgaines@gsot.edu). You will then be directed to an online application form which you should fill-out. Start preparing the required documents for your application, such as your transcripts and sample research papers. Willie Gaines or the registrar will be giving you the complete list of requirements.

Once you have submitted all requirements, the DMin Admissions Committee will review and deliberate on your application. You will be receiving an email regarding the result of your application.

3. What are the admission requirements?

- Agreement with Grace's doctrinal statement
- TRACS- or ATS-approved Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent
- At least 3 years of full-time ministry experience completed after receiving the Master of Divinity. Ongoing engagement in ministry in a specific ministry context is required for continuance in the program.
- Evidence of capacity for an advanced level of competence and reflection
- Evidence of mature Christian character and significant ministry achievement
- Evidence of research and writing ability

4. How are the DMin courses offered?

All courses are offered in an intensive block format, with each course consisting of three parts:

- Pre-Residency (approximately three months) – preliminary reading and other assignments
- Residency – intensive classroom interaction
- Post-Residency (approximately three months) – a final course assignment that applies what you have learned to life and ministry

5. What are the required courses under the program?

- DM-901: Contemporary Theological Issues (3-credit hours)
  This course identifies, biblically evaluates and provides resources for men and women in ministry concerning a variety of theologically oriented issues facing the church in contemporary society. These current issues have theological origins as well as cultural

manifestations. This course equips those in ministry to serve more effectively in a changing world.

- DM-902: Effective Biblical Leadership (4-credit hours)
  This course seeks to develop a philosophy of leadership that is biblically accurate and culturally relevant. Through the course you will gain exposure to some of the best thinking and most current research on the subject of leadership (personal and team). The effective practices of a successful leader will be explored such as conflict resolution, planning with vision, team leadership, and basic management skills. Students will investigate the biblical model of servant leadership and how it is the foundation that enables others to lead and encourages others to serve with passion. Students will also be refreshed in their skills using Grace's Canvas LMS, digital library catalog, Bible software, Turabian writing format, and online research methods.

- DM-903: Issues in Grace Theology and Praxis (3-credit hours)
  This course investigates the ancient and modern issues dealing with specific areas of justification and sanctification of the believer at both at exegetical and theological level, with implications for pastoral theology and ministry.

  6. Does the program require dissertation?
  Yes, GSOT's DMin program calls this the Applied Research Project, which begins when coursework is completed. It is designed to synthesize ministry knowledge in a doctoral level practical ministry project.

  The Applied Research Paper should be 100-150 pages in length, and the topic should be related to the student's current ministry.

  Guidelines and details about this are in the Applied Research Project Handbook which is downloadable from the GSOT website.

  Also, here are videos which you may start watching now. These are designed to help you start with the Applied Research Paper.

- Introduction to DMin Applied Research Project: https://vimeo.com/313898988
- Process of Writing: https://vimeo.com/322072944

  7. How do I enroll in a DMin course?
  Once you are admitted to the program, you will be regularly notified of DMin course offerings. You can enroll in a DMin course by going to your Populi account. After registering, you will receive an invoice from the bursar. Please be reminded to enroll during the open registration period to avoid any hassle. The school always sends out an email to all students regarding the open registration period.

  8. What is DMin's Independent Research course?
  The independent research course allows the students to investigate and report on a theological ministry topic of interest. The student requests to take an independent study by

submitting the General Petition form which is found here: https://www.gsot.edu/student-forms/.

9. How do I get access to the syllabus of a DMin course which I have enrolled in?
We usually send the course syllabus through email, but you can also have an access to the syllabus here: https://gsot.instructure.com/search/all_courses/.

10. Are all DMin courses offered online?
Yes. GSOT uses a Learning Management System called Canvas, and the Bluejeans technology for class meetings and discussions. You need to have a computer with basic audio and video equipment and a reliable internet access.

11. How do I use Canvas?
Please refer to the guides found here:
https://community.canvaslms.com/community/answers/guides/

12. How do I use Bluejeans?
You have to download Bluejeans in your computer/ laptop/ mobile gadget:
https://www.bluejeans.com/downloads.

Bluejeans user guides can be found here:
https://support.bluejeans.com/s/topic/0TO2R000000kaieWAA/help-resources

13. What if I experience technical issues or problems?
You can always contact GSOT's Technology Services Department at support@gsot.edu. The Office of DMin Dean is also available to help (jdmendoza@gsot.edu).

14. How much does a DMin course cost?
For matters relating to tuition and other fees, please contact our registrar (pcortez@gsot.edu), or our bursar (amell@gsot.edu).

15. When and how do I apply for readmission to GSOT?
When you haven't taken any course in two years, you need to apply for readmission. Fill-out the form that is found here: https://gsot-admissions.force.com/ERx_Forms__Portal_Register.

You can also contact Willie Gaines (wgaines@gsot.edu) for further assistance.