United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities Petition to the ATS Commission on Accrediting Revised MDiv Degree Requirements 11-01-13

Original Requirements	Revised Requirements
AR001 Anti-racism Workshop (one-day workshop each fall term) (no credit)	Passing a writing sample within one year of admission
IS100 Principles of Writing and Critical Thinking in Theological Interpretation (non-credit course; may be waived at admission based on writing sample)	
IS151 Theological Interpretation: God, Community, and Transformation	A.2.2 TR101 Introduction to Theology (3)
Orientation to Older Testament (3 credits) Older Testament in the Life of the Church (3)	A.2.2 Orientation to Older Testament (2) Older Testament in the Life of the Community (2)
New Testament Texts in Context (3) Synoptic Gospels (3)	A.2.2 Introduction to New Testament (4)
CH461 Introduction to Historical Theology	A.2.2 Introduction to Historical Theology (3) or Two theology electives
Constructive Theology	A.2.3 Constructive Theology (3)
CH462 Introduction to American Religious Histories	A.2.3 Religion in America (3)
CL440 Foundations of Christian Education	A.2.5
CL670 Introduction to Pastoral Care	Two out of the following: • Foundations of Christian Education (3)
CL330 Worship of the Church	• Introduction to Pastoral Care (3)
CL336 Preaching	Worship of the Church (3)Preaching (3)
CS251-252 Religious Leadership, Organization, Administration and Finance in Context (two courses [9 credits] taken in sequence in the same year)	A.2.5 Religious Leadership (4)
TR107 Christian Ethics	A.2.2 and A.2.3 Christian Ethics (3) or Comparative Religious Ethics (3)
 IS152 Integration of Ministry and Local Theologies One course in a system or systems of theological thought One course in a non-Christian religion or religions One global justice course 	A.2.3 Global Christianities (3) or One global justice course (3)
IS351 Final M.Div. Integrative Seminar	A.2.2, A.2.3, A.2.4, Capstone Seminar (3)

Systems of Theological Thought course CS253 Ministry Practicum or CS254 CPE Ministry Practicum	
Completion of an Integrative Notebook documenting the student's individual work in integrating the different elements of the student's course of study in a manner appropriate to his or her identity and context. Participation in the Spiritual Chronicle process, which supports a student's integration of the spiritual, academic, and vocational dimensions of his or her seminary journey. (no credit)	A.2.4 Spiritual Journey program, consisting of cohort groups, participation in the Spiritual Journey program. (1 credit /year)
Electives 24 credits	Electives 30 credits (for concentrations/denominational requirements)
Satisfactory completion of three personal and professional development consultations.	Satisfactory completion of three personal and professional development consultations.
Recommendation by the faculty, which takes into account academic, personal, and professional readiness for ministry.	Recommendation by the faculty, which takes into account academic, personal, and professional readiness for ministry.