

Certificate in Black Theology and Ministry



The Certificate in Black Theology and Ministry (BTM) offers students a background in theology, spirituality, pastoral ministry, intercultural studies, and related disciplines. The BTM certificate program is especially helpful for pastoral ministers who are seeking to enhance their academic background in Black/African American theologies and/or their preparation for ministry in Black/African American communities.

REQUIREMENTS

The BTM Certificate consists of 18 credit hours, which may be taken on-site or online: nine required credits with a Black focus, six elective credits with Black-themed threads/perspectives, and three elective credits in any discipline.

Nine required credits with a Black focus

At least 9 credits in courses that are explicitly Black-themed. For example:

- Pastoral Care in an African American Context
- Black Spirituality as a Source for Ministry
- Black Spirituality
- Reading the Bible Differently: African American Biblical Perspectives
- Perspectives in African Biblical Interpretation
- Spiritual Writings of Howard Thurman and Thea Bowman (CTU Summer Institute)
- Black and Womanist Theology (CTU Summer institute)
- Ministry Practicum or CPE in a in Black/African American Ministry context

Six elective credits with Black threads/perspectives

With the advisement of the professor, 6 elective credits in courses where a Black or African American related pastoral and theological thread can be pursued.

Three elective credits in any discipline

These courses may be drawn from across departmental and Summer Institute offerings. Students with limited pastoral or theological background may use these elective credits to further enhance their preparation.

ADDITIONAL STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Students may transfer up to 6 credit hours from Institute of Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana, New Orleans. IBCS is the only immersion program of Black Catholic Studies in the United States. BTM students may also extend their study for an additional year to earn the Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies degree or one of the Master of Arts in Specialized Ministry degrees at CTU. Credits from the certificate program are applicable to these degree programs.

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