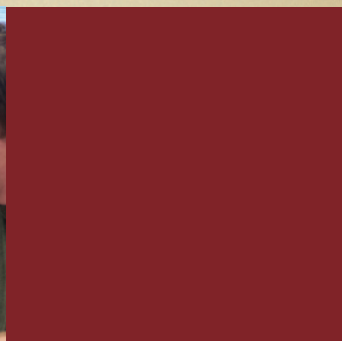


FOLLOW YOUR PATH

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Listen ... and be wise, and set your heart on the right path.

– Proverbs 23:19

HIGHER LEARNING. REAL EXPERIENCE. VITAL MINISTRY.

Academics & Faculty

Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University has a distinguished faculty with 37 professors, renowned in their scholarly fields and diverse in denominational affiliation, gender, race, ethnicity, and culture.

Within this unique mix of perspectives and interests is a shared commitment to prepare leaders for a life in ministry. Perkins professors won't teach you what to think, they will teach you *how* to think theologically. Our goal is to model a community engaged in faith's search for understanding and preparation for ordained and lay ministries.

Financial Resources

Approximately 75 percent of our students receive financial assistance in the form of fellowships, scholarships, or grants. Additional awards are available for students from several annual conferences in the South Central Jurisdiction UMC as well as for children and spouses of United Methodist clergy. Recognizing the significant financial investment in a theological education, Perkins is committed to working with you to make your theological degree affordable.

Bridwell Library

The Bridwell Library at Perkins School of Theology, among the finest theological libraries in the nation, is one of the many academic resources available to Perkins students.

Bridwell Library houses more than 375,000 volumes in religion, theology, and related fields in print and digital formats. Library facilities include computer labs and wireless service, comfortable reading rooms, and special-needs computer stations.

In addition to the general collection, the special collections holdings contain more than 50,000 rare books and manuscripts. Particular strengths of the special collections include theology, church history, textually and historically significant editions of the Bible, Methodistica, Wesleyana and early printing.

Bridwell Library, along with our renowned faculty, is at the core of Perkins' reputation for academic excellence as a leader in theological education.



Bridwell Library

DEGREE PROGRAMS AT PERKINS

Perkins Internships

The Perkins Intern Program is nationally recognized as an exemplary program in preparing persons for effective Christian ministry. Perkins interns integrate the knowledge and theological reflection disciplines learned in the classroom with the practical demands of providing resourceful, faithful leadership within a congregation or ministry agency.

Working with one of our full-time Intern faculty members, you will be placed in a paid internship designed to maximize learning opportunities within a hands-on ministerial experience. While interns perform the various tasks of ministry and systematically reflect upon their experiences, a mentor pastor provides both professional and theological supervision; a lay teaching committee offers regular feedback; and the Internship Seminar, led by the Intern faculty and a mental health professional, creates opportunities for sharing ministry stories and receiving support and guidance. The internship, a course requirement for the Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Ministry degrees, is nine months long, taking place over consecutive fall and spring terms of one academic year.

Global Theological Education

The Perkins Global Theological Education program will prepare you to lead others to engage in cross-cultural ministries both inside and outside the United States. Short-term immersion courses provide firsthand experience in learning from and with other cultures, as well as building the intercultural relationships critical to contemporary Christian mission.

The GTE program provides a unique opportunity to reflect on the theology and spirituality of cross-cultural ministry toward the goals of both personal growth and a more faithful partnership in our global community.



Perkins Quick Facts – Who We Are

- Student body of more than 350 students
- About 70 percent United Methodist, with more than 20 other denominations represented
- More than one-third of students represent minority ethnic groups
- Approximately 50 percent male and 50 percent female
- Located in Dallas, Texas, with an extension program in Houston-Galveston
- Faculty of 37, including about 40 percent female and more than one-third representing minority ethnic groups, providing internationally recognized scholarship, teaching, and church leadership
- Alumni network across the globe, from Australia to Zimbabwe
- A leader in teaching and research relating to Spanish-speaking contexts and cultures, with our Mexican American and Hispanic-Latino/a Church Ministries Program and the Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions

The Master of Divinity (M.Div.)



The Master of Divinity is the first professional ministry degree. Many students prepare for ordination to word, sacrament, order, and service. Graduates will lead Christian congregations and serve in other ministries. The M.Div. fills three full-time years with coursework and internship. Seventy-three term

hours of academic credit are distributed in Bible, Christian heritage, theology, and ministry studies.

- Build your own theological foundation in a two-semester team-taught course.
- Broaden your prayer and devotional life in first-year spiritual formation groups and seminary worship.
- Wrestle with the Bible like Jacob wrestled with the angel.
- Become your best preacher by practicing in a small class.
- Meet faculty and classmates who are creating a new monastic Christianity in the Twenty-First Century.
- Choose a concentration for your studies such as Pastoral Care, Hispanic Studies, African-American Church Studies, Anglican Studies, Urban Ministry, or Women's and Gender Studies. Perkins has identified the courses and planned the schedule for your success in a concentration in your M.Div.
- Follow your path in ministry as clergy, laity, seminary peers, mental health professionals, and Perkins faculty partner with you in developing your leadership on nine-month internship.

M.Div. graduates lead congregations especially in the South Central states and around the world.

M.Div. graduates lead Christian denominations in ministry in communities.

M.Div. graduates teach in congregations, denominations, and higher education.

Perkins invites your next step here:
smu.edu/mdiv

"I'm forever grateful for my Perkins education. It provided me with the foundation and tools for a lifetime of ministry."

Adam Hamilton (M.Div.'88),
Founding Pastor, United Methodist
Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, Kansas



The Master of Arts in Ministry (M.A.M.)

The Master of Arts in Ministry is a contemporary program preparing students for specialized ministry in community and congregations. Graduates bring specialized preparation to non-profit ministries or serve as a specialist on church staffs. The M.A.M. fills two full-time years with 55 hours of coursework and internship. Each student takes one of five tracks in the degree.

- Follow your calling by choosing your track: Christian Education, Urban Ministry, Theology and Social Justice, Christian Spirituality or Evangelism and Mission.
- Broaden your prayer and devotional life in first-year spiritual formation groups and seminary worship.
- Deepen your Christian conscience for your life as a social entrepreneur.
- Explore the scriptures and your Christian heritage for the heroines and heroes of your specific ministry.
- Follow your specialized path in ministry as clergy, laity, seminary peers, mental health professionals, and Perkins faculty tell you the truth during a nine-month internship.

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M.A.M. graduates create and lead for-profit and non-profit ministries in the community.

M.A.M. graduates lead laypeople in congregations into greater discipleship through specialized ministries.

M.A.M. graduates may be ordained deacon in the United Methodist and other churches.

Perkins invites your next step here:
smu.edu/mam

"Coming into an inner-city church after many years in rural congregations, I realized the need to re-launch my ministry to meet the challenges of the urban city. Perkins' M.A.M. degree program gave me exactly what I needed to share God's love in an area experiencing gentrification, homelessness, and socio-economic distress. The courses addressing urban issues along with the pastoral care program provided the knowledge and tools to live into the community with a heart and passion for all who inhabit the city."



Les Chandler (M.A.M. '15), Minister of Congregational Care, Grace United Methodist Church, Dallas

The Master of Sacred Music (M.S.M.)

The Division of Music of the Meadows School of the Arts and Perkins School of Theology combine to invite you to study in the Master of Sacred Music degree program. The M.S.M. prepares you for professional church music leadership. Graduates of the M.S.M. program are prepared to bring theological discernment to worship and the musical leadership of ensembles in the church and community.

The outcomes of the program are musical, theological, and liturgical discernment; musical skills; and pedagogical skills. The M.S.M. fills two full-time years with 48 term hours of work. Some students may undertake a longer program, which can result in ordination as deacon or an additional degree from Meadows.



The M.S.M. degree:

- Prepares the church musician to lead congregations and musical ensembles in worship effectively in a variety of musical styles.
- Provides pedagogical skills to teach all age levels.
- Develops relationships with musical and clergy peers through biblical, theological, and liturgical studies.
- Engages students in a deep study of both Western musical traditions and music from the global Christian communities.
- Connects students with the rich artistic opportunities and diverse faith communities in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex.

M.S.M. graduates lead church music and arts program in congregations, teach in colleges and universities, provide leadership in denominational organizations, and are leaders in their local communities in the arts.

M.S.M. graduates compose and arrange music of theological depth and musical delight.

M.S.M. graduates are ready to be full partners with the clergy in the planning and presentation of Christian worship.

Perkins and Meadows invite your next step here:
smu.edu/msm

"For me, my time at Perkins was and will always be a spiritual 'thin place' — a place where Christ was made manifest time and again. My M.S.M. degree melded theological dignity, musical excellence, and liturgical design in ways that have opened doors for me to enliven worship both within and beyond the church walls of my community. No other school I considered allowed me to be a scholar, a virtuoso, and a pastoral artist like Perkins. The Perkins community — and my M.S.M. professors and colleagues, in particular — fanned into flame gifts, talents, and dreams that, until that point, I knew I possessed but had no idea how to activate them to bring the reign of God to earth."



Rebecca E. Garrett (M.S.M. '13), Director of Worship, White Rock United Methodist Church, Dallas

The Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.)

The Master of Theological Studies provides basic understanding of the theological disciplines as a foundation for further graduate study, for enhancement of lay leadership roles or for personal enrichment. Students complete foundational courses, add courses toward their goals, and write a thesis for a total of 48 term hours. The Perkins faculty and Bridwell Library become exhilarating companions on your theological journey.

- Get answers to the questions you have accumulated in your faith journey.

- Learn why church leaders think and talk the way they do and find your own voice.

- Read scripture, Christian classics, and important contemporary works with the guidance to understand and integrate their lessons.

- Follow an established concentration in Church Music and Worship.

- Pursue the degree in Latino/a settings in Spanish.

- Return to your calling with strength and confidence for leadership.

M.T.S. graduates lead and teach in their congregations.

M.T.S. graduates have traveled far toward answering their deeply exciting questions.

M.T.S. graduates are prepared for further degree or self-directed studies.

Perkins invites your next step here:
smu.edu/mts



"When I first came to Perkins, it was for my own personal enrichment. And what I never anticipated is how much it would enrich my work. I think you'll find that the passion of the professors and the other students will ignite something in yourself — maybe that you've been missing."



Dodee Frost Crockett (M.T.S. '03), Managing Director, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, Dallas

DEGREE PROGRAMS AT PERKINS

The Master of Theology (Th.M.)

The Master of Theology is a one-year, 24-term-hour second theological masters degree for students enhancing their ministry through advanced study, examining a specific interest in Christianity, or preparing for doctoral studies. Advanced understanding and research strategies



are goals of the Th.M. Mid-career furloughs, sabbaticals, or professional ministry transitions may provide the opportunity for Th.M. studies.

- Pursue the advanced electives you longed for in your previous seminary journey.
- Produce a thesis or portfolio of work to crystalize your study of your chosen question.
- Go as far as you can in guided reading with your chosen professor.
- Complete additional denominational or Ph.D. admissions requirements and receive a second masters degree for the work.

Th.M. graduates return to ministry with renewed confidence and sharpened tools.

Th.M. graduates begin Ph.D. work and anticipate advanced research and teaching.

Th.M. graduates discover a new calling amid their lifetime ministry.

Perkins invites your next step here:

smu.edu/thm



The Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.)

The Doctor of Ministry requires 27 term hours taken over three to four years while continuing to work in full-time ministry. On-campus sessions meet in early January and late June. D.Min. is for ministers whose higher calling is calling. Again.

- Return to the joy of learning from a superior faculty, but this time enhancing it by learning from your peers who have rich ministry experience.
- Relish the rhythm of established ministry and structured study which blesses your year.
- Focus your study on the area you choose: Evangelism, Missional Church, Parish Leadership, Preaching and Worship, Spiritual Formation or Urban Ministry.
- Get back to meeting Jesus in the library and classroom.
- Research and perform a ministry study in which you make a written contribution to the practice of ministry.

D.Min. graduates demonstrate to themselves and to their church the blessings of lifelong learning.

D.Min. graduates grow in leadership for church and community.

D.Min. graduates contribute to the practical theological wisdom of the Church.

D.Min. graduates build friendships in ministry and scholarship that enrich the work of the Church.

Perkins invites your next step here:

smu.edu/dmin

"I began the Doctor of Ministry Degree Program a month after launching Joy Tabernacle A.M.E. Church in Dallas, Texas. The exceptional teaching by the faculty, the tremendous resources provided in each course, and the opportunity to develop a doctoral project that explored new paradigms for Christian worship and preaching proved essential towards strengthening my sense of vocation in this new context. I attribute, in large measure, Joy Tabernacle's becoming one of our denomination's fastest-growing churches in Texas, and the fastest-growing church in our annual conference, to the grace of God revealed through the instruction I received at Perkins."



Rev. Dr. Michael W. Waters (M.Div.'06, D.Min.'12),
 Founder and Senior Pastor, Joy Tabernacle A.M.E.
 Church, Dallas

The Doctor of Pastoral Music (D.P.M.)

The Doctor of Pastoral Music is a 39-term-hour degree designed for Master of Sacred Music or equivalent degree graduates who are experienced church musicians. Classes are offered in concentrated formats that allow

students to maintain their positions in congregations or other church-related institutions. The D.P.M. degree focuses on renewing vocation, equipping for changes in the profession of church music, and adding skills in the performance of music in worship.



- Learn from an experienced and diverse faculty from Perkins School of Theology and Meadows School of the Arts.

- Build from your church music experience in a new ecumenical group of pastors and musicians.

- Stretch into advanced study in liturgy, congregational song, worship leadership, performance skills, deeper theological understanding of church music, incorporation of worship arts, current church music trends, and music in the community and other cultural contexts.

- Seek and provide peer feedback on the practice of music ministry.

- Write a thesis after a supervised practicum in your current leadership position.

D.P.M. graduates will have a wider repertoire of theological, cultural, and musical sources for their leadership in worship.

D.P.M. graduates will rely on a richer peer group of church musicians to inform their vocation in church music.

D.P.M. graduates will lead with refined skills in their applied area of church music.

D.P.M. graduates will understand their social location in community and church and be able to apply this knowledge to increased effectiveness in church music leadership.

D.P.M. church musicians will join D.Min. pastors as leaders in the Church.

Perkins invites your next step here:
smu.edu/dpm



COMMUNITY AND SPIRITUAL LIFE, SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY AND DALLAS, TEXAS

Community Life

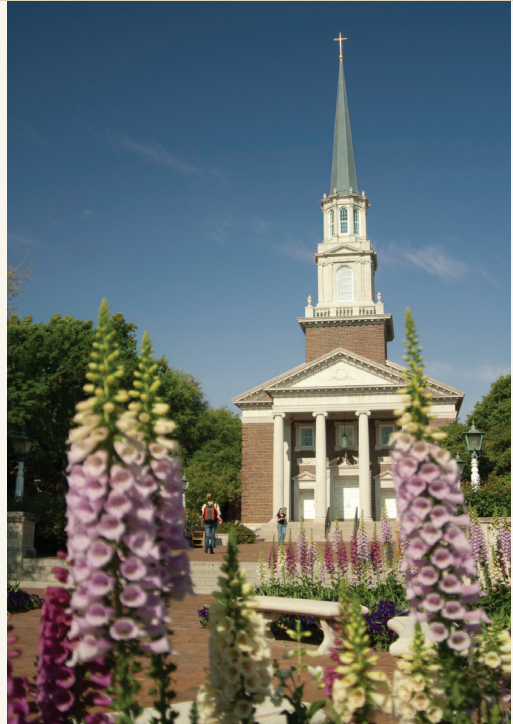
At Perkins, you will have the opportunity to build relationships that extend far beyond graduation. A diverse and caring community of faith, Perkins School of Theology is a place where we study, learn, grow, worship, and experience God together.

Opportunities abound for conversation and fellowship with students, faculty, and staff. Community life is enhanced by weekly worship, community lunch, informal discussion sessions, a variety of student groups, and small class sizes meeting in rooms designed to maximize the effective use of educational technologies.

Worship & Spirituality

Perkins Chapel serves as the centerpiece and primary setting for worship at Perkins School of Theology and Southern Methodist University. The chapel plays a vital role in spiritual formation and leadership education, offering a sacred space for instruction in preaching and for practicing and experiencing a broad range of worship expressions.

The program in Spiritual Formation also is an integral part of theological education at Perkins. It will prepare you for ministry that incorporates personal formation, experience with the variety of spiritual disciplines, and the ability to facilitate



the growth of others. You will acquire a growing capacity for integrating the spiritual, theological, and social dimensions of life.

At Perkins School of Theology, you will gain a balance of academic preparedness and hands-on learning to equip you for ministry and leadership in the church of the 21st century.

Mission Statement

The primary mission of Perkins School of Theology, as a community devoted to theological study and teaching in the service of the church of Jesus Christ, is to prepare women and men for faithful leadership in Christian ministry.

Perkins School of Theology affirms its relationships to the community of learning that is Southern Methodist University, to the universal church (inclusive, ecumenical and global), to The United Methodist Church specifically and to its particular geographical and cultural setting in the southwestern United States.

These relationships are sources of strength and avenues of service for the school as it pursues its twin tasks of theological reflection and theological education to the glory of God.

Southern Methodist University and Dallas, TX

Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University is one of five University-related schools of theology of The United Methodist Church. Founded in 1911, SMU is a private university of 11,000 students, offering strong undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs in the humanities and sciences; business; the performing, visual, and communication arts; engineering; education and human development; law; and theology.

City Life

Located in the heart of Dallas, Texas, Perkins School of Theology at SMU is convenient to the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) lines providing access to points of interest throughout the city. Popular Dallas destinations include Deep Ellum and Uptown West Village for entertainment, shopping, and restaurants. The American Airlines Center at Victory Park showcases great sports and entertainment events. Many convenient hotels, restaurants, and shopping centers are within walking distance from campus. Dallas is home to a wide range of faith communities, as well as cultural amenities connected with the arts, sports, outdoor, and fitness activities.



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