

# MAEM Suggested Course Sequencing Plan

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There is a great deal of flexibility in the order that you take your MAEM courses. All core requirements (e.g. TH501, Theology Survey I or OT500, Old Testament Survey) are offered at least once every year. Concentration courses, however, may vary from year to year. Thus, when you see an EM concentration course that you need or an elective course that interests you, you must take it immediately since it might not be offered again during your time at Gordon-Conwell.

While there is great freedom in how you sequence your courses, there are a few important points to keep in mind in order to ensure that you are able to complete your degree in two years.

- Take EM502 Educational Ministry of the Church early in your studies since it is foundational for the rest of your EM courses
- Since many EM courses are only offered every two years or infrequently, when you see an EM concentration course that you need or an EM elective that interests you, *you must take it immediately* since it might not be offered again during your time at Gordon-Conwell
- Take either EM502 Educational Ministry of the Church, EM604 The Teacher and the Teaching Task, or MC501 Spiritual Formation for Ministry (which would count as a general elective) during your first year since it is necessary to either have taken or be taking one of these courses in order to begin your first field unit of Mentored Ministry
- Take the Mentored Ministry orientation (EM/MM501) during your first semester so that you are prepared to begin your field units soon after
- EM/MC810 Integrative Seminar in Ministry Formation should not be taken until you have completed at least ten courses
- If you do not test out of OT and/or NT Survey, you must take these foundational courses *immediately* to ensure that you can register for other courses
- Always register as soon as you are permitted in order to ensure that you get maximum priority on limited courses
- Consider taking Semlinks or January and Summer session courses to lighten your load in the Fall and Spring semesters