Theological Education That Grounds Your Social Justice Work

Meadville Lombard Theological School, a Unitarian Universalist identity institution, is an intentionally pluralist learning community committed to furthering the transformative potential of liberal religion. We welcome students from diverse faith traditions and all identities, and nurture their formation into spiritually grounded faith leaders engaged with the works of equity, justice, and compassion.

We firmly believe that justice-making and spiritual growth are bound together, and our curriculum design reflects it. As a teaching and learning community, we emphasize that leadership requires deep accountability in communities and prepares students to be effective leaders in our multiracial, multicultural world.

Meadville Lombard is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) in the United States and Canada.

OUR PROGRAMS

MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAMS
Meadville Lombard offers exceptional Master’s degree programs that prepare students for ministry and religious leadership.

Master of Divinity (MDiv)
A three-year degree program for students pursuing professional ministry, including parish ministry and chaplaincy, in Unitarian Universalism and other denominations.

MA (Religion) (MAR)
An 18-month degree program offering an in-depth, interdisciplinary study of religion to prepare for further academic study or to strengthen ongoing work in religious leadership.

OTHER UNIQUE OFFERINGS

Certificate of Theological Studies
Ground your work in deep theological understanding or pursue theological education without enrolling in a degree program.

Library, Archives, & Special Collections
Our Library and Archives provides access to millions of print and digital resources to students across the world. Staffed by two full time theological librarians, the library works closely with students throughout their time at Meadville Lombard to support their learning, research, and curiosity.

Leadership Institute for Growth, Healing, and Transformation (LIGHT)
LIGHT offers programs for continuing education and certification for religious professionals and lay leaders.
Quick Facts 2021/2022

Our Students
Just as the ability to collaborate is essential to social impact and effective religious and spiritual leadership, collaborative learning is an essential element of a Meadville Lombard education. Our students come from a variety of vocational paths and educational environments, bringing a diversity of experience and wisdom. We ensure that our students learn as much from one another as they do from their coursework.

Which region are they located?

We are an Open and Affirming Institution. Our students express multiple gender identities. 70% of them identified themselves as female in the 2021/2022 academic year. About 72% of our student body identified as white, the age range was 26-75, and average age was 46.

Financial Aid
In the 2021/2022 academic year, we awarded $560,433 in grants and scholarships to our students.
Of our degree-seeking students, 72% received some form of institutional financial aid.

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