



Black Church Studies Certificate

Registration Form

Thank you for your interest in the Black Church Studies Certificate Program at McCormick Theological Seminary. The Black Church Studies Certificate brings together religious scholars and prophetic, compassionate leaders from Black churches to guide students in rigorously studying the history, theology and heritage of the Church.

Each course provides pertinent practical and theological training to help re-tool ministry skills for the changing needs of ministers and lay leaders. Students can choose to enroll in any course or design a certificate program to suit their needs. Friday and Saturday classes are designed to meet the needs of working professionals.

Students can register for one or two courses per semester depending on the course registration schedule. ***Please note that each course is held over one Friday evening and Saturday a month for four consecutive months.*** Attendance is required throughout the entire session for certificate credit. Six courses are required for the completion of a certificate in Black Church Studies.

The program requires a two-part registration form:

Part One: Biographical and Professional Information

Part Two: Essay Questions

Thank you for your interest in the program. We look forward to welcoming you to McCormick Theological Seminary.

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Black Church Studies Certificate Program

Instructions: To fill out the registration form, double click on the gray boxes to enter information. Complete the entire form, save the document, print and mail the form in with your tuition deposit or email the registration form to admit@mccormick.edu and forward the tuition deposit separately to Gina Lackland, Office of Admissions, McCormick Theological Seminary, 5460 S. University Ave, Chicago, IL 60615. Please note the name of the program on the check.

Part 1: Biographical and Professional Information

Name (last, first, middle):

Contact Information:

Street

City

State / Province

Zip / Postal Code

Telephone:

Cell Phone (optional):

Email Address:

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Racial Identity (Optional):

Gender (Optional):

Denomination:

Please indicate yes or no to the following questions:

Have you previously taken courses at McCormick Theological Seminary?

Are you registering for the certificate program (six courses)?

Please indicate how many courses you plan to register for in this academic year.

Course No.:

Name of the congregation or agency that is your current and primary location of ministry or leadership responsibility:

Position title:

Website address (if applicable):

I am: Clergy Ordained Minister Lay Leader Other _____

List any colleges, universities, and seminaries you've attended, and degrees attained: (A degree is not a necessary requirement for the Black Church Studies Certificate Program)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Check the following box to describe the leadership role you hold (check all that apply):

- Associate pastor of a congregation
- Solo pastor of a congregation
- Pastor/head of staff of multi-staff congregation
- Governing-board member, committee chair, or volunteer with specific and defined leadership responsibilities in a congregation.
- Staff of a judicatory, denomination-related, or ecumenical body
- Head of staff / staff leader of a judicatory or denominationally related body
- Staff or volunteer with leadership responsibility at a non-profit ministry
- Leadership position (supervise multiple persons or distinct budgets) in A secular, not-ministry-related organization
- Professor / teacher / administrator at an educational institution

Part 2: Short Essay:

The following questions will assist us in learning more about you and your desire to participate in the Black Church Studies Certificate. Please submit a 1-2 page essay in response to the following questions.

Describe your current ministerial or lay leadership role. What are the challenges facing your Church and community?

How will your participation in the Black Church Studies Certificate courses support your growth and professional development?

Tuition Deposit

Please include a \$50. non-refundable tuition deposit with your completed form. The deposit will be applied to the cost of your first semester tuition (\$350.00 per course). The tuition deposit is required to hold your place in the program. Once a student is registered in the program, he or she can register for additional courses through the Registrar during McCormick's registration periods.

Your tuition deposit can be sent to Gina Lackland, Office of Admissions, McCormick Theological Seminary, 5460 S. University Ave, Chicago, IL 60615. Please note the name of the program on the check.

Applicants will receive confirmation of their place in the program upon receipt of both the application materials and the non-refundable \$50. tuition deposit. The Center of African American Ministries and Black Church Studies will forward class information, any pre-class assignments, class dates and upcoming registration periods.

Code of Ethics:

By signing this form, you acknowledge that you have read this statement and that you agree to be bound by the Code of Ethics.

I hereby certify that I have provided accurate information in this registration form. As a student, I will respect the professors, administrators, staff and my fellow classmates. It is my responsibility to contribute to the learning environment and refrain from any actions that are disruptive or contrary to the community's stated norms of courtesy and integrity. I understand that materials received by the School in connection with this registration form become the property of the School; as such, all references may be contacted to verify a candidate's character, community and leadership involvements.

I agree to be bound by these statements.

Signature: (please type legal name):