Courses of Study

Post-Graduate Diploma in Anglican Studies

Total hours required: 24

Requirements for Admission:
Individuals who have received a graduate theological degree from a seminary of another tradition and who seek an opportunity for study focusing on the Anglican tradition in preparation for ordination in the Episcopal Church may be admitted to a program of study leading to a Post-Graduate Diploma in Anglican Studies.

Applicants for this program should be postulants or candidates for Holy Orders or have the written permission of their bishops to attend. The application procedure and requirements are the same as for the Master in Divinity degree.

Requirements for Graduation
In order to receive the Post-Graduate Diploma in Anglican Studies, a student must successfully complete at least 24 credit hours. Seven hours must normally be in required courses as specified in the following curriculum:

Required Courses
- Studies in Christian Worship: 4 credit hours fulfilled by taking LTG 501 and LTG 502, or LTG 630 and electives.
- RCL 573 Anglican Reflective Seminar: 1.5 credit hours.
- PTH 625 The Habit of the Priesthood: 1.5 credit hours.
- Electives: 17.0 credit hours in Field Education, Practical Theology, History, Ethics, etc., chosen in consultation with the student’s Bishop or Commission on Ministry as well as VTS’s Associate Dean of Students and Director of Anglican Studies.

NB: Because Anglican Studies students already have a graduate theological degree, they are generally not required to take LTG 401 before participating in chapel leadership. The final determination will be made by the Director of Anglican Studies.

Students have the option to pursue this program either as full-time students resident on campus, or part-time students with a more flexible on-campus presence, attending classes 2-3 days/week (depending on the courses chosen). All Anglican studies students will meet regularly in formation groups and participate in worship leadership, and are expected to have lunch one day/week in the refectory.

In case of schedule conflicts or the unavailability of a required course in the one year a student is in residence, appropriate substitutions may be made with the approval of the Director of Anglican Studies.

A grade point average of at least 2.0 is required.