



## **AGST ALLIANCE | EAST DOCTOR OF MINISTRY IN LEADERSHIP**

### **PROGRAM COMPONENTS**

The DMin offered jointly by AGST Alliance and EAST is a 45-credit program, with these components:

Foundation: 6 credits (completed prior to admission)

Coursework: 30 credits

Dissertation: 15 credits

**TOTAL: 45 credits**

#### **A. Foundation (6 credits)**

Students wishing to apply for the DMin complete two (2) Foundation modules totalling 6 credits—three (3) credits per module.

Each module spans two months and has three phases:

- a two-to-three-week home-based preparation with online interaction (Populi),
- a five-to seven-day on-campus or online intensive,
- a two-to-three-week post-campus reading and assignments.

#### **B. Coursework (30 credits)**

Students complete six modules for 30 credits. Each module is five (5) credits. There are generally two (2) modules per year.

Each module spans four months and generally has three phases:

- a six-to-seven-week home-based preparation with online interaction (Populi),
- a seven-day on-campus or online intensive,
- a six-to-eight-week post-campus reading and assignments.

Courses offered completely online may involve 5-7 online sessions over the course of the four months.

#### **C. Dissertation (15 credits)**

The dissertation is designed to demonstrate students' competence to integrate the theory of the various disciplines drawn on for Christian ministry with their ministry practice. It will comprise an original applied research project that demonstrates

sound Christian reflection and which is designed to enhance informed and improved personal and organisational practices.

The length of the dissertation will normally fall in the range of 30,000–45,000 words (excluding references and appendices, but including footnotes), depending on the nature of the research. The dissertation is likely to have a significant quantitative or qualitative element to it.

The dissertation will probably require 15–18 months’ work after students complete the coursework. Each student will have a supervisor through the dissertation process. Two competent external examiners will be appointed to examine the submitted dissertation.

#### **D. DMin components**

Foundation courses (6 credits)	<p>Topics addressed in two DMin Foundational courses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical Writing</li> <li>• Critical Reading</li> <li>• Theological-Contextual Critical Reflection</li> </ul>
Module Topics (30 credits)	<p>Ministry practice and Christian perspectives are integrated in all components of the program rather than having separate theology and professional practice modules. Critical engagement and spiritual formation components are also woven into each module.</p> <p>The module topics may be drawn from this range:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christian thinking and ministry practice (core module)</li> <li>• Shaping Christian ethics in Asian cultures</li> <li>• Ministry leadership: issues, challenges and responses</li> <li>• Preaching and teaching in the Asian church</li> <li>• Mission in contemporary Asia: strategies for evangelism and disciple-making</li> <li>• Issues in pastoral counselling and soul-care</li> <li>• Conflict and peace-making for Asian Christians</li> <li>• Approaches and practices for ministry-based research</li> </ul>
Dissertation (15 credits)	Dissertation writing comprises a total of 15 credits, including research/workshop modules.