



MDiv COHORT AGREEMENT



This agreement will help set expectations for the cohort program including required courses and participation, academic policies, and will help ensure you and your cohort community have a great experience. Through actively participating in the cohort, you will experience dedicated vocational resources, academic support, and opportunities for spiritual growth.

I'm Laura Olear, the academic advisor for the MDiv Cohort. I've worked at the Pasadena campus since 2019. I'm looking forward to getting to know each of you and to partner with you during your seminary journey!

As a potential member of the MDiv Fall 2020 Cohort, please read and agree to the following:

1. REGISTRATION

1.1 I commit to enrolling in at least two Pasadena courses during Fall 2020, Winter 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Winter 2022, and Spring 2022 quarters.

1.2 The seminary holds seats for cohort students in the required cohort courses during the beginning of the registration season. I understand that it is my responsibility to register for required cohort sequence courses by the end of the second week of registration (new student registration week, Friday, 11:59 pm PT). Failure to do so may result in losing my reserved seat in the class, including uncleared balance on my student account (*for assistance with back balances, contact Student Financial Services*). Students who do not enroll in the required cohort courses will no longer be allowed to participate in the cohort sequence (not petitionable).

2. COHORT MEETINGS AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

I acknowledge that I am encouraged to attend quarterly cohort meetings and co-curricular events for the two-year duration of the cohort.

3. ACADEMIC ADVISOR AND COMMUNICATION

3.1 I acknowledge that I am required to meet quarterly with my academic advisor until the completion of the cohort sequence.

3.2 I understand that all communication between the seminary and me will be conducted through my Fuller email account. I will check my fuller.edu emails regularly for correspondence from Fuller. If I have any questions or concerns or need assistance, I will contact my academic advisor.

4. FINANCIAL AID

I understand that I will receive a \$200 discount off any third or fourth course for the first 12 quarters at Fuller.

5. DROPPING A COHORT CLASS, PETITIONS, REQUIRED CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT

5.1 Students who experience extenuating circumstances (as outlined in Fuller's Academic Catalog), may submit up to one academic petition to the Registrar's Office for a (late) drop, or if unable to register for a cohort course. Students who experience extenuating circumstances before, or during, the quarter are encouraged to contact their academic advisor.

5.2 Students who attend optional conferences to supplement their cohort experience may not request extensions for assignments in other classes taken simultaneously (not petitionable).

5.3 If the course dropped is a prerequisite for other cohort courses, students are required to make up the dropped course in order to continue with the scheduled cohort courses.

5.4 Requesting an incomplete for a course that functions as a prerequisite for a course in the subsequent quarter, will disqualify students from the cohort unless the Incomplete is completed prior to the beginning of the following quarter (not petitionable).

5.5 Students who fail their cohort courses are no longer allowed to participate in their cohort, though they may still continue with their studies at Fuller provided they remain in good academic standing (not petitionable).

5.6 Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher to remain eligible for cohort enrollment. Students whose cumulative GPA drops below 2.5 will not be allowed to continue in the cohort sequence (not petitionable).

5.7 Students cannot use transfer credit or waiver exams (offered by Fuller) to meet cohort sequence courses (not petitionable).

5.8 The cohort will cultivate academic and spiritual formation and will offer optional spiritual formation activities including retreats and conferences.

5.9 Students give Fuller, its agents and employees, the irrevocable and unrestricted right to reproduce the photographs and/or video images taken of them for the purpose of publication, promotion, illustration, advertising, or trade, in any manner or in any medium. Students release Fuller and its legal representatives for all claims and liability relating to said images or videos. Furthermore, they grant permission to any statements that were given during a course, an interview, a spiritual formation event, or any other cohort activities with or without their name, for the purpose of advertising and publicity without restriction. They waive their right to any compensation.

As the MDiv Cohort advisor, welcome! I'm committed to your academic, vocational, personal, and spiritual formation and will be available to you at any time. Please reach out if you ever have questions or need guidance and support once you're admitted to the cohort.

I look forward to journeying with you through this two-year experience!

Laura Olear