

Role of the Project Advisor

Function

For purposes of the D.Min. program, the term project advisor is defined as a person who is the project advisor for students in a specific concentration. Their responsibilities are defined below and are administered while the student is enrolled in the program and concludes with the completion of the thesis project or de-enrollment of the student.

The project advisor fills an important role in the program. Project advisors are either full-time Bethel faculty members or faculty associates. They are selected based on their competence related to the area of concentration to which they are assigned, their skills in advising ministry-related projects, their access to computer technology to facilitate non-residential learning and communication, and their willingness to act as ministry consultants as they are able.

Each project advisor generally relates to one concentration group in the program. The concentration group will be composed of all persons who elect the particular concentration which the project advisor is assigned. This means the project advisor will be working with students in all stages of the program from entry to completion. Colleague group cohesiveness is provided by both the common interests represented by the concentration and by the continuing relationship with the project advisor. Each project advisor should supervise no more than 8 to 10 students in a concentration.

Grading

It is the responsibility of the project advisor, not the instructor, to grade each student's projects (except for the Thesis Proposal Workshop). The instructor will grade the student on his or her in-class participation which counts as $\frac{1}{4}$ of the final grade. Once the project has been completed, the project advisor grades the final paper which counts as $\frac{3}{4}$ of the overall grade. A student completes five course projects plus the thesis project in the program.

Course Projects: $\frac{1}{4}$ of the project grade is the intensive course grade given by the instructor.
 $\frac{3}{4}$ grade is the course project itself given by the project advisor.

Thesis Proposal: 100% grade is given by the instructor for the course. The project advisor and second reader will approve the thesis proposal

Final Thesis: 100% given by the project advisor and second reader.

Failing Grade: **A grade of B- is considered a failing grade.**

Project Requirements

Project proposals are to be completed by the student and submitted to the project advisor for approval **3 months** after the course was taken. The completed course projects are due to the advisor for a grade **9-12 months** after completing the course.