



# Presbyterian Church (USA)

Resources	Overview of Ordination Process & Requirements*	Coursework Required*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Book of Order: The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Part II: 2013/2015. G-2.06-2.07, page 34-37.</i></li> <li><i>Advisory Handbook for Preparation for Ministry in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)</i>  <a href="https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/prep4min/pdfs/p4mah2011-13rel1-4.pdf">https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/prep4min/pdfs/p4mah2011-13rel1-4.pdf</a></li> </ul> <p><u>Contact:</u>            Rev. Greg Horn  <a href="mailto:grehorn@pcum.org">grehorn@pcum.org</a>            Pastor &amp; Head of Staff            at The Presbyterian Church of            Upper Montclair  <i>and</i>            Advisor to Presbyterian            Students at            Union Theological Seminary/            Auburn Theological Seminary</p> <p>*Presbyterian students at            Union have added support of            Auburn, a Presbyterian            seminary at 475 Riverside            Drive, #1800, NY, NY 10115.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First, must be a member of a church for 6+ months.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To enter “<i>Inquiry</i>” phase: tell board (“session”) and pastor, who must vote to take you “<i>under care</i>.” Complete online forms and answer questions in front of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, which refers you to Presbytery to be enrolled as an Inquirer.</li> <li>“<i>Candidacy</i>” process will be governed by Committee on Preparation for Ministry (see <i>Advisory Handbook</i>). Candidacy can be completed once service in a church, academic work (including graduation from seminary with “satisfactory grades” and Coursework Required), and ordination exams are completed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Ordination Exams:  <i>Usually taken as “Inquirer:”</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bible Content Exam</li> <li>Open Book Bible Exegesis</li> <li>Theological Competence</li> <li>Worship &amp; Sacraments</li> <li>Church Polity</li> </ol> </li> <li>Must have “a call” (placement) to be ordained.</li> </ul> <p>*Requirements vary by Presbytery, which is who ordains.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presbyterian/Reformed theology, worship &amp; sacraments, church polity (<i>to prepare for Ordination Exam</i>)</li> <li>Hebrew and Greek</li> <li>Exegesis of the Old and New Testaments using Hebrew and Greek (<i>usually with additional Bible classes</i>)</li> <li>Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is often required*</li> </ul> <p>*Requirements vary by Presbytery.            The Committee on Preparation for Ministry for one’s Presbytery will determine the specific academic and church service requirements for each individual.</p>