



The Florida Conference
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ADDENDUM III

Local Pastor Educational Requirements

Unless a Local Pastor has an M.Div. from a UMC University Senate approved seminary:

- Full time local pastors are required to take four courses a year through the Course of Study program. They have up to 8 years from the date of their licensing to complete the 20 required courses.
- Part time Local Pastors are required to take two courses a year through the Course of Study program. They have up to 12 years from the date of their licensing to complete the 20 required courses.

Failure to make satisfactory progress in completing the Course of Study Program could result in the District Committee on Ordained Ministry recommending discontinuing the license of the Local Pastor.

Details about the Course of Study Program and Ministerial Education Funds which are available to assist with the cost of tuition can be found at: <https://www.flumc.org/floridacourseofstudy>