

# SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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## SUMMER SESSION—2001

### Seminary Term 1 (May 21-June 14)

#### May

21	Mon	Classes begin
22	Tues	Late registration fee in effect
23	Wed	Last day to enter a class, drop a class with full tuition refund; complete a change of program without a fee or entry on permanent academic record, change audit to credit

#### June

11	Mon	Last day to change credit to audit or withdraw from a class with a W
14	Thurs	Last class of Seminary Term 1

### Term 2 (June 18-July 12)

#### June

18	Mon	Classes begin
19	Tues	Late registration fee in effect
20	Wed	Last day to enter a class, drop a class with full tuition refund; complete a change of program without a fee or entry on permanent academic record, change audit to credit

#### July

9	Mon	Last day to change credit to audit or withdraw from a class with a W
12	Thurs	Last class of Seminary Term 2

### Term 3 (July 16-August 9)

#### July

16	Mon	Classes begin
17	Tues	Late registration fee in effect
18	Wed	Last day to enter a class, drop a class with full tuition refund; complete a change of program without a fee or entry on permanent academic record, change audit to credit

#### August

6	Mon	Last day to change credit to audit or withdraw from a class with a W
9	Thurs	Last class of Seminary Term 3

## Fall Semester—2001

### August 28-December 20, 2001

#### August

13-16; 20-22	Hebrew Review Session (9:30-11:30 am) Greek Review Session (6-8 pm)
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23	Thurs	Greek Qualifying Exam (1:30 pm)
23-26	Th-Sun	On-campus orientation, 3:15 pm (International students must also participate in the International Student Orientation, August 20-21)
24	Fri	Bible Knowledge Entrance Test (1:30 pm)
27	Mon	Hebrew Qualifying Exam (1:30 pm)
29	Wed	Fall semester classes begin

#### November

16, 18-20	MDiv Colloquia (Fri, Sun-Tues)
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#### December

7	Thurs	Last class of fall semester
10-13	Mon-Th	Final semester exams

## Spring Semester

### January 8-May 5, 2002

#### January

8	Tues	Spring semester classes begin
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#### March

10-13	Sun-Wed	MDiv Colloquia
14-24		Spring semester break

#### April

25	Thurs	Last class of spring semester
28-May 1		Final semester exams (Mon-Thurs)

#### May

5	Sun	Commencement
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Academic Programs	Credits
MA: Religion	32
Archaeology and History of Antiquity	
Biblical and Cognate Languages	
Church History	
Intertestamental (Jewish) Studies	
Jewish and Muslim Faiths	
Mission Studies	
New Testament Studies	
Old Testament Studies	
Theological Studies	
MTh: Master of Theology	32
Christian Ministry	
Church History	
New Testament	
Old Testament	
Theology and Christian Philosophy	
World Mission	
PhD: Doctor of Philosophy	64
Adventist Studies	
Mission and Ministry Studies	
New Testament Studies	
Old Testament Studies	
Theological Studies	
ThD: Doctor of Theology	64
Biblical Studies	
Archaeology and History	
Exegesis and Theology	
Languages and Literature	
Theological Studies	
Historical Theology	
Systematic Theology	

Interdisciplinary Programs	Credits
MSA: Master of Science in Administration	33-34
Church Administration	33
Offered through the School of Business. See p. 227.	
International Development	34
Joint program offered by ADRA and AU's International Development Council. See p. 70.	
Programs offered through the School of Education. See pp. 261-2.	
Graduate Certificate in Family Life Education	15
MA: Religious Education	32
EdS: Religious Education	32
Edd/PhD: Religious Education	60

Professional Programs	Credits
MA: Pastoral Ministry	48
General Program	
Hispanic Ministry	
MA: Youth Ministry	48
MDiv: Master of Divinity	96-111
MDiv students may use their elective credits to develop any of a large number of emphases. See p. 283.	
DMin: Doctor of Ministry	32
Evangelism and Church Growth	
Mission Studies	
Pastoral Ministry	

## MISSION

The Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary is commissioned by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to educate men and women from around the world to proclaim the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ in the setting of the three-angels' messages of Revelation 14. Affirming the centrality of Scripture as authoritative propositional revelation from God, the Seminary is charged with preparing faithful and effective pastors, evangelists, religion teachers, scholars, administrators, and others for the furtherance of the Seventh-day Adventist mission to the entire world. To this end, it seeks to provide substantial instruction in biblical, linguistic, theological, historical, missiological, and pastoral knowledge and skills.

A post-baccalaureate entity of Andrews University, the Seminary is authorized by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to confer doctoral degrees in theology, religion, and ministry, and is the only institution delegated by the denomination's North American Division to provide professional and academic master's degrees for the preparation of ministers. In harmony with its global purview, it is asked to offer extension classes and continuing-education opportunities throughout North America and, by means of extension centers and affiliations, to offer context-sensitive programs world-wide.

The Seminary seeks to be responsive to cultural, ethnic, and national differences in its choice of faculty and staff. It accepts students of any cultural, ethnic, and national background, and is open to persons of various religious persuasions who desire to benefit from its offerings and are comfortable with its standards.

Though primarily a teaching, worshiping, and confessing institution, the Seminary believes it can offer the best in professional and academic education only as its staff engages in research, publication, and field experience. In addition, it senses an obligation to assist its sponsoring organizations with counsel and information so far as resources allow.

The Seminary encourages among faculty and students participation in inter-ethnic and inter-cultural fellowship, dedication to healthful lifestyles, consecration to things of the Spirit, and commitment to lifelong service wherever in the world God's call may lead.

## ACCREDITATION AND AUTHORIZATION

The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada has granted accreditation to the Master of Arts, Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry, Master of Arts in Youth Ministry, Master of Divinity, Master of Theology, Doctor of Ministry, Doctor of Philosophy, and Doctor of Theology degrees.

## OBJECTIVES

Each program of the Seminary is committed to the following general objectives:

- to furnish the Seventh-day Adventist Church with competent, highly motivated and consecrated pastors and church workers for service in the worldwide mission of the church
- to equip men and women for the various phases of ministry with sound methods, principles, and procedures of biblical interpretation and scholarship
- to provide a firm basis for an intellectual and spiritual understanding of religion, morality, and ethics as set forth in the Bible (accepted as the propositional word of God) and as understood in Christianity in general and the Adventist Church in particular
- to transmit a belief in the relevance of biblical faith and teaching to modern men and women and to their preparation for the future kingdom
- to develop skills required for effectively proclaiming biblical faith through preaching, teaching, writing, and leadership in corporate worship and all phases of church life
- to teach methods and procedures for leading a congregation or group to accomplish its own task of disseminating the faith by word and deed
- to encourage the development of professional and pastoral skills necessary to create an atmosphere of mutual care within the Christian community in order that harmony and unity may be maintained, the common good fostered, and Christian commitment deepened
- to encourage appreciation for other cultures, sympathetic understanding of customs different from one's own, and responsiveness to change
- to promote personal involvement in the spiritual life of the Seminary community, to aid in the formation of a strong devotional life, to inspire a profound deepening of the student's vocation and commitment to serve God and humanity in harmony with the teachings set forth in Scripture as understood by the Adventist church
- to foster, within the Adventist framework, a stimulating academic and professional environment; to provide the necessary tools required for learning; to emphasize sound method, sharp critical thought, and an eager approach to discovering ultimate truth, thus forming an adequate foundation for lifelong competence and integrity
- to lay the foundations for lasting friendships, productive of mutual assistance and confidence, and to promote professional collegiality that creates a willingness to transcend personal bias and accept counsel from one's peers.

## HUMAN RELATIONS

The Seminary affirms that all persons have equal worth as beings created in the image of God. A wide diversity of individuals gives opportunity for every student, staff member, and faculty member to practice Christian love and acceptance. In practical terms, this means that we encourage one another to be respectful of and sensitive to people of every age, gender, or disability; people of every racial, ethnic, cultural, geographical, political, religious, or economic background; and people who are single or married. In classrooms, chapels, and casual conversations, and in our writing, we recognize women and men equally and avoid assumptions or judgments based on group stereotypes. Neither sexual harassment nor racial disparagement is tolerated. Frank discourse notwithstanding, we seek to listen, learn, and be enriched as we come to understand and appreciate each other more fully. We affirm our diversity even as we pursue unity.

## FACULTY

The faculty of the Seminary combine high academic and professional qualifications with a commitment to Jesus Christ and a concern for the proclamation of the gospel. A majority of the faculty have lived and/or worked overseas, served as pastors, and earned advanced degrees in the field of their specialization. The Seminary seeks to be responsive to cultural, ethnic, and national differences in its choice of faculty and staff.

The faculty is involved in research and writing for denominational periodicals and professional/theological journals. Articles authored by faculty appear in the *SDA Bible Commentary*; *SDA Bible Dictionary*; *SDA Encyclopedia*; *Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament*; *The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible, Supplementary Volume*; *Harper's Dictionary of the Bible, rev. ed.*; the *New International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*; and other reference works.

## SCHOLARLY JOURNAL

In 1963 the Seminary began publishing a scholarly journal—*Andrews University Seminary Studies*. This biannual periodical presents the results of research in the fields of biblical archaeology and history of antiquity; Hebrew Bible; New Testament; church history of all periods; historical, biblical, and systematic theology; ethics; history of religions; and missions. Selected research articles on ministry and Christian education may also be included.

## OUTREACH

**Extension Programs.** The Seminary conducts short-term extension schools in many parts of the world. Two degree programs now are offered largely in off-campus settings: (1) the Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry program, begun in North America in 1984 for mature pastors in the field who have not earned a previous seminary degree, and (2) the Doctor of Ministry program for mature pastors who have previously earned an MDiv degree or its equivalent. These professional-degree programs, part of a larger outreach of continuing education for ministry provided by the Seminary to the field in North America, are also offered in overseas fields, as is the more traditional MA in Religion. To these extension programs has now been added an in-ministry delivery system for the Master of Divinity program which allows certain pastors to take much of this degree program while remaining in parish ministry.

**Distance Education.** In the Fall of 1998, the Seminary founded a

Distance Education Center which now offers a select number of graduate classes through a variety of technologies. Prospective students should contact the Distance Education Center (Telephone: 616-471-3514; E-mail: [seminary@andrews.edu](mailto:seminary@andrews.edu)). For updates on the development of courses check the following web page: <http://www.andrews.edu/SEM/DEC>

**Guided Tours.** Under the auspices of the Seminary, the university offers guided tours for course credit. These courses include GSEM570 and GSEM578.

**Archaeological Field Work.** In 1968 under the direction of Siegfried H. Horn, the university initiated an archaeological excavation at the site of Hisban (Heshbon) in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Excavation continued for five seasons, the last in 1976. In 1984 the Institute of Archaeology expanded its work to a larger region, renaming its consortium the Madaba Plains Project. The project now sponsors excavations at Tall al-'Umayri, Tall Jalul, and other hinterland sites, and conducts an extensive archaeological survey of the entire region.

## OTHER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

**Study Term in Jerusalem.** Each spring the Seminary offers courses at the Jerusalem Study Center which is operated by the Biblical Research Institute of the General Conference. The Old Testament and New Testament departments alternate responsibilities for offering selected subjects. A seminary faculty member directs the program. Some of the courses offered meet requirements of the MDiv program, and others are general electives. The program includes touring biblical sites. Family members may accompany students. For further information, students may contact the department (Old or New Testament) which coordinates the program for the term they plan to attend.

**Urban Ministry Term.** For an experience in urban studies and ministry, students may participate in the Urban Mission and Ministry program offered every other year in conjunction with the Greater New York Van Ministry Center or another inner city ministry. A full load of courses, including field work, is offered by a seminary faculty member and other urban ministry specialists. The program emphasizes contextualized mission, church planting, ethnic diversity, urban demographic analysis, and strategic planning. Students learn ways to impact the cities where almost 50 percent of the world's population now live. For further information, contact the Department of World Mission or the Department of Christian Ministry.

**ASOR Study Center Opportunities.** Andrews University is a corporation member of the American Schools of Oriental Research. Seminary and post-graduate students may attend the organization's affiliated institutes—the W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem and the American Center for Oriental Research in Amman, Jordan. Students also may compete for financial aid and fellowships offered annually by these institutes.

## THE MINISTERIAL-TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP PLAN

This scholarship plan is established to stimulate interest in the gospel ministry and to coordinate selection, training, and placement of prospective ministers. The plan is included in the North American Division Working Policy. Details of the plan may be secured from local and union conference offices as well as from the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. Local and union

conferences, in conjunction with the North American Division, establish a scholarship fund at each local conference office. Individuals may seek these scholarship grants for assistance during participation in the MDiv program. The local conference organization decides when and to whom the scholarship grants are made.

### ADMISSION AND EVALUATION POLICIES

All applicants must hold a minimum of a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from an approved college or university and are subject to the general admission requirements in the Graduate Programs Admission section of this bulletin (see p. 38). Students in MA, MTh, PhD, and ThD programs are also subject to the Academic Standards requirements on p. 43. International students should note the Special Admission Requirements on p. 40.

**Admission Policy.** Admission to the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary is granted irrespective of race, color, national or ethnic origin, gender, or disability. The Seminary is owned and financed by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It is a community of committed Christians who collectively confess the Christian faith and seek to experience its meaning in worship and practical life. Most of its students are members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church; however, no declaration of confessional allegiance is required for admission. Students who meet academic requirements, whose lifestyle and character are in harmony with the purposes of the Seminary, and who express willingness to cooperate with general university policies may be admitted. Admission to the university, however, is a privilege rather than a right and may be withheld or withdrawn by the university at its discretion.

Students are expected to maintain the religious, social, and cultural atmosphere of the Seminary and to order their lives in harmony with its mission and purposes. The seminary community endeavors to maintain an atmosphere of mutual support and acceptance which is congenial to personal adjustment and social development. In the course of their preparation for the ministry, students are called upon to participate in the lives and worship of the surrounding churches. Because of this role, students are expected to be sensitive to the values of others and exemplary in appearance and actions.

**Student Pledge.** Students who enter the Seminary subscribe to the following declaration of purpose:

I declare it to be my serious intention to devote my life to the Christian ministry or some other form of Christian service, and to this end I pledge myself to rely on divine guidance, to live according to the standards and ideals set forth in the Holy Scriptures, to apply myself faithfully and diligently to the instruction of the Seminary, and to abide by all its requirements.

**English Language Requirements.** Class work at Andrews University is in English. Applicants whose mother tongue is other than English must submit scores of a standardized English proficiency exam unless their proficiency is otherwise satisfactorily documented (see pp. 39-40).

Students accepted in the Hispanic track of the MA in Pastoral Ministry program are exempted from English-language proficiency requirements.

**Time to Apply.** Preferably, students should apply to seminary programs 12 months before they plan to begin study.

Since students in the MDiv program may be encouraged to start in the summer term, applications for the MDiv program should be received by December 31 of the previous year. Acceptance letters to MDiv applicants are sent out after February 1.

PhD and ThD applicants for autumn semester must submit application materials by January 15. A limited number of students may be admitted for the summer term, in which case they would need to submit all application materials by November 30 of the previous year.

**Minimum GPA for Admission.** The minimum GPAs required for admission to seminary programs are listed below. Transfer credits are not counted in the GPA.

2.50	MDiv, MA in PMin, MA in YMin
2.60	MA (Religion)
3.00	MTh
3.25	DMin
3.50	PhD, ThD

**Recommendation Forms and Statement of Purpose.** Applicants to all seminary programs need to have three recommendation forms sent directly to the Graduate Admission Office. The forms should be completed by persons well acquainted with the applicant's abilities and recent experience. The length of the statement of purpose and the kind of recommendations needed are listed below.

### Master of Divinity Program

- Recommendations
  1. A college religion department (if a theology graduate of an SDA college within the past five years)
  2. A local board of a church where the applicant is a member or was engaged actively in some form of ministry for at least one year. Recommendation should be signed by the pastor or elder.
  3. A person not included in the previous categories (preferably a church leader, pastor, administrator, or teacher). Applicants who do not qualify to obtain a recommendation from one or both of the first two categories must obtain additional recommendations from the third category.
- Statement of Purpose—350 words plus an autobiographical history based on questions provided in the admission package.

### MA in Pastoral Ministry

- Recommendations
  1. Conference administrator
  2. Colleague in ministry
  3. Local church elder
- Statement of purpose—350 words plus career history.

### MA in Youth Ministry

- Recommendations
  1. College teacher in the department of applicant's undergraduate major
  2. A second college teacher
  3. Church administrator or recent employer
- Statement of Purpose—350 words plus a professional vita.

### Master of Arts in Religion

- Recommendations
  1. College teacher
  2. College teacher
  3. Church administrator or recent employer
- Statement of Purpose—350 words

### Master of Theology

- Recommendations
  1. Seminary teacher
  2. Seminary teacher
  3. Church administrator or recent employer (three seminary teachers if not recently employed)
- Statement of Purpose—350 words

**Doctor of Ministry**

- Recommendations
  1. Conference administrator
  2. Colleague in ministry
  3. Lay person
- Statement of Purpose—350 words plus career history

**Doctor of Philosophy/Theology**

- Recommendations
  1. Adviser/teacher in applicant's MA or MDiv program
  2. Teacher in applicant's MA or MDiv program
  3. Church administrator of applicant's employing organization (or most recent denominational employer if not currently church employed)
- Statement of purpose— 600 words

**Balanced Financial Plan.** All students applying for admission to the on-campus programs of the Seminary must submit a balanced financial plan detailing how their expenses will be covered. Listed below is the length of plan required for Seminary degree programs:

MA in Religion	1 year
MA in Youth Ministry	2 years
Master of Divinity	3 years
Master of Theology	1 year
Doctor of Ministry	
PhD/ThD programs	3 years*

\*or letter of sponsorship required

**Graduate Record Examinations.** Students applying to the professional ministerial degree programs (Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry, Master of Arts in Youth Ministry, and Doctor of Ministry) should provide transcripts of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test only when requested. Applicants to seminary academic graduate programs must request that a transcript of the GRE examination (taken within the past five years) be sent directly to the Graduate Admissions Office.

**Orientation.** An orientation program is conducted for all new students of the Seminary. All first-year MDiv students are required to attend. Students who begin in the summer have a short orientation on the day before summer school begins. The main orientation session starts the Thursday of the week before autumn semester classes begin and continues through Monday. New students starting either in the summer or autumn terms should plan to attend this main session. A separate orientation, including an intensive course, is conducted for students entering the in-ministry delivery system of the MDiv program. See the Seminary Calendar, p. 274, for specific dates for these orientation events.

**Psychological Evaluation.** In order to complete the spring semester registration process, all on-campus seminary students must provide evidence that they have completed the Seminary's psychological evaluation program.

**Student Lifestyle.** Continuance in a seminary program is based not only on academic achievement but also on an ongoing lifestyle reflecting Seventh-day Adventist principles in character and conduct.

**ACADEMIC POLICIES APPLYING TO ALL PROGRAMS**

**Class Loads and Enrollment Status.** The number of credits required for full- and part-time enrollment status in seminary programs is listed in the next column.

	<b>Full-time</b>	<b>Part-time</b>
MDiv	9-16	6-8
MA in PMin, MA, MA in YMin, MTh, DMin, PhD, ThD	8-12	4-7

Students may take more credits than indicated above only with approval from the dean. Students who have completed all course work in a master's or doctoral program but have not met all requirements for graduation must register for GSEM688, 788, or 888 and maintain full-time status. Students who are registered for thesis or PhD, ThD, or DMin dissertation credits also maintain full-time status.

**Minimum GPA for Graduation.** The minimum GPAs required for graduation from seminary programs are listed below. Transfer credits are not counted in the GPA.

2.50	MDiv, MA in PMin, MA in YMin
3.00	MA, MTh, DMin, PhD, ThD

Students accepted on a provisional basis must achieve the minimum GPA required for their program during the first semester they are enrolled. A student who fails to maintain the minimum GPA required for his/her degree program is placed on academic probation.

**Satisfactory Academic Progress.** To qualify for satisfactory academic progress, students must earn the minimum GPA (as above) required for their degree program and meet other standards as listed in the Tuition, Fees, and Other Financial Information section of this bulletin. See p. 48.

**Dual Enrollment.** Undergraduate religion/theology students at Andrews University, who at the beginning of a given semester are within 15 credits of graduation and who otherwise meet admission requirements of the Theological Seminary, may apply for permission to take seminary work while completing requirements for the baccalaureate degree. Dual registration is limited to one semester. An undergraduate student may accumulate not more than 12 credits in the Seminary on the basis of dual registration, and not more than 9 credits per semester.

Students should request a Dual Enrollment Application at the Academic Records Office and have their credits verified there. The form is then taken to the dean of the Theological Seminary for approval. The signed form is returned to the Academic Records Office and exchanged for a Registration Card on which the actual courses desired are listed. The Registration Card must be signed by the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, the student's adviser, and the dean of the Theological Seminary. Students dually enrolled may not carry more than 15 credits per term, and seminary credit thus earned may not be used to meet undergraduate requirements.

See Dual Enrollment on pp. 26, 41 for pursuing two graduate degrees simultaneously, or a second undergraduate degree while doing a graduate program.

**Student Spouse Class Attendance.** Academically qualified spouses of regular seminary students may enroll for up to 9 credits per semester in seminary courses at the 500 or 600 level, subject to availability of space. A recording fee is charged. Such credits may not be used by spouses pursuing a doctoral degree.

Spouses of seminary students may audit any 500- or 600-level courses (except seminars) regardless of academic qualifications and without charge, but subject to permission of the instructor and available space. Spouses seeking Continuing Education Units (CEU) should register with the Center of Continuing Education for Ministry at the beginning of the semester. They must attend at least 80% of class time and may be required to complete minimal reading or participation requirements to be part of the class.

**Classes Taken in Other Schools.** Students registered in the Seminary who plan to take courses in another school on campus must first obtain permission from the Seminary dean or appropriate program director, as well as the dean of the school where the course will be taken. Tuition is charged for MDiv students taking courses outside the Seminary.

**Informal Auditing.** Students with a full-time load and a GPA of 3.00 or above may sit in on a class without registration or a tuition charge on a space-available basis. The appropriate form must be completed. Certain courses are not available for auditing on any basis. For audited courses to be recorded on the transcript, see the university policy on p. 22.

**Independent Study Courses.** Normally, only on-campus students with a GPA of 3.00 or above may register for independent study courses. Because the faculty are not obliged to guide students for Independent Studies, students must first obtain their concurrence. Independent study courses are advanced studies in a particular field and should be taken only after completing basic courses. At registration, students need to submit a copy of the Independent Study Contract Form with the course number from the department and a brief subject added to the course title to appear on the transcript. Requirements for independent study are determined by the guiding faculty member and may include readings, research, writing, and other learning experiences. A maximum of 8 credits may be approved for Independent Study in a degree program, and Independent Study courses normally are graded satisfactory or unsatisfactory. Additional guidelines are found on the contract form.

**Directed Reading.** Courses designated Directed Reading are for doctoral students. Students must arrange individually with a professor to take courses on this basis. These courses are graded S/U.

**Grade Changes.** Grade changes are permitted only in case of computational error and must be made no later than the semester following the one in which the course was taken. A form must be completed by the teacher and signed by the dean before being taken to the Academic Records Office.

**Chapel Attendance.** Regular and punctual attendance is required at all chapels for faculty, staff, and students in residence, except special students registered for 7 credits or fewer, and faculty who have assignments off campus or are on an approved research term. Student requests to be excused from this requirement should be addressed to the seminary chaplain in writing.

Special assemblies are held occasionally at which attendance also is required.

**Final Exams.** The times and dates for final examinations are set by the University and the Seminary at the beginning of every term. Students are expected to adhere to those dates and to integrate them into their planning calendar. The only exceptions to the prescribed dates are illness or dire emergency. Such exceptions must be approved in writing by the Seminary Associate Dean's office. Personal plans, family events, church activities, and the like do not qualify for a change of date.

**Residency Requirements.** Residency requirements for seminary programs appear in the respective program descriptions.

**Time Limits on Degrees.** For time limits applying to seminary degree programs, see the respective program descriptions below. Students who violate the respective time limits must petition the dean for an extension of time, giving reasons for the request and

submitting plans for completion of the work. Petitions may be granted by the dean and may require additional qualifying or other examinations, additional course work, or both.

**Transfer Credit.** For limits on credits that may be transferred into the respective seminary programs, see each program description below.

## PROGRAMS

The Master of Divinity degree program provides basic post-graduate professional preparation for ministry with a broad exposure to all fields of theological study. The program applies biblical, historical, linguistic, theological, philosophical, ethical, missiological, pastoral, and evangelistic instruction to the practical work of the church. Practical field experience is a vital part of this program.

The Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry degree program offers professional training to mature pastors experienced in ministry. Normally such persons (if male) are ordained ministers unable to leave their parish and come to the Seminary campus for extended periods of time. The Seminary provides the major part of this professional training at off-campus centers in North America and various international sites.

The Master of Arts in Youth Ministry degree is a professional program designed to equip men and women with competencies needed for an effective ministry to youth and young adults in local church and para-church settings. The program is focused on teaching, evangelizing, discipling, and counseling adolescents.

The Master of Arts in Religion provides an opportunity for one year of specialized study beyond the baccalaureate degree. It is offered with these orientations: (1) the research orientation designed for students who plan further graduate work, and (2) the general academic orientation giving students a strong background in a specific area of religious studies.

The Master of Theology degree requires one year of full-time, specialized study beyond the MDiv degree. This program gives qualified students an opportunity for graduate study and research in one particular area of the theological study with appropriate minors.

The Doctor of Ministry is a professional, post-MDiv degree for individuals qualified to pursue advanced study. This degree provides experienced pastors with additional expertise in the areas of Pastoral Ministry, Mission Studies, and Evangelism and Church Growth.

The Doctor of Philosophy degree in religion, based on the Master of Arts in Religion, prepares teacher-scholars in the fields of New Testament Studies, Old Testament Studies, Theological Studies, Adventist Studies, and Mission and Ministry Studies for colleges and seminaries operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church around the world.

The Doctor of Theology degree, based on the Master of Divinity degree, trains teacher-scholars in the fields of biblical studies and theology for service in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.