

Church History	4
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One elective	
Mission	2
Electives	10
TOTAL CREDITS for the MA Degree	48

Credit Through Learning in Professional Experience*

Students may be eligible to receive up to 6 credits for professional experience when approved by the dean, using the following criteria:

- Applicants must have completed at least 18 credits toward the MA degree with a minimum GPA of 2.50
- The applicant must submit a Professional Experience Portfolio, including (1) an up to date curriculum vita, (2) a description of ministerial experiences, (3) a reflection-learning paper in which the applicant analyzes his/her professional skills and ministries and demonstrates how learning based on the reflection-reaction process occurred, and (4) supporting letters from administrative and pastoral supervisors which identify and document a variety of professional experiences.
- The applicant must submit the completed Professional Experience Portfolio to the Dean of the Theological Seminary not later than the semester prior to graduation. For details, contact the Director of the MA in Pastoral Ministry program.

*Students earning the Master of Arts in Youth and Young Adult Ministry degree also may receive credit by meeting the above criteria and submitting a description of their youth-ministry experiences. These students should contact the Director of the MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry program for details.

MA: YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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The MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry provides study in theology, church history, world mission, and the specialized field of youth and young adult ministry. The graduate of the MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry is competent to

- Develop, direct, and evaluate youth ministry programs in the local church and other targeted areas with both professional and theological competency.
- Recruit, nurture, and disciple youth in Christian service and vocation.
- Recruit, nurture, and disciple adult youth leaders.
- Reflect constructively and theologically upon the content and process of youth ministry.
- Serve in a variety of vocations, such as youth pastor, dormitory dean, local church youth leader, conference youth director, university/college/academy chaplain, and guidance counselor.

Students who seek to serve in general pastoral or church leadership positions should consider, as an alternative, the Master of Divinity program as stipulated by North American Division policy (L 05 05 and L 05 15). The Master of Divinity program also has an emphasis in Youth Ministry.

Admission Requirements

Applicants to the MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry program should read the general admission requirements for all graduate students on p. 42 in the Graduate Programs Admission section of this bulletin, and the general seminary admission requirements on pp. 337–340. Applicants to the MAYYAM program must also meet the qualifications listed below:

- Hold a baccalaureate degree
- Represent high moral integrity with a character, lifestyle, and spiritual commitment reflective of the beliefs and practices of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and show promise of usefulness for ministry through personal maturity and adequate experience in the Church. (Persons of other faiths who are willing to live in harmony with these standards are welcome to apply.)
- Submit an autobiographical history and statement of purpose reflecting the applicant's family, religious development, sense of calling to ministry, experience in church work, and future goals in relationship to the MAYYAM program.
- Interview with a representative of the MAYYAM program if required, either by personal contact, telephone, or e-mail.
- Pass the Bible Knowledge Entrance Test with a score of 80% or take the course GSEM525 and pass with a grade of C+ or better.
- Complete and return the Sixteen Personality Factor Questionnaire as directed.

Graduates of the MAYYAM program receive calls for ministry, however, completion of the program does not guarantee employment in Adventist ministry or any other church employment.

Degree Requirements

The MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry degree is awarded upon successful completion of a minimum of 48 semester credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better. A minimum of 24 semester credits are to be taken at the Theological Seminary or at an authorized extension center. The course work for the MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry normally should be completed within seven years.

Transfer Credits

A maximum of 24 transfer graduate credits, when applicable, may be accepted from approved seminaries or universities upon approval of the dean. Credits approved under the Credit Through Learning in Professional Experience provision (see below) are considered part of the maximum of 24 transfer credits.

MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry Curriculum

Seminary Core Courses

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Spiritual Formation (2)

Biblical Studies (4)

Two courses in Old Testament and/or New Testament

Theology (4)

Two courses in Theology. One ethics course recommended.

Church History (2)

One course in Church History: CHIS570 History of the SDA Church recommended.

Christian Ministry (4)

CHMN523 Worship, Word & Music, and one additional course in Conflict Resolution or Church Leadership.

World Mission (2)

One course in World Mission.

Youth Ministry Emphasis Courses

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- CHMN632 Contextualized Preaching: Youth and Young Adults (2)
- CHMN657 Counseling Youth and Young Adults (2)
- RLED605 Issues in Religious Education (2) **or**
- RLED610 Teaching for Discipleship (2)
- CHMN608 Youth and Young Adults in Contemporary Culture (2)
- CHMN534 Ministry to Youth and Young Adults (2)
- CHMN564 Advanced Youth and Young Adult Ministry Leadership (2)

Choose two of the following: (4)

- CHMN503 Marriage, Family and Interpersonal Relationships
 - CHMN540 Church and Urban Community
 - CHMN546 Marriage and Family
 - CHMN548 Religion and the Black Experience
 - CHMN550 Pastoral Psychology
 - CHMN574 Perspectives in Church Marketing
 - CHMN616 Spirituality in Ministry
 - CHMN619 Religious Experience in Adolescence
 - CHMN623 Innovative Evangelism
 - CHMN626 Ministry to At-Risk Youth
 - CHMN636 Seminar in Youth Ministry
- (choose no more than two classes from Children's Ministry, Adolescent Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Youth Evangelism, Visionary Leadership, African-American Youth Ministry, Hispanic Youth Ministry)
- CHMN656 Holistic Small Groups

Electives

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It is recommended that students who have no religion or theology in their undergraduate degree use 6–8 credits of their electives in Biblical studies and/or theology.

Elective Courses

Students in the MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry program can utilize their elective credits to tailor a program to their specific ministry needs. Students may select courses approved for academic graduate degrees from any of the Andrews University schools, provided there is a correlation with the chosen field of youth and young adult ministry. They can take up to 6 credits in CHMN690 Independent Study.

Field Practicum

Students must take 6 credits in CHMN660 Field Practicum. Normally registration is allowed only after the student has earned 24 or more credits.

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In place of CHMN660 Field Practicum, some students may be eligible to receive up to six credits for professional experience when approved by the dean, using the following criteria:

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professional skills and ministries and demonstrates how learning based on the reflection-reaction process occurred, and (4) supporting letters from administrative and pastoral supervisors which identify and document a variety of professional experiences.

- The applicant must submit the completed Professional Experience Portfolio to the dean of the Theological Seminary not later than the semester prior to graduation. For details, contact the director of the MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry program.

Thesis Option

As an elective option, students may choose to write a Master of Arts thesis (GSEM697) for a total of 6 credits. Under this option, the student must successfully defend the thesis. See instructions under the MDiv Thesis Option, p. 346. Students choosing the thesis option must take GSEM620 Research Methods before beginning work on the thesis.

Certification for Teaching

Students who plan to teach religion in a Seventh-day Adventist academy or in a secondary school are urged to consult as early in the program as possible with the director of the MA program and the university certification officer regarding qualifying for Adventist teaching credentials. See pp. 299–300 for more information about recommended methods courses in Bible teaching designed to meet the certification requirements.

MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry Intensive Curriculum Option

The MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry offers an intensive format for those who are unable to study in residence. It is completed over three years by attending five weeks of intensives on campus each year. The course is completed through distance learning and a field practicum.

MSA: MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ADMINISTRATION

The Seminary offers many of the credits required to complete the following multi-school programs.

MSA: Church Administration

This program is designed for individuals who wish to specialize in church administration at a level of expertise not available in the MDiv program. The MSA program prepares students to serve as presidents, treasurers, and/or institutional administrators. See the School of Business Administration section of this bulletin, p. 274, for program details.

MSA: International Development

This program is administered by the International Development Council at Andrews University. It equips graduates with both a spiritual vision and the technical expertise to work with the poor