*Shared credits for MAYYAM with MSW equal 11: CHMN503 Marriage, Family & Interpersonal Relationships is shared with SOWK501 Foundations of Practice I. DSRE660 Field Practicum is shared with SOWK510, 535, 610 and 635.

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. 284, 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 and oppressed. Community development projects and community relief and disaster activities are emphasized.

The multi-disciplinary program uses the resources of the Theological Seminary, the School of Business Administration, the School of Education, the College of Arts & Sciences, and the College of Technology. See the International Development section of this bulletin for further details, p. 84.

MA: RELIGION

Martin Hanna, *Director*

The Master of Arts (Religion) is an academic program usually involving two years of specialized study beyond the baccalaureate-degree level. The program requires 48 credits of course work. However, students with advanced theological study or prior extensive undergraduate studies in religion may complete the program with a minimum of 32 credits. (See section below on degree requirements).

The MA (Religion) degree is offered with these orientations: (1) Research Orientation which requires a thesis and a modern language relevant to the student's research (French or German are recommended); and (2) General Academic Orientation, which requires comprehensive examinations. Only 500- and 600-level courses are accepted.

The purpose of this program is to provide specialized training within the broader setting of the various disciplines of the Seminary. Students may choose an area of emphasis from those listed below:

- Archaeology and History of Antiquity
- Biblical-Theological Studies (Affiliation and Extension Programs)
- Biblical and Cognate Languages
- Church History
- Intercultural Studies
- Intertestamental (Jewish) Studies
- Jewish and Muslim Faiths
- Mission Studies
- New Testament Studies
- Old Testament Studies
- Theological Studies

The MA in Religion degree with the research orientation is designed to fulfill the needs of students planning further graduate study in biblical studies, religion, or theology. The general academic orientation should fulfill the needs of students who plan to engage in religious or secular endeavors which require a strong background in an emphasis. The MA in Religion is offered both on campus and at affiliation and extension centers outside the United States. When offered at affiliation sites, the program may reflect context-sensitive needs in its curriculum as approved by the seminary faculty.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the MA in Religion program is based on the following requirements in addition to the general admission requirements for all graduate students on p. 44, and the general seminary admission requirements on pp. 347–350.

1. Applicant holds a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent, normally with a major in religion or theology with a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or above.
2. Applicant demonstrates language proficiency or shows a plan for acquiring language proficiency as determined by the selected area of emphasis. Proficiency is defined as the reading knowledge of a language at the intermediate level. Examinations may be required to demonstrate proficiency. Biblical language proficiency must be demonstrated before registration for exegesis courses. Modern language deficiencies must be made up before registering for the MA thesis. Language proficiency courses do not apply toward the 32 credits of the MA degree requirements.
3. Complete and return the Sixteen Personality Factor Questionnaire as directed.

Prerequisites

Language Prerequisites. Students meet the language prerequisites for the various areas of emphasis either by completing the courses listed below or by passing a qualifying examination at the intermediate level.

Archaeology and History of Antiquity
  Intermediate Greek or Biblical Hebrew II
Biblical and Cognate Languages
  Intermediate Greek and Biblical Hebrew II
Biblical and Theological Studies
  Intermediate Greek or Biblical Hebrew II
Church History
  Intermediate Greek or Intermediate Latin
Intercultural Studies
  Intermediate Arabic
Intertestamental (Jewish) Studies
  Intermediate Greek and Biblical Hebrew II
Jewish and Muslim Faiths
  Biblical Hebrew II
Mission Studies
  Intermediate Greek or Biblical Hebrew II
  (or a reading knowledge of a modern foreign language)

New Testament Studies*
  Intermediate Greek
Old Testament Studies*
  Biblical Hebrew II
Theological Studies
  Intermediate Greek or Biblical Hebrew II

*Students who choose a major or minor in New Testament Studies must demonstrate proficiency in intermediate Greek either by passing the language-proficiency examination or by taking the Intermediate Greek course at Andrews University and earning a grade of B or above.

*Students who choose a major or minor in Old Testament Studies must demonstrate proficiency in intermediate Hebrew either by passing the language-proficiency examination or by taking the Biblical Hebrew II course at Andrews University and earning a grade of B or above.

Transfer Credits. A maximum of 6 semester hours of credit with a B (3.00) or above may be transferred from an approved seminary or university if applicable to the student's program. Transfer courses must have been completed within the six-year time limit.

Degree Requirements. In addition to the scholarship standards in the Graduate Programs Academic Information section of this bulletin, students must fulfill the following requirements for both the research and the general academic orientation options:

- 32–48 semester credits with a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above.
- GSEM620 (to be taken the first time the course is offered after enrolling in the program).
- A major area of emphasis with 16–24 credits.
- A minor area of emphasis with 6–12 credits chosen from a second area of interest.
- Additional language requirements as listed under the two orientation requirements listed below.

Prior learning credit. In order to receive maximum prior learning credit, applicants must provide a transcript showing that they have taken the following courses at the undergraduate level with a GPA of 3.00 or better (on a 4.00 system). For each undergraduate credit deficiency, graduate credit must be added to the minimum of 32 credits required for this degree.

Church History	2
New Testament Studies	2
Old Testament Studies	2
Theological Studies	2
E.G. White Writings	2
Electives in religion*	12
Total prerequisite credits	**22**

*For the emphasis in Jewish and Muslim Faiths, Church History is to be replaced with one of the following courses: Jewish History, Arabic History, Introduction to Modern Hebrew, or Modern Dialectal Arabic. An elective course must be World Religions.

Research Orientation Requirements. A foreign language (French or German is recommended) must be completed by examination or course work (FREN505, GRMN505) in addition to the minimum 32–48 semester credits. An MA thesis with a total of 6 credits must be completed and defended. It cannot be started until all language requirements are finished. A student who has completed the required course work but has not finished the thesis (after completing 6 thesis credits) must register for GSEM688 (no credit) until the thesis has been approved.

General Academic Orientation Requirements. Students must take an oral or written comprehensive examination after advancement to candidacy. The comprehensive examination may be retaken only once. A student who has completed the required course work but has not finished all degree requirements must register for GSEM688 (no credit) until all requirements are met.

Advancement to Candidacy. Upon completion of 50 percent of the course work, a student should apply for advancement to candidacy. Forms are available in the office of the director of the MA program. The forms should be completed by the student and approved by the director of the MA program and the dean of the Seminary.

Time Limits. A student must complete the requirements for the MA in Religion degree and graduate within six years of first enrolling in the program regardless of admission classification.

Academic Advisement. The director of the MA in Religion program, in cooperation with department chairs, assigns academic advisers in the student's area of specialization. The selection of the remaining course requirements is monitored by the director.

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 SDA teaching credentials. See pp. 307–309 for more information about recommended methods courses in Bible teaching designed to meet the certification requirements.

Areas of Emphasis

In the event that a required course is not offered during any given term, another course in the same area can be substituted for the required course in consultation with the chair of the department.

Archaeology and History of Antiquity. OTST510, 604, 614. Remaining courses to complete the 16 credits must be chosen from GSEM670, NTST615, 635, 680, 684, 689, 690, OTST514, 605, 615, 630, 635, 690.

Biblical and Cognate Languages. OTST625 and one of the following: NTST608, 678, or 696. Remaining courses to complete the 16 credits must be chosen from NTST606, 618, 626, 646, 665, 678, 690, 696, OTST545, 550, 565, 612, 626, 639, 654, 658, 659, 660, 680, 685, 690.

Church History. CHIS674 and additional CHIS courses to complete the 16 credits. Up to three credits may be chosen from among GSEM678 (in Church History), THST624, 625, 628, MSSN676.

Intercultural Studies. This emphasis requires 46 semester credits plus Arabic language proficiency at the intermediate level. Classes required include MSSN 610, 650, 615, 635 for 6 credits, 660, 652 for 16 credits, 653 for 6 credits, GSEM 620, and GSEM 697 for 5 credits.

Intertestamental (Jewish) Studies. NTST525, 635, 684 or 689. Remaining courses to complete the 16 credits must be chosen from NTST615, 618, 626, 680, 690, 696, OTST614, 625, 626, 627, 654, 659, 690.

Jewish and Muslim Faiths. OTST627. A course is to be chosen from each of the following groups: Apologetics/comparative religion—MSSN530, 650, 660, or CHMN587; History—ANTH478, CHIS630, or HIST450; Language/literature—OTST626, 654, 658, or NTST626; Theology/Ethics—HIST450, OTST620, or THST644.

Mission Studies. MSSN610 or 676. Remaining courses to complete the 16 credits must be chosen from MSSN.

New Testament Studies. An advanced course in language chosen from among NTST608, 678, or 696; a course in New Testament theology; a course in New Testament exegesis (in addition to NTST678 if that course is taken to satisfy the language requirement); a course in New Testament backgrounds to be selected from among NTST615, 635, 654, 680, 684, 689. Remaining courses to complete the 16 credits must be chosen from NTST courses or GSEM530, 670.

Old Testament Studies. OTST625; two courses in Exegesis; a course in Archaeology and History of Antiquity. Remaining courses to complete the 16 credits must be chosen from OTST courses or GSEM670 or 530.

Theological Studies. Regardless of which sub-section of theological studies is selected for emphasis—Systematic Theology, Historical Theology, or Philosophy and Ethics—the following courses are required: THST550, 619, and 624 or 628. Remaining courses to complete the 16 credits must be chosen from THST courses or GSEM534 or 530.

Electives. A student may select courses approved for academic graduate degrees provided there is a correlation with the student's chosen area of study.

Programs Offered at Affiliation and Extension Sites

Depending on the availability of adequate research library facilities and qualified teaching staff, an affiliated school may be authorized by the seminary faculty to offer some or all of the areas of emphasis listed above with the research orientation or the general academic orientation. Contact the director of the MA program for details on the Affiliation and Extension Programs.

Biblical-Theological Studies. This area of emphasis is available only with the general academic orientation at Affiliation and Extension Centers. In addition to the degree requirements outlined above, and depending on prior learning credit, the following are required: two or three NTST courses, two or three OTST courses, two or three THST courses, and a course from either CHIS or MSSN or both. Remaining courses to complete the 16–24 credits must be chosen from any of the above disciplines.

An MA Thesis in lieu of Comprehensive Exams is possible with authorization of the Director of the MA in Religion Program.

Adventist Ministry Minor. A minor in Adventist Ministry is available at Affiliation and Extension centers only. Eight credits may be selected from appropriate CHMN courses.

DMIN: DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Skip Bell, *Director*

Purpose

The purpose of the Doctor of Ministry program is to provide structured, rigorous, advanced training in ministry by equipping participants with needed competencies and leadership skills. The program engages qualified people in an active learning environment so that they may reach advanced levels of ministry effectiveness.

Program Description

The Doctor of Ministry program offers a professional degree for people who seek advanced competencies in evangelism, ministry and mission. The program enables people to grow within the framework of a Biblical model of leadership and to develop an Adventist perspective of evangelism, ministry, and mission. The program is normally offered to professionals who are in active ministry.

Course modules include teaching intensives at various North American and international sites. Concentrations are offered in Chaplaincy, Discipleship and Biblical Spirituality, Evangelism and Church Growth, Family Ministry, Global Mission Leadership, Health Care Chaplaincy, Leadership, Missional Church: A Biblical Response to Western Culture, Pastoral Ministry (Spanish), Preaching, Urban Ministry, and Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

Doctor of Ministry modules include intensive sessions taught by faculty teams that include seminary professors with appropriate academic expertise and professionals from the field with experience in evangelism, ministry and mission. Teaching methodology combines appropriate methods and technology with collegial dialogue to encourage a creative learning environment. Faculty aim to facilitate balanced spiritual, professional, and theological formation that affects the individual, the family, and the ministry group. Participants develop a deeper personal experience, which leads to a strengthening of their family life as well as a greater commitment to ministry. They learn to evaluate ministerial practices through theological reflection, which helps them establish a Biblical model of servant leadership. Graduates from the program will be able to use appropriate tools to analyze the needs of their churches and communities and develop and implement appropriate and effective ministries.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to the Doctor of Ministry program, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Hold the Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent.
- Have a GPA of at least 3.25.
- Demonstrate high professional and personal potential for the gospel ministry.
- Have an equivalent of at least three years of experience in ministry subsequent to the first graduate theological degree.
- Supply satisfactory recommendations.
- Submit a 1500–2500 word double-spaced paper that discusses their personal spiritual journey and sets forth their purpose for seeking the Doctor of Ministry degree. The paper should manifest deep theological reflection and a familiarity with current literature in pastoral ministry.