

**Informal Auditing.** Students with a full-time load and a GPA of 3.00 or above may sit in on a Seminary 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. 28.

**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 may be 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 Office of Academic Records.

**Worship Attendance.** Regular and punctual attendance is required at seminary worships and assemblies for faculty, staff and students in residence, except 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 deans' office in writing. Regular worship attendance is a graduation requirement for students in residence. For further details, please refer to the "Seminary Worship Attendance Policy" under Student Life at the Seminary website, [www.andrews.edu/sem](http://www.andrews.edu/sem).

**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, educational, 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 are 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 and Young Adult Ministry degree is a professional program designed to equip men and women with competencies for effective ministry to youth and young adults in local church and para-church settings. The program is focused on discipling, teaching, counseling and evangelizing youth and young adults.

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 Arts: Religious Education is an academic degree designed to develop theory and practice for the discipling and teaching ministry of the church in the home, church, or Christian school setting. The degree also provides a foundation for the PhD in Religious Education.

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 in Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology is an advanced academic degree that prepares teacher-scholars in the fields of Biblical Archaeology and Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology and Anthropology for church-operated colleges, seminaries and universities around the world.

The Doctor of Philosophy 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 PhD in Religious Education prepares men and women to be scholars and researchers in specialized teaching and discipling ministries of the home, the church, or the Christian college or university.

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.

Completion of a seminary program does not guarantee employment.