

# MASTER OF DIVINITY INFORMATION

## 2007-2008

The Master of Divinity program (MDiv) at Andrews University is a rigorous graduate level program designed to train pastors for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Students are expected to present a broad range of undergraduate general education classes in such subjects as accounting, behavioral science (including psychology), communication, education, English, fine arts, health, history, sociology, and word-processing skills. In the area of religion and cognate studies, undergraduate work must include the following minimum requirements.

### ACADEMIC ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

**All applicants must hold a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from an approved college or university. Minimum undergraduate GPA: 2.50**

**Religion Prerequisites.** The following undergraduate prerequisites are required of students before they can enter the basic MDiv curriculum. Students who lack one or more of these courses (maximum 13 semester credits) can take them at the Seminary and apply them to elective credits in the MDiv. However, students who have more than 13 credits of prerequisite courses to complete at Andrews University will need to follow an extended MDiv curriculum.

Old Testament Introduction and Survey B One course; 3-4 credits (semester)  
New Testament Introduction and Survey B One course; 3-4 credits  
Bible Doctrines/Theology B Two courses; 4-6 credits  
General Church History - Two courses; 4-6 credits  
History of the SDA Church B One course; 2-3 credits  
Life and Ministry of Ellen G. White - One course; 2-3 credits  
General or Introduction to Psychology B One course; 2-3 credits  
Pastoral Ministry and Church Policy B One course; 2-3 credits  
Homiletics/Biblical Preaching - One course; 2-3 credits  
Personal Evangelism B One course; 2-3 credits  
Biblical Greek (Intermediate level proficiency)\*  
Biblical Hebrew (Intermediate level proficiency)\*

Students who have deficiencies in OT Introduction and Survey, NT Introduction and Survey, General Church History, Life and Ministry of Ellen G. White, and Biblical Preaching *should plan to start their program in the summer semester (classes begin on May 14, 2007).*

**\*Biblical Hebrew and Biblical Greek Prerequisites.** Hebrew and Greek are required at the Intermediate proficiency level as demonstrated by a qualifying exam rather than a specific number of undergraduate credits. Students who pass the exam at the intermediate level are allowed to enroll in exegesis courses without further language study. Students who do not qualify are placed in appropriate levels of Hebrew or Greek courses according to their test scores (either Beginning or Intermediate level). Instruction sheets designed to help students prepare for the qualifying exams are available from the Old Testament and New Testament departments. Students may also demonstrate proficiency in Intermediate Hebrew and Intermediate Greek by taking the respective courses at Andrews University and earning a minimum grade of C+.

### **For August 2007**

A **Greek Review Session** will be offered August 13-16: 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
The **Greek Qualifying Examination** will be given on Wednesday, **August 22, 1:00 p.m.**

A **Hebrew Review Session** will be offered August: 13-17: 9:00 to 12:00 noon  
The **Hebrew Qualifying Examination** will be given on Thursday, **August 23, 8:30 a.m.**

**Pastoral Ministry & Church Policy Prerequisite:** Students who took a two or three credit pastoral ministry and church policy course at the undergraduate level will need to show evidence of their knowledge by either passing a proficiency exam or by taking the course CHMN545 Pastoral Ministries and Church Policy for one credit and earning at least a C+. Those who have never had a church policy course must enroll in CHMN545 Pastoral Ministries and Church Policy for two credits and must earn a C+ or better. The proficiency exam is only available to those who have taken the course at the undergraduate level.

**Bible Knowledge Entrance Test.** Entering students may choose to take the Bible knowledge test (passing grade is 80%) or, as an alternative, take the course **GSEM525 The Bible and Biblical History** in the fall semester. Passing the course with a grade of at least C+ fulfills the test requirement. This test is an entering requirement so if students do not take the test or pass the course with a grade of at least C+ they must suspend participation in the MDiv program until they pass the test at its next scheduled administration. Full information on the test, including a list of items that must be mastered in order to pass it, is available through the Associate Dean's office or on-line at <http://www.andrews.edu/SEM/bket/>.

**Bible Knowledge Entrance Test: Friday, August 24, 9:00 a.m.**

### **ADMISSION PROCESS**

**TIME TO APPLY.** Preferably, students should apply to the Seminary program 6 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.

It takes at least two full months to process an application, so start the process well ahead to ensure you receive your acceptance letter on time.

Students who do not have a BA in Theology and who need many of the prerequisites listed above will be required to start the MDiv program in the summer session.

No students are admitted into the MDiv program to start in the spring semester.

All MDiv applicants must meet the Graduate Programs Admission Requirements applicable to all graduate students, found on p. 46 of the University Bulletin, and the general Seminary requirements.

Applicants to the MDiv program must also meet the qualifications listed below:

- Recommendations: (specific forms are available and must be used)
  - A college religion department (if a theology graduate of an SDA college within the past 5 years);
  - 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;
  - 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.
- Balanced Financial Plan. All students applying for admission to the M Div program must submit a balanced financial plan detailing how their expenses will be covered. The length of plan required for the Master of Divinity is 3 years.
- Hold a baccalaureate degree, usually in theology or religion.
- Demonstrate undergraduate work that includes the items specified below in the list of Undergraduate Prerequisites.
- Normally hold membership in the Seventh-day Adventist Church inasmuch as the MDiv program is specifically designed for SDA ministers and is sponsored and financed by the SDA church.
- 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 Adventist 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 (350 words)

reflecting the applicant=s family and religious development, sense of calling to ministry, experience in church work, and future goals in relationship to the MDiv program. (If married, the spouse of the applicant is also asked to complete a statement in regard to her/his feelings and relationship to the partner=s aspirations for future ministry.)

- An interview with a representative of the MDiv program may be required, either by personal contact, telephone, or video.
- Complete the I6 Personality Factor Inventory and accompanying questionnaire which are sent to the applicant after the initial application has been received.

Completion of the MDiv program does not in any way or at any time guarantee employment in Adventist ministry or any other church employment. Applicants may receive an admission packet for the Master of Divinity program by writing to [enroll@andrews.edu](mailto:enroll@andrews.edu). or calling 800-253-2874 (specify the program you are applying for) or go on-line to our website: [www.andrews.edu/SEM](http://www.andrews.edu/SEM) and download the Master of Divinity application forms.

**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 (**May 13, 2007**). The main orientation session will begin on **Wednesday, August 22 at 3:00 p.m.** (right after the Greek Qualifying Exam). This orientation will **continue from August 22-25**. New students starting either in the summer or autumn semesters should plan to attend this main session. A separate orientation, including an intensive course, is conducted for students entering the InMinistry delivery system of the MDiv program.

## CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

<b>GENERAL SEMINARY</b>		12-15 credits
Bible Knowledge Entrance Test (Passed)		Yes/No
GSEM525	The Bible & Biblical History	1*
GSEM532	Life & Ministry of EGW	2*
GSEM534	Writings of EGW	2
GSEM510	Revelation, Inspiration, Hermeneutics	3
GSEM539	Issues in Origins	2
GSEM521	Spiritual Formation	3
GSEM530	Doctrine of the Sanctuary	2

<b>CHRISTIAN MINISTRY</b>		29-35 credits
Pastoral Ministry/Church Policy Exam (Passed)		Yes/No
CHMN545	Pastoral Min/Church Policy	1-2*

### General Christian Ministry Courses

CHMN550	Pastoral Psychology	2*
CHMN505	Biblical Preaching	2*
CHMN	A preaching course	2
CHMN614	Preaching Daniel/Revelation/Evang	2
CHMN519	Worship/Church Music	2
CHMN527	Church Leadership/Administration	2
CHMN555	Pastoral Counseling	2
CHMN534	Youth Ministry Leadership	2
CHMN518	Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2
CHMN517	Topics in Ministry	2

### NADEI Courses:

CHMN536	Personal Evangelism	2*
CHMN539	Ch Growth & Equipping the Pastor	3
CHMN566	Mobilizing Laity Min. Evang	2+
CHMN656	Holistic Small Groups	2
CHMN562	Field Evangelism	4
CHMN563	General Field Work	2

<b>CHURCH HISTORY</b>		7-11 credits
CHIS570	History SDA Church	2*
CHIS501	Church History I	2*
CHIS502	Church History II	2*
CHIS503	Church History III	2*
CHIS674	Development SDA Theology	3
CHIS	One period course: 600,609,635 640,650,655,660,665 or 688	2+
CHIS	One other course	2+

<b>NEW TESTAMENT</b>		10-17 credits
NTST551	Beginning Greek	2*
NTST552	Intermediate Greek	3*
	Greek Qualifying Exam (Passed)	Yes/No
NTST515	NT Backgrounds	2*
NTST509	Pauline Writings	3
NTST510	Gospels	3
NTST525	Revelation	2
NTST543	Acts and General Epistles	2

<b>OLD TESTAMENT</b>		10-17 credits
OTST551	Biblical Hebrew I	3*
OTST552	Biblical Hebrew II	2*
	Hebrew Qualifying Exam (Passed)	Yes/No
OTST500	Survey of Old Testament	2*
OTST565	Pentateuch	3
OTST550	Prophets & Writings	3
OTST545	Daniel	2
OTST	An archaeology course	2

<b>THEOLOGY &amp; CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY</b>		9-11 credits
THST531	Survey of Christian Theology I	3*
THST532	Survey of Christian Theology II	3*
THST540	Doctrine of Salvation	2+
THST	A systematic theology course	2+
THST510	Understanding the Christian World	3
	or	
THST	One course in historical theology	3
THST	An ethics course	2

<b>WORLD MISSION</b>		6 credits
MSSN525	Mission to the World	3
MSSN	Any missions course	3

**ELECTIVES** 0-13 credits

**SUMMARY**

Credits Needed for Degree (Without Deficiencies) = 96.0  
 Credits Needed for Degree (With Deficiencies) = up to 112.0

\*Courses to fulfill undergraduate deficiencies

+Courses not taken by students who take courses to fulfill undergraduate deficiencies

Minimum Grade Point Average required to graduate: 2.50

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