

MASTER OF DIVINITY INFORMATION

2009-2010

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

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.

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

The Master of Divinity degree accommodates both those who have theology/religion degrees and those with bachelor's degrees in other areas by offering two tracks. The Track 1 curriculum for theology/religion majors is generally 92 semester credits and requires advanced courses in most subject areas. The Track 2 curriculum for those with other majors is generally 107 semester credits and includes many survey and backgrounds courses. Students without theology/religion degrees need to begin their studies here in the summer semester (May) as many foundational courses are offered during the summer term. We suggest that theology/religion majors begin the program in the fall (August).

Theology/religion majors are expected to have taken specific courses on the undergraduate level. If a transcript evaluation shows any of these courses to be lacking, the student's curriculum will be adjusted to fulfill any deficiencies. This will lengthen the program to more than 92 credits.

Track 1 Prerequisites:

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

While the curriculum for MDiv students without a prior degree in theology/religion is normally 107 credits, the actual number of credits required may be reduced if the student's undergraduate transcript shows evidence of one or more of the courses listed above.

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 2009

A **Greek Review Session** will be offered August 10-13: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The **Greek Qualifying Examination** will be given on Wednesday, **August 19, 1:00 p.m.**

A **Hebrew Review Session** will be offered August 10-14: 9:00 to 12:00 noon

The **Hebrew Qualifying Examination** will be given on Thursday, **August 20, 8:30 a.m.**

Pastoral Ministries and Church Policy Proficiency Examination. All students who have completed an undergraduate course in Pastoral Ministries and Church Policy and have passed the qualifying exam as part of the course do not need to re-take the Pastoral Ministries and Church Policy Proficiency Examination. If they did not pass the exam on the undergraduate level they may take it at the seminary at one of the scheduled times. The passing score for this proficiency exam is 80%. If students fail the exam, they must take the class CHMN552 Foundations of Pastoral Ministry. Students without an undergraduate course in Pastoral Ministries meet this requirement by taking the course CHMN552 Foundations of Pastoral Ministry. A final grade of C+ or higher is required to fulfill the course requirements.

Biblical Literacy Entrance Exam. Entering students may choose to take the Biblical Literacy Entrance Exam (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/Articles/NT/2007-Study-Guide-Bible-Knowledge.pdf>

Biblical Literacy Entrance Exam: Friday, August 21, 9:00 a.m.

ADMISSION PROCESS

Domestic applications require approximately six months for processing. International applications require approximately twelve months for processing.

Students who do not have a BA in Theology and who need many of the prerequisites 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 four year baccalaureate degree, usually in theology or religion.
- 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 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 or calling 800-253-2874 (specify the program you are applying for) or go on-line to our website: 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 10, 2008)**. The main orientation session will begin on **Wednesday, August 26 at 3:00 p.m.** (right after the Greek Qualifying Exam). This orientation will **continue from August 26-29**. New students starting either in the summer or autumn semesters need 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.

Tuition. MDiv students pay a semester registration fee instead of tuition. Consult the Basic Cost Sheet on the AU web page for the current costs. <http://www.andrews.edu/future/financing/tuition/index.html> This financial plan applies equally to MDiv students with or without a conference scholarship and only to courses taken in the Seminary.

Spouses of full-time, on-campus Seminary students who are enrolled in a Seminary masters-level program in the same semester in which their spouse is enrolled and paying tuition will have the opportunity of taking Seminary credits for a minimal recording fee (consult the Seminary Dean's office for the current fee) subject to availability of space (limit 9 credits per semester). Spouses of seminarians are encouraged to informally audit one class per semester at no cost.

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

Interdisciplinary Courses	17-18	CHMN631 Field Evangelistic Preaching	3
All students who do not pass or opt not to take the Biblical Literacy Entrance Exam must take the following course during their first semester in the MDiv program.		CHMN543 Christian Leadership in a Changing World	3
GSEM525 The Bible and Biblical History	1	CHMN503 Marriage, Family, and Interpersonal Relationships	3
Track 1		CHMN555 Pastoral Counseling	2
GSEM541 Spiritual Formation	3	CHMN563 General Field Work	0
GSEM534 Issues in Ellen G. White Studies	2	CHMN552 Foundations of Pastoral Ministry	2
GSEM530 Doctrine of the Sanctuary	2	CHMN505 Biblical Preaching	2
GSEM539 Issues in Origins	2	CHMN536 Personal Evangelistic Ministry	2
GSEM510 Revelation, Inspiration and Hermeneutics	3	Choose 4 of the following 2-credit courses:	8
GSEM626 Contemporary Adventist Theological Issues	2	The four courses must include, at minimum, Advanced Preaching, or Worship: Word & Music; CHMN534 or CHMN610.	
GSEM627 Issues in Daniel and Revelation	3	CHMN656 Holistic Small Groups	
Track 2		CHMN__ Advanced Preaching elective	
GSEM541 Spiritual Formation	3	CHMN523 Worship: Word & Music	
GSEM534 Issues in Ellen G. White Studies	2	CHMN534 Youth Ministry Leadership	
GSEM530 Doctrine of the Sanctuary	2	CHMN610 Teaching for Discipleship	
GSEM539 Issues in Origins	2	CHMN544 The Church & Social Issues	
GSEM510 Revelation, Inspiration and Hermeneutics	3	or MSSN505 Christian Responses to Human Needs	
GSEM626 Contemporary Adventist Theological Issues	2	Courses from NADEI	
GSEM511 Daniel and Revelation	3	Of the above courses, the following are taught by NADEI (North American Division Evangelism Institute).	
Christian Ministry	27-31	CHMN539 Church Growth	
Track 1		CHMN562 Field Evangelism	
CHMN539 Church Growth	3	CHMN563 General Field Work	
CHMN562 Field Evangelism	3	CHMN566 Mobilizing Laity	
CHMN631 Field Evangelistic Preaching	3	CHMN656 Holistic Small Groups	
CHMN543 Christian Leadership in a Changing World	3	CHMN536 Personal Evangelistic Ministry	
CHMN503 Marriage, Family, and Interpersonal Relationships	3	In the semester in which students take CHMN562, the class load is limited to 12 credits. International (non North American) students are exempt from CHMN562 and 563 except as arranged. Other NADEI courses are required of international students unless the substitution of a course offered by the Department of World Mission is approved by the MDiv director. The 3 credits exempted from CHMN562 must be taken in either the Christian Ministry or World Mission departments.	
CHMN555 Pastoral Counseling	2		
CHMN563 General Field Work	0		
Choose 5 of the following 2-credit courses: The five courses must include, at minimum, CHMN566 or CHMN656; Advanced Preaching, or Worship: Word & Music; CHMN534 or CHMN610.	10		
CHMN566 Mobilizing Laity			
CHMN656 Holistic Small Groups			
CHMN__ Advanced Preaching elective			
CHMN523 Worship: Word & Music			
CHMN534 Youth Ministry Leadership			
CHMN610 Teaching for Discipleship			
CHMN544 The Church & Social Issues			
or MSSN5xx Christian Responses to Human Needs			
Track 2		Church History	6-12
CHMN539 Church Growth	3	Track 1	
CHMN562 Field Evangelism	3	CHIS674 Development of Seventh-day Adventist Theology	3
		Choose at least three credits from the following courses:	3
		Period courses:	
		CHIS600 The Early Church to A.D. 604	

CHIS609 The Church in the Middle Ages
 CHIS640 Reformation
 CHIS650 English Reformation and Rise of Protestantism
 CHIS655 Wesley and Methodism
 CHIS660 History of Religion in America
 CHIS665 Modern Church History
 CHIS688 Contemporary Trends
 Topical Courses:
 CHIS620 Seminar in Christian Biography
 CHIS625 Seminar in Church-State Thought
 CHIS634 Reformation Theology
 CHIS635 History of the African American Churches
 CHIS638 History of Covenant, Law, and Sabbath
 CHIS668 History of Religious Liberty
 CHIS673 Development of Seventh-day Adventist Lifestyle
 CHIS675 Seminar in the Development of Adventist Lifestyle
 CHIS680 History of Sabbath and Sunday
 CHIS682 Seminar in Church History
 CHIS685 Studies in Church History
 CHISxxx History of Christian Spirituality

Track 2

CHIS674 Development of Seventh-day Adventist Theology 3
 CHIS501 Church History I 2
 CHIS502 Church History II 2
 CHIS503 Church History III 2
 CHIS504 Adventist Heritage 3

New Testament

Students must be careful to attend to the language requirements for each NT course because many of them have Greek language requirements that must be met before enrolling in the class.

Track 1

Choose one of the following exegesis courses: 3
 NTST645 Hebrews
 NTST646 Studies in New Testament Exegesis
 NTST653 Advanced Studies in the General Epistles
 NTST655 Advanced Studies in the Gospels
 NTST658 Advanced Studies in the Pauline Writings
 NTST678 Seminar in Greek Exegesis

Choose one of the following theology courses: 3
 NTST616 Theology of Luke-Acts
 NTST630 Theology of the Synoptic Gospels
 NTST634 Theology of the Pauline Epistles
 NTST641 Theology of the Johannine Writings
 NTST657 Theology of Hebrews
 NTST667 Studies in New Testament Theology
 NTST668 New Testament Ethics
 NTST676 Jesus in Recent Scholarship
 NTST679 Seminar in New Testament Theology and

Ethics

Choose one of the following backgrounds courses: 2
 NTST606 Formation and History of the New Testament
 NTST626 Seminar in Classical Jewish Literature
 NTST635 Intertestamental Period
 NTST654 Second Century Christianity
 NTST680 Greco-Roman World
 NTST684 Judaism and the New Testament

Track 2

NTST551 Beginning Greek 2
 NTST552 Intermediate Greek 3
 NTST515 New Testament Backgrounds 2
 NTST543 Acts and General Epistles 2
 NTST510 Gospels 3
 NTST509 Pauline Writings 3

Old Testament

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Student must be careful to attend to the language requirements for each OT course as many of them have Hebrew language requirements that must be met before enrolling in the class.

Track 1

Choose one of the following archaeology courses: 2
 OTST604 History of the Ancient Near East
 OTST614 Archaeology of Palestine
 OTST635 History of Israel
 OTST638 Archaeology in Evangelism
 NTST615 New Testament Archaeology

Choose one of the following exegesis courses: 3
 OTST628 Principles and Methods of OT Exegesis
 OTST639 Studies in Old Testament Exegesis
 OTST680 Seminar in Old Testament Exegesis
 OTST664 Pentateuch
 OTST666 Historical Books
 OTST668 Psalms/Wisdom Literature
 OTST674 Daniel
 OTST675 Minor Prophets
 OTST686 Major Prophets

Choose one of the following theology courses: 3
 OTST520 Theology of the Old Testament
 OTST620 Seminar in Old Testament Theology
 OTST627 Jewish Life and Thought

Track 2

OTST551 Biblical Hebrew I 3
 OTST552 Biblical Hebrew II 2
 OTST565 Pentateuch 3
 OTST555 Prophets 3
 OTST558 Writings 2
 Choose one of the following: 2
 OTST510 Archaeology and the Bible

OTST514 Bible Lands and their Exploration		Choose one of the following ethics courses:	2
Theology and Christian Philosophy	8-10	THST600 Christian Personal Ethics	
Track 1		THST634 Christian Social Ethics	
THST540 Doctrine of Salvation	2	THST643 Christian Professional Ethics	
		THST644 Theological Ethics	
		THST660 Church and Society	
Choose one of the following systematic theology courses:	2	Track 2	
THST520 Works of God		THST521 Christian Theology I	3
THST530 Biblical Eschatology		THST522 Christian Theology II	3
THST539 Doctrine of the Holy Spirit		THST510 Understanding the Christian World	2
THST555 Ecclesiology and the Practice of Ministry		THST550 Principles of Christian Ethics	2
THST608 Doctrine of the Sabbath			
THST615 Doctrine of the Church		World Mission	6
THST616 Doctrine of God		Track 1 and Track 2	
THST618 The Works of Christ		MSSN646 Ministry in Cultural and Religious Context	3
THST619 Principles and Methods of Theology		MSSN661 Christian Witness & World Religions	3
THST630 Doctrine of Christ			
THST647 Human Nature and Destiny		General Electives	12
Choose one of the following historical theology courses:	2	Track 1 students take 12 credits of general electives.	
THST624 Protestant Theological Heritage		Electives may not be used to satisfy prerequisites and/or	
THST625 Early Christian Theology		deficiencies. Students may wish to complete an emphasis	
THST626 Modern Christian Theology		using elective credits. See page 308 for a list of options.	
THST627 Roman Catholic Life & Thought		Up to 9 credits in relevant courses offered by other	
THST628 Contemporary Theology		schools of the university on the graduate level may be	
THST629 Interchurch Dialogue		included in the general electives, including up to 4	
		appropriate workshop credits.	

SUMMARY

Total credits for Track 1 (Without Deficiencies) = 92.0
 Total credits for Track 2 = 107.0

Minimum Grade Point Average required to graduate: 2.50

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