

**TRANSFER CREDITS**

A maximum of 24 transfer graduate credits, when applicable, may be accepted from approved seminaries or universities upon approval by 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 MINISTRY CURRICULUM****Seminary Core Courses****Spiritual Formation (2)****Biblical Studies (4)**

Two courses in Old Testament and/or New Testament

**Theology (4)**

Two courses in Theology. THST644 recommended.

**Church History (2)**

One course in Church History: CHIS570 recommended.

**Christian Ministry (4)**

CHMN519, and one additional course in Conflict Resolution or Church Leadership.

**World Mission (2)**

One course in World Mission.

**Youth Ministry Emphasis Courses**

CHMN520 Contextualized Preaching: Youth (2)

CHMN657 Counseling Youth and Young Adults (2)

CHMN554 (OR EDRE505) Introduction to Religious Education (2)

CHMN608 Youth in Contemporary Culture (2)

CHMN534 Youth Ministry Leadership (2)

CHMN564 Advanced Youth Ministry Leadership (2)

Choose two of the following: (4)

CHMN636 (choose no more than two from

Children's Ministry, Adolescent Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Youth Evangelism, Visionary Leadership, African-American Youth Ministry, Hispanic Youth Ministry)

CHMN619 Religious Experience in Adolescence

CHMN623 Innovative Evangelism

CHMN546 Marriage and Family

CHMN616 Spirituality in Ministry

EDPC515 Psychological Development—the Growth Years

EDPC516 Psychology of Character Development

**Electives****TOTAL CREDITS for the MA Degree**

18

16

14

48

**Elective Options.** Students in the MA in Youth Ministry program can utilize their elective credits to tailor a program to their specific ministry needs through the following four options. Students must take 6 credits in the first option, Field Practicum, or if one qualifies, 6 credits in the second option, Learning in Professional Experience.

**FIELD PRACTICUM**

Students may take up to 6 credits in CHMN660. Normally registration is allowed only after the student has earned 24 or more credits.

**CREDIT THROUGH LEARNING IN PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Students may be eligible for up to 6 credits approved by the dean for learning in professional experience based on the criteria listed under the MA in Pastoral Ministry program, p. 284.

**ELECTIVE COURSES**

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 ministry. Students can take up to 6 credits in CHMN690.

**THESIS OPTION**

Students may elect 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. 281. Students choosing the thesis option must take GSEM620 before beginning work on the thesis.

## 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 section of this bulletin, p. 227, for program details.

**MSA: INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

This program is based on an agreement between Andrews University and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA). 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, the School of Education, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the College of Technology. See the International Development section of this bulletin for further details, p. 70.

## MA: Religion

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The Master of Arts in Religion is an academic program involving one year of specialized study beyond the baccalaureate-degree level. The MA in Religion degree is offered with these orientations: (1) Research Orientation which requires a thesis and a modern language relevant to the student's research, usually French or German; and (2) General Academic Orientation, which requires comprehensive examinations. The program requires a minimum

of 32 credits. 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
- 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. 38, and the general seminary admission requirements on p. 277.

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. Qualifying 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.

#### PREREQUISITES

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):

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

\*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.

**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
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 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 Graduate Programs Academic Information section of this bulletin, students must fulfill the following requirements for both the research and the general academic orientation options:

- A minimum of 32 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 credits.
- A minor area of emphasis with 6-8 credits chosen from a second area of interest.
- Additional language requirements as listed under the two orientation requirements listed below.

**Research Orientation Requirements.** A foreign language, usually French or German, must be completed by examination or course work (FREN505, GRMN505) in addition to the minimum 32 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 32 credits towards the Master's degree 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 32 credits 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. 246, 247 for more information about recommended methods courses in Bible teaching designed to meet the certification requirements.

#### AREAS OF EMPHASIS

**Archaeology and History of Antiquity.** OTST510, 604, 614. Remaining courses to complete the 16 credits must be chosen from GSEM570, 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, 555, 558, 565, 612, 626, 654, 658, 659, 660, 680, 685, 690.

**Church History.** CHIS674 and any three from among 600, 640, 650, 655, 665. Remaining courses to complete the 16 credits may include any other CHIS offerings, or GSEM578, or up to two courses from among THST624, 625, 628, MSSN676.

**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 GSEM570, 610.

**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 GSEM570 or 610.

**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 610.

**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, the following are required: two NTST courses, two OTST courses, two THST courses, a course from either CHIS or MSSN. Remaining courses to complete the 16 credits must be chosen from any of the above disciplines.

**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.

## MTh: Master of Theology

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The Master of Theology is an academic degree that provides the opportunity for full-time specialized study beyond the Master of Divinity degree. The MTh degree requires a minimum of 32 credits of 500-, 600-, and 800-level courses. The purpose of the MTh degree is to provide specialized training in a major area of study with a cognate area closely related to the major area of emphasis. MTh students are advised by the chair of the department, or his/her appointee, and the director of the MTh Program. The MTh degree is offered in the following areas of emphasis with the required language noted:

*Christian Ministry:* Greek or Hebrew\*  
*Church History:* Greek or Hebrew\*  
*New Testament:* Greek