

# MA: Pastoral Ministry

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The Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry is for experienced pastors and recommended lay leaders whose ministerial functions make it impossible to engage in an extended study program at the Seminary. While admission to the program is similar for all groups of applicants, the curriculum reflects emphases for English or Hispanic ministry tracks (for details, see below).

In areas outside North America, the Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry curriculum reflects indigenous needs. A minimum of 6 credits is offered in courses specifically adapted to meet local conditions and culture. Adjustments may be made in admissions policy pertaining to the length of ministerial experience.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the MA in Pastoral Ministry is based on the following requirements in addition to the general admission requirements for all graduate students (pp. 46–49) and the general Seminary admission requirements. Applicants must also complete and return the Sixteen Personality Factor Questionnaire and the signed Release Agreement which are sent to the applicant after the initial application has been received.

### Ministerial Applicants: English/Hispanic

- Be at least 35 years of age.
- Offer successful ministerial experience for at least the last five years.

### Lay Leader Applicants

- Demonstrate excellent academic skills,
- Engaged in extensive, active, and successful ministry such as Sabbath school teacher, youth leader, elder, deacon, etc. for at least the last 5 years,
- Recommended by their local church pastor and local conference leadership.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The MA in Pastoral Ministry degree is awarded upon completion of a minimum of 48 credits of formal course work.

1. Course work in North America is offered off campus twice annually in one- and two-week intensives, normally at other SDA educational institutions. Students should expect pre and post class assignments as part of the total academic requirements of each course. The annual one- and two-week intensives generate the academic equivalent of 6–12 credits.
2. Prospective students may take no more than 3 classes (9 credits) before formal application into the MA in Pastoral Ministry is required.
3. Course work should be completed within 10 years of beginning the program.

Students failing to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.50 are placed on probation. Any student remaining on probation for the equivalent of two years (maximum of 18 credits) must withdraw from the program.

**Transfer Credits.** Upon approval by the dean, a maximum of 24 graduate credits may be transferred from approved seminaries or

universities, including Andrews University. Approved credits under the Credit Through Learning in Professional Experience provision (see below) are considered part of the maximum.

A maximum of 8 credits may be transferred from another conferred degree upon approval by the dean.

## ENGLISH TRACK CURRICULUM

<b>Biblical Studies</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Old Testament (6)</b>	
OTST520	
Choose one: OTST570; OTST607; GSEM530;	
OTST510	
<b>New Testament (6)</b>	
NTST550	
One course in New Testament Theology	
<b>Theology and Christian Philosophy</b>	<b>9</b>
Two courses in Theology	
One course in Ethics	
<b>Christian Ministry and/or Religious Education</b>	<b>12</b>
Courses selected in at least two areas	
<b>Church History</b>	<b>6</b>
CHIS674	
One elective	
<b>Mission</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Electives</b>	<u><b>6</b></u>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS for the MA Degree</b>	<b>48</b>

## HISPANIC MINISTRY CURRICULUM

<b>Biblical Studies</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Old Testament (6)</b>	
One course in Theology	
One course in Exegesis	
<b>New Testament (6)</b>	
One course in Theology	
One course in Exegesis	
<b>Theology</b>	<b>9</b>
Two courses in Theology	
One course in Ethics	
<b>Christian Ministry</b>	<b>12</b>
Four courses such as:	
CHMN505 (Hispanic), 514 (Hispanic), CHMN527 (Hispanic),	
544 (Hispanic), 555 (Hispanic), 615 (Hispanic)	
One of the following courses in Culture: CHMN525, 585	
<b>Church History</b>	<b>6</b>
CHIS567, 674	
<b>Mission</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Electives</b>	<u><b>6</b></u>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS for the MA Degree</b>	<b>48</b>

## NON-NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CURRICULUM

<b>Biblical Studies</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Old Testament (6)</b>	
OTST520 (Theology)	
One course in OTST Exegesis	
One additional course in OTST	
<b>New Testament (6)</b>	
One course in NTST Exegesis	
Two additional courses in NTST	
<b>Theology and Christian Philosophy</b>	<b>8</b>
One course in Ethics	
Three additional courses in THST	

<b>Christian Ministry</b>	12
Courses selected in at least two areas: Evangelism and Church Growth Leadership and Administration Pastoral Care and Counseling Preaching and Worship	
<b>Church History</b>	4
CHIS674 One elective	
<b>Mission</b>	2
<b>Electives</b>	<u>10</u>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS for the MA Degree</b>	<b>48</b>

### CREDIT THROUGH LEARNING IN PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE\*

Students may be eligible to receive up to 6 credits for professional experience when approved by the dean, using the following criteria:

- Applicants must have completed at least 18 credits toward the MA degree with a minimum GPA of 2.50
- The applicant must submit a Professional Experience Portfolio, including (1) an up to date curriculum vita, (2) a description of ministerial experiences, (3) a reflection-learning paper in which the applicant analyzes his/her professional skills and ministries and demonstrates how learning based on the reflection-reaction process occurred, and (4) supporting letters from administrative and pastoral supervisors which identify and document a variety of professional experiences.
- The applicant must submit the completed Professional Experience Portfolio to the Dean of the Theological Seminary not later than the semester prior to graduation. For details, contact the Director of the MA in Pastoral Ministry program.

\*Students earning the Master of Arts in Youth Ministry degree also may receive credit by meeting the above criteria and submitting a description of their youth-ministry experiences. These students should contact the Director of the MA in Youth Ministry program for details.

## MA: Youth Ministry

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The MA in Youth Ministry requires intensive study in the specialized field of youth ministry. The graduate of the MA in Youth Ministry is competent to

- Develop, direct, and evaluate youth ministry programs in the local church and other targeted areas with both professional and theological competency
- Recruit, nurture, and disciple youth in Christian service and vocation
- Recruit, nurture, and disciple adult youth leaders
- Develop the ability to reflect constructively and theologically upon the content and process of youth ministry
- Serve in a variety of vocations, such as youth pastor, dormitory dean, local church youth leader, conference youth Director, and guidance counselor.

Students who seek ordination or plan to serve in general pastoral or church leadership positions should consider, as an alternative, the Master of Divinity program as stipulated by North

American Division policy (L 05 05 and L 05 15). The Master of Divinity program also has an emphasis in Youth Ministry.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants to the MA in Youth Ministry program should read the general admission requirements for all graduate students on p. 46 in the Graduate Programs Admission section of this bulletin, and the general seminary admission requirements on p. 293. Applicants to the MAYM program must also meet the qualifications listed below:

- Hold a baccalaureate degree
  - 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 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, religious development, sense of calling to ministry, experience in church work, and future goals in relationship to MAYM program.
  - An interview with a representative of the MAYM program may be required, either by personal contact, telephone, or e-mail.
  - Pass the Bible Knowledge Entrance Test with a score of 80% or take the course GSEM525 and pass with a grade of C+ or better.
  - Complete and return the Sixteen Personality Factor Questionnaire and the signed Release Agreement which are sent to the applicant after the initial application has been received.
- Graduates of the MAYM program receive calls for ministry, however, completion of the program does not guarantee employment in Adventist ministry or any other church employment.

### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The MA in Youth Ministry degree is awarded upon successful completion of a minimum of 48 semester credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better. A minimum of 24 semester credits are to be taken at the Theological Seminary or at an authorized extension center. The course work for the MA in Youth Ministry normally should be completed within seven years.

### 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

<b>Seminary Core Courses</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Spiritual Formation (2)</b>	
<b>Biblical Studies (4)</b>	
Two courses in Old Testament and/or New Testament	
<b>Theology (4)</b>	
Two courses in Theology. THST644 recommended.	
<b>Church History (2)</b>	
One course in Church History: CHIS570 recommended.	
<b>Christian Ministry (4)</b>	
CHMN519, and one additional course in Conflict Resolution or Church Leadership.	
<b>World Mission (2)</b>	
One course in World Mission.	