InMinistry Option
The InMinistry MDiv option allows students to begin work on a Master of Divinity while remaining in ministry. This two-year pre-campus delivery emphasizes a cohort-based, thematic, and contextualized approach to learning and requires having a trained mentor.

The InMinistry course load is delivered through two-week intensives at various NAD sites, plus one internet-based course per year. Students electing the InMinistry delivery complete 24 semester credits prior to their arrival on campus. They can expect their total MDiv program to take about 3½ years.

Application, program cost, and delivery schedule information is available through the InMinistry Center office, 269-471-3514. Program acceptance must be complete prior to Orientation. E-mail inministry@andrews.edu or visit www.inministry.info.

Challenge Examinations
MDiv students who can demonstrate adequate preparation gained through study and/or reading prior to entering the MDiv program may petition to challenge the following courses: CHIS570 History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, CHIS504 Adventist Heritage, and GSEM532 Life and Ministry of Ellen G. White.

Students requesting to write a challenge exam should meet the department's schedule and requirements for taking the exam (see p. 58).

The challenge examination for each course is prepared, administered, and graded by the faculty member(s) teaching the course(s) in the Seminary. Students who have received permission to sit for (a) challenge examination(s) shall take the individual course examination(s) at prescribed times. The passing grade for a challenge examination is B-. Challenge examinations do not earn credit. Challenge exams may not be repeated.

Successfully passing a challenge exam may reduce the number of credits required for the program.

Areas of Emphasis
Students enrolled in the MDiv program may choose from a number of 12-credit emphases. More details may be obtained from each department regarding these areas of emphasis. Based on a student’s deficiencies, choosing an emphasis may prolong the length of his/her program. Regular master’s tuition is charged for courses taken in other Andrews University schools.

Christian Ministry
African American Ministry, Campus Spiritual Leadership, Chaplaincy, Church Growth and Evangelism, Church Leadership, Family Life Education, Pastoral Counseling, Preaching, Youth Ministry

Church History
Adventist Studies, General Church History, Reformation

New Testament

Old Testament
Archaeology and History of Antiquity, Biblical and Cognate (Ancient Near Eastern) Languages, Jewish Studies, Old Testament

Theology and Christian Philosophy
Christian Ethics, Historical Theology, Systematic Theology and Christian Philosophy

World Mission: Mission Studies

Thesis Option
Students electing the thesis option should plan to take more than seven semesters to complete the program.

The thesis counts as 8 of the general elective credits allowed for the MDiv degree. Students must register for 2 or more thesis credits per term for at least two semesters. Therefore, initial registration for a thesis must be no later than two semesters prior to graduation.

Students electing to write an MDiv thesis must apply to the director of the program and must (1) demonstrate superior scholarship over a minimum of two consecutive semesters, normally with a GPA of 3.50 or above; (2) take Research Methods before the thesis is started; and (3) submit a paper of superior quality before permission is granted by the director to begin writing the thesis.

The student is guided in thesis preparation by a three-member committee appointed by the director in consultation with the student and department chair in which the subject of the thesis is chosen. The chair of this committee serves as the thesis adviser.

The format of the thesis must conform strictly to the Andrews University Standards for Written Work. Students are strongly urged to consult the dissertation secretary before formatting and printing a thesis.

At least six weeks before graduation, the committee-approved draft of the thesis should be submitted to the dissertation secretary. After appropriate changes have been made, the corrected copy should be submitted at least four weeks before graduation to the dissertation secretary for approval. Copying on non-acid paper should be completed at least two weeks before graduation. Three copies of the thesis, including a 150-word abstract and an approval sheet, must be submitted to the dissertation secretary. The abstract should contain a short statement of the problem examined, a brief exposition of methods and procedures, and a condensed summary of the findings.

Students obtain a Thesis Completion Form from the dissertation secretary. They must take the form to the Academic Records Office no later than noon on Friday, a week preceding graduation. A fee is charged by the university for binding the three copies of the thesis, two of which are deposited in the library and one in the department in which the student earns the degree.

Students who do not adhere strictly to the deadlines noted above will have their graduation postponed.

Thesis candidates must pass an oral examination no later than two weeks before graduation. The candidate is expected to demonstrate mastery of the thesis topic.

Master of Divinity/Master of Social Work Dual Degree Program
Andrews University has formed a collaborative between the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and the Department of Social Work in the College of Arts & Sciences to prepare students for service in occupations where social work and the pastoral mission of the church intersect.

The objectives of this program are to prepare students for various forms of ministry in which clinical and administrative skills in social work and theology are needed; to enable students to integrate both theological and social work knowledge, values and skills into a multifaceted approach to Christian service, thereby enhancing their usefulness as instruments of the Holy Spirit; and to sensitize students to nontraditional ministry opportunities by exposing them to theories and practice skills...
related to counseling approaches, person-in-environment, social and economic justice, human rights and global perspectives from a Christian worldview.

The program is designed to give students an integrated approach to both theology and social work. Students can choose either a dual degree or an emphasis in either Social Work or Christian Ministry.

**Program Options:**

1. **Dual Degree:** In this option, students are able to complete both the MDiv and the MSW in four years. Both degrees are conferred by Andrews University. Completion of the dual degree requires strict adherence to course sequence and curriculum design. The program will require students to take courses in summer sessions. The four-year completion plan also assumes that the student has satisfactorily completed one of the biblical language requirements, and has a bachelor’s degree in theology or religion. The four-year plan is designed to take Track 1 students 11 semesters and Track 2 students 12 semesters.

2. **Social Work Emphasis:** In this option, MDiv students choose 12 hours of elective credit in social work courses. Students may choose any master’s-level social work course, either foundation or elective that would best equip them for pastoral ministry. These courses can fulfill the general elective requirement for Track I MDiv students.

3. **Christian Ministry Emphases:** There are two Christian Ministry emphases offered. The first is in Pastoral Care. Eight elective credits can be taken from the following courses: CHMN503 (Marriage, Family & Interpersonal Relationships), CHMN508 (Tools for the Pastor’s Spouse), CHMN526 (Conflict Management in the Church), CHMN540 (Church and Urban Community), or CHMN553 (The Church and Social Issues). The second emphasis is in Youth Ministry. Eight elective credits can be taken from the following courses: CHMN619 (Religious Experience in Adolescence), CHMN626 (Ministry to At-Risk Youth), CHMN636 (Seminars in Youth Ministry) or CHMN657 (Counseling Youth and Young Adults).

**Requirements for Admission**

Applicants for the MDiv/MSW dual degree program typically will have received a bachelor’s degree (BA, BS, BSW) from a four-year college or university accredited by one of the nationally recognized accrediting agencies in the United States, or hold an equivalent educational credential from another country. Application must be made separately to both the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and the Department of Social Work. Acceptance into one of the programs does not guarantee acceptance into the other.

Applicants must meet the admissions requirements for each program, including all required prerequisites for each degree program.

**MDiv:** Track 1 MDiv students must fulfill one of the biblical language requirements before being granted regular admission into the dual program.

**MSW:**
1. Applicants to the social work program must complete the Graduate Record Exam prior to admission into the program;
2. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in social work program courses;
3. No grade of D or F (or U) may count toward the MSW degree.

**Credits for Each Program**

**MDiv:**
- **Track 1:** Graduation requirements consist of the satisfactory completion of 113 semester credits with an overall grade point average of C (2.5) or better. Sixty-eight credits are MDiv credits, 31.5 credits are social work credits, and 13.5 credits are shared between the two curricula in lieu of MDiv electives.

- **Track 2:** Graduation requirements consist of satisfactory completion of 140 semester hours with an overall grade point average of C (2.5) or better. Ninety-five credits are MDiv credits, 31.5 credits are Social Work credits, and 13.5 credits are shared between the two curricula.

**MSW:**
- MDiv students are required to complete 45 core credit hours for the two-year regular MSW program. Due to the strict requirements of the Council on Social Work Education’s accrediting mandates, these core courses must all be taught or co-taught within the department by faculty holding an MSW degree. However, these courses could be co-taught with faculty from the seminary. Occasionally, a student who has already earned a BSW from an accredited program may apply to this program. In this case, the student would be placed in the Advanced Standing program, and take either 33 credits (Advanced Standing) or 39 credits (Advanced Standing Plus). Students with an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher are eligible to complete the Advanced Standing Program while those with a lower GPA must complete the Advanced Standing Plus requirements.

Since both the MDiv and MSW programs reduce total credits in order to reduce costs and achieve a more streamlined and efficient program, both degrees must be received simultaneously in order to fulfill the requirements of either degree. Although MDiv students can transfer 11 electives into the MSW program, they can only receive a tuition reduction if they are simultaneously enrolled in the MDiv Program.

**Track 1 Dual Degree Course Plan (Shared Curriculum)**

**Year 1:**
- GSEM541 Spiritual Formation (3)
- GSEM539 Issues in Origins (2)
- GSEM510 Revelation, Inspiration and Hermeneutics (3)
- CHMN534 Ministry to Youth and Young Adults (2)
- THST540 Doctrine of Salvation (2)
- CHMN539 Church Growth and the Equipping Pastor (3)
- GSEM626 Contemporary Adventist Theological Issues (2)
- OTST (Archaeology) (2)
- CHMN656 Holistic Small Groups (2)
- GSEM534 Issues in Ellen G. White Studies (2)
- CHMN (Advanced Preaching) (2)
- MSSN5XX Ministry in Culture and Religious Context (3)
- THST (Historical Theology) (2)

Hebrew or Greek courses if needed

**Year 2:**
- SOWK501 Foundations of Practice I (*Marriage, Family and Interpersonal Relationship Skills) (4)
- SOWK515 Christian Perspectives on Ethics and Diversity (*Christian Professional Ethics) (2)
- SOWK510 Generalist Field Seminar (.5, .5)
- SOWK535 Generalist Field Experience (4)
- SOWK531, 532 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I, II (2, 2)
Track 2 Dual Degree Course Plan (Shared Curriculum)

Year 1:
- CHS536 Personal Evangelistic Ministry (2)
- CHS532 Church History II (2)
- NTST515 New Testament Backgrounds (2)
- CHS503 Church History III (2)
- OTST510 Archaeology and the Bible (2)
- NTST515 Beginning Greek (2)
- NTST510 Gospels (3)
- GSEM510 Revelation, Inspiration and Hermeneutics (3)
- GSEM539 Issues in Origins (2)
- GSEM541 Spiritual Formation (3)
- CHMN552 Foundations of Pastoral Ministry (2)
- GSEM525 The Bible and Biblical History (1)
- CHMN539 Church Growth and the Equipping Pastor (3)
- NTST552 Intermediate Greek (3)
- NTST543 Acts & Epistles (2)

Year 2: NTST509 Pauline Writings (3)
- OTST551 Biblical Hebrew I (3)
- CHIS504 Adventist Heritage (3)
- CHMN505 Biblical Preaching (2)
- CHMN562 Field Evangelism (3)
- CHMN223 Worship: Word & Music (2)
- OTST565 Pentateuch (3)
- GSEM626 Contemporary Adventist Theological Issues (2)
- OTST552 Biblical Hebrew II (2)
- OTST555 Prophets (3)
- OTST558 Writings (2)
- THST521 Christian Theology I (3)
- CHIS674 Development of SDA Theology (3)

Year 3: CHMN543 Christian Leadership in a Changing World (3)
- GSEM511 Daniel & Revelation (3)
- GSEM534 Issues in Ellen G. White Studies (2)
- CHMN (Youth Ministry or Teaching Ministry) (2)
- SOWK501 Foundations of Practice I (*Marriage, Family & Interpersonal Relationships) (3)
- SOWK515 Christian Perspectives on Ethics & Diversity (*Principles of Christian Ethics) (2)
- SOWK510 Generalist Field Seminar (5, .5)
- SOWK535 Generalist Field Experience (4)
- SOWK531, 532 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I, II (2, 2)
- SOWK502 Foundations of Practice II (4)
- SOWK566 Social Work Research (3)
- SOWK550 Social Policy (3)

Year 4: THST522 Christian Theology II (3)
- MSSN5XX Christian Witness and World Religions (3)
- THST510 Understanding the Christian World (2)
- CHMN (Advanced Preaching Course) (2)
- SOWK601 Advanced Clinical Assessment (3)
- SOWK601 Advanced Practice I (*Pastoral Counseling) (2)
- SOWK610 Advanced Field Seminar (*Field Evangelistic Preaching) (.5, 3)
- SOWK635 Advanced Field Experience (*Field Evangelistic Preaching) (2, 3)
- SOWK689 Advanced Professional Seminar (.5, .5)
- SOWK630 Policy for Social Change (*Christian Response to Human Needs/The Church & Social Issues) (3)
- SOWK660 Advanced Practice Evaluation (3)
- SOWK602 Advanced Practice II (2)
- Seminary credits: 95
- Social Work credits: 31.5
- *Credits Shared 13.5
- **TOTAL CREDITS: 140**

*Shared Social Work credits between Social Work and MDiv equal 13.5. Shared MDiv credits between MDiv and Social Work equal 12. This is because SOWK501 Foundations of Practice I (4 credits) is shared with CHMN503 Marriage, Family & Interpersonal Relationships (3 credits); SOWK610/635 Advanced Field Seminar/Experience (2.5 credits) is shared with CHMN631 Field Evangelistic Preaching (3 credits); SOWK630 Policy for Social Change (3 credits) is shared with MSSN505 Christian Responses to Human Needs (2 credits) or CHMN544 The Church and Social Issues (2 credits).