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 1 MDiv students.

3. Pastoral Care Emphasis: In this option, MDiv students choose eight elective credits from the following courses: CHMN503 (Marriage, Family & Interpersonal Relationships), CHMN508 (Tools for the Pastor’s Spouse), CHMNS26 (Conflict Management in the Church), CHMN540 (Church and Urban Community), or CHMN553 (The Church and Social Issues).

4. Discipleship and Religious Education Emphasis: In this option, MDiv students choose eight elective credits from the following courses: DSRE619 (Religious Experience in Adolescence), DSRE626 (Ministry to At-Risk Youth), DSRE636 (Seminar in Youth Ministry) or DSRE656 (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: 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. Students who have already completed an MDiv degree can receive the tuition reduction upon admission into the MSW 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 MDiv 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:**
- **DSRE541** Foundations of Biblical Spirituality (3)
- **GSEM539** Issues in Origins (2)
- **GSEM510** Revelation, Inspiration and Hermeneutics (3)
- **DSRE534** Ministry to Youth and Young Adults (2)
- **THST540** Doctrine of Salvation (2)
- **CHMN539** Church Growth and the Equipping Pastor (3)
- **CHMN562** Field Evangelism (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)
- **MSSN546** Ministry in Cultural 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 (1, 1.5)
- **SOWK535** Generalist Field Experience (4) *(Shared with CHMN560 Theological Field Education)*
- **SOWK531, 532** Human Behavior and the Social Environment I, II (2, 2)
- **SOWK502** Foundations of Practice II (4)
- **SOWK561/562** Social Work Research I, II (2) (2)
- **SOWK550** Social Policy (2)
- **CHMN543** Christian Leadership in a Changing World (3)
- **CHMN566** Mobilizing Laity for the Ministry of Evangel (2)
- **CHMN562** Field Evangelism (3)

**Year 3:**
- **CHIS** (Period Course) (3)
- **NTST633** Social Issues in the New Test. (Exegesis) (3)
- **GSEM530** Doctrine of the Sanctuary (2)
- **NTST667** Topics in New Testament Theology (3)
- **GSEM627** Issues in Daniel & Revelation (3)
- **OTST620** Seminar in Old Testament Theology (3)
- **CHS674** Development of SDA Theology (3)
- **MSSN561** Christian Witness and World Religions (3)
- **THST** (Systematic Theology) (2)
- **OTST633** Social Issues in the Old Test. (Exegesis) (3)
- **NTST** New Test. Backgrounds course options (2)

**Year 4:**
- **SOWK605** Advanced Clinical Assessment (3)
- **SOWK610** Advanced Practice I (*Pastoral Counseling) (3)
- **SOWK610** Advanced Field Seminar (1, 1.5)
- **SOWK635** Advanced Field Experience (2, 3)
- **SOWK689** Advanced Professional Seminar (1, 1.5)
- **SOWK630** Policy for Social Change (*Christian Response to Human Needs/The Church & Social Issues) (3)

**Seminary credits:** 68

**Social Work credits:** 30.5

*Credits shared: 14.5

**TOTAL CREDITS:** 113

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**Track 2 Dual Degree Course Plan (Shared Curriculum)**

**Year 1:**
- **CHIS501** Church History I (2)
- **CHMN536** Personal Evangelistic Ministry (2)
- **CHIS502** Church History II (2)
- **NTST515** New Testament Backgrounds (2)
- **CHIS503** Church History III (2)
- **OTST510** Archaeology and the Bible (2)
- **NTST511** Beginning Greek (2)
- **NTST510** Gospels (3)
- **GSEM510** Revelation, Inspiration and Hermeneutics (3)
- **GSEM539** Issues in Origins (2)
- **DSRE541** Foundations of Biblical Spirituality (3)
- **CHMN522** 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)
- **GSEM530** Doctrine of the Sanctuary (2)
- **MSSN546** Ministry in Cultural and Religious Context (3)

**Year 2:**
- **NTST509** Pauline Writings (3)
- **OTST551** Biblical Hebrew I (3)
- **CHIS504** Adventist Heritage (3)
- **CHMN505** Biblical Preaching (2)
- **CHMN562** Field Evangelism (3)
- **CHMN523** 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)
- **DSRE534** Ministry to Youth and Young Adults or CHMN503 Marriage, Family & Interpersonal Relationships (3 credits); SOWK510/535 Generalist Field Experience/Seminar) 2.5 credits is shared with CHMN560 Theological Field Education (2 credits); SOWK601 Advanced Practice I (3 credits) is shared with CHMN555 Pastoral Counseling (2 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); SOWK515 Christian Perspectives on Ethics (2 credits) is shared with THST643 Christian Professional Ethics (2 credits).

**Year 4:**
- **SOWK660** Advanced Practice Evaluation (3)
- **SOWK602** Advanced Practice II (2)

**Seminary credits:** 68

**Social Work credits:** 30.5

*Credits shared: 14.5

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Admission to the MA in Pastoral Ministry is based on the following requirements in addition to the general admission requirements. Applicants must also complete and return the Sixteen Personality Factor Questionnaire as directed.

Ministerial Applicants: English/Hispanic
- Provide evidence of successful ministerial experience during the past five years.

Lay Leader Applicants
- Be at least 35 years of age.
- Demonstrate excellent academic skills,
- Provide evidence of extensive, active, and successful ministry in service areas such as Sabbath school teacher, youth leader, elder, deacon, etc. during the past five 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 Adventist educational institutions. Students should expect pre- and post-class assignments as part of the total academic requirements of each course. The intensives generate the equivalent of 6–12 credits.

2. Course work should be completed within 10 years of beginning the program.

3. Attendance of at least one session on campus at Andrews University is required. 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.

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