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](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 MDiv 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](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

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.

- **GSEM525** The Bible and Biblical History 1

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Choose 4 of the following 2-credit courses:

- CHMN656 Holistic Small Groups
- CHMN523 Worship: Word & Music
- CHMN534 Youth Ministry Leadership
- CHMN610 Teaching for Discipleship
- CHMN544 The Church & Social Issues
- MSSN505 Christian Responses to Human Needs

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Courses from NADEI

- CHMN539 Church Growth
- CHMN562 Field Evangelism
- CHMN563 General Field Work
- CHMN566 Mobilizing Laity
- CHMN565 Holistic Small Groups
- CHMN536 Personal Evangelistic Ministry

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.

## Church History 6-12

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Choose 3 of the following courses:

- CHIS600 The Early Church to A.D. 604

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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 8-15
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
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

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
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New Testament 8-15
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
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 8-15
Students 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

Theology and Christian Philosophy  8-10

Track 1
THST540  Doctrine of Salvation  2

Choose one of the following systematic theology courses:  2
THST520  Works of God
THST530  Biblical Eschatology
THST539  Doctrine of the Holy Spirit
THST555  Ecclesiology and the Practice of Ministry
THST608  Doctrine of the Sabbath
THST615  Doctrine of the Church
THST616  Doctrine of God
THST618  The Works of Christ
THST619  Principles and Methods of Theology
THST630  Doctrine of Christ
THST647  Human Nature and Destiny

Choose one of the following historical theology courses:  2
THST624  Protestant Theological Heritage
THST625  Early Christian Theology
THST626  Modern Christian Theology
THST627  Roman Catholic Life & Thought
THST628  Contemporary Theology
THST629  Interchurch Dialogue

THST600  Christian Personal Ethics  2
THST634  Christian Social Ethics  2
THST643  Christian Professional Ethics  2
THST644  Theological Ethics  2
THST660  Church and Society  2

Track 2
THST521  Christian Theology I  3
THST522  Christian Theology II  3
THST510  Understanding the Christian World  2
THST550  Principles of Christian Ethics  2

World Mission  6

Track 1 and Track 2
MSSN646  Ministry in Cultural and Religious Context  3
MSSN661  Christian Witness & World Religions  3

General Electives  12

Track 1 students take 12 credits of general electives. Electives may not be used to satisfy prerequisites and/or deficiencies. Students may wish to complete an emphasis using elective credits. See page 308 for a list of options. Up to 9 credits in relevant courses offered by other schools of the university on the graduate level may be 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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