

BULLETIN 2021-2022 MAPMHT

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The Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry is intended for experienced pastors over the age of 35 whose ministerial functions and employment responsibilities make it impossible to engage in an extended study program at the Seminary. The goals of our program are to deepen the understanding, reflection, and skills of the pastors in the core qualities of character, evangelism/ discipleship, leadership, management, relationship, scholarship, and worship. 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).

This program is offered at designated locations within each Union of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. For more information visit the following site: <http://www.andrews.edu/go/ihm>.

The MAPM is not designed to prepare students for advanced degrees. If a student later wishes to pursue an advanced degree in the seminary, they will need to do additional coursework on the master's level. (See the admission requirements under the advanced degrees.)

Mission Statement: The MAPM offers effective graduate education for experienced English and Spanish-speaking NAD pastors who seek a deeper walk with God, a greater knowledge in the practice of ministry and a continuing commitment to the message and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist faith.

Total Credits - 48

NOTE: All courses in this program are to be taken for 3 credits.

Christian Ministry - 15**

- [PATH 538 - Bilingual Ministry](#) Credits: 2,3
- [PATH 539 - Church Growth and the Equipping Leader](#) Credits: 3
- [PATH 543 - Christian Leadership in a Changing World](#) Credits: 2,3
- [PATH 637 - Seminar in Preaching](#) Credits: 2,3
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- **Choose one of the following courses:**
- [PATH 514 - Public Evangelism \(Hispanic\)](#) Credits: 2,3
- [PATH 517 - Topics in Ministry](#) Credits: 2,3
- [PATH 525 - Hispanic-American Culture and Challenges](#) Credits: 2,3
- [PATH 604 - Mobilizing for Evangelistic Ministry](#) Credits: 2,3
- [PATH 606 - Mission-Shaped Church Planting](#) Credits: 2,3
- [PATH 656 - Evangelistic Small Groups](#) Credits: 2,3
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**Courses must be taken for 3 credits each

Church History - 6**

- [CHIS 674 - Development of Seventh-day Adventist Theology](#) Credits: 2,3
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- **Choose one of the following courses:**

- [CHIS 567 - Hispanic-American Church History](#) Credits: 2,3
- [CHIS 659 - Seminar in the History of Selected Christian Doctrines](#) Credits: 3
- [CHIS 680 - History of Sabbath and Sunday](#) Credits: 2,3

**Courses must be taken for 3 credits each

Discipleship and Religious Education - 6**

- [DSLE 503 - Marriage, Family, and Interpersonal Relationships](#) Credits: 2,3
- **Choose one of the following courses:**
- [DSLE 534 - Ministry to Youth and Young Adults](#) Credits: 2,3
- [DSLE 541 - Foundations of Biblical Spirituality](#) Credits: 2,3
- [DSLE 610 - Teaching for Discipleship](#) Credits: 2,3

**Courses must be taken for 3 credits each

General Seminary - 3

- 3 credits of [GSEM620 - Research Methods](#) Credits: 2,3

New Testament - 3**

- **Choose one of the following courses:**
- [NTST 535 - Studies in the Pauline Writings](#) Credits: 2,3
- [NTST 536 - Studies in the Gospels](#) Credits: 2,3
- [NTST 537 - Studies in Acts and General Epistles](#) Credits: 2,3
- [NTST 538 - Studies in Hebrews](#) Credits: 2,3
- [NTST 539 - Studies in Revelation](#) Credits: 2,3

**Courses must be taken for 3 credits each

Old Testament - 3**

- **Choose one of the following courses:**
- [OTST 566 - Studies in the Pentateuch \(English\)](#) Credits: 2,3
- [OTST 556 - Studies in Prophets \(English\)](#) Credits: 2,3
- [OTST 546 - Studies in Daniel \(English\)](#) Credits: 2,3

**Courses must be taken for 3 credits each

Theology - 3**

- 3 Credits of [THST 656 - Seminar in Historical Theology](#) Credits: 2,3

World Mission - 3

- [MSSN 546 - Mission in Cultural and Religious Context](#) Credits: 3

Electives - 6

Choose any courses offered in the Seminary with the following prefixes (courses cannot be repeated): CHIS, CHMN, DSRE, MSSN, NTST, OTST, THST.

Additional Requirements

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

1. 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.
2. Only grades of a C- or above will count towards the 48-credit requirement.
3. 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 annually.
4. All students must participate in supervised ministerial experience as part of their degree requirements.
5. Attendance of at least 6 credits on the Andrews University campus (or approved complete degree site) during the first year of the program is required. This residency requirement is offered as an approved exception to the Association of Theological Schools larger residency expectation stated in Degree Program Standard B, section B.3.1.3.
6. Following an absence of two years or more, a student's previous admission status will have lapsed and the student must reapply to the program.
7. Course work should be completed within six years of beginning the program. Credits older than ten years will not be applied toward the degree.

Transferred and Earned Term Credit Limits

All course credits applied towards degree requirements should be earned within 10 years of the awarding of the degree.

Upon approval by the dean, a maximum of 24 graduate credits may be transferred from approved seminaries or universities, including Andrews University.

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

Reapplying to the MA in Pastoral Ministry Program

Following an absence of two years or more, a student's previous admission status will have lapsed and the student will need to reapply to the program and pay all the admission fees. Students will be accepted under the current bulletin.

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 and the general Seminary admission requirements:

- Hold a BA degree or equivalent from an accredited institution with a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- Provide evidence of successful pastoral leadership during the past five years.
- Be recommended by the local conference administration, a pastoral colleague and a local church leader/elder.
- Complete the Mentoring Agreement Form (retrieve from the [Ministerial Mentoring Experience page](#)).

Additional Information

Andrews University is authorized by the Washington Student Achievement Council and meets the requirements and minimum educational standards established for degree-granting institutions under the Degree-Granting Institutions Act. This authorization is subject to periodic review and authorizes Andrews University to offer specific degree programs. The Council may be contacted for a list of currently authorized programs. Authorization by the Council does not carry with it an endorsement by the Council of the institution or its programs. Any person desiring information about the requirements of the act or the applicability of those requirements to the institution may contact the Council at P.O. Box 43430, Olympia, WA 98504-3430 or by email at degreeauthorization@wsac.wa.gov.

The transferability of credits earned at Andrews University is at the discretion of the receiving college, university, or other educational institution. Students considering transferring to any institution should not assume that credits earned in any program of study at Andrews University will be accepted by the receiving institution. Similarly, the ability of a degree, certificate, diploma, or other academic credential earned at Andrews University to satisfy an admission requirement of another institution is at the discretion of the receiving institution. Accreditation does not guarantee credentials or credits earned at Andrews University will be accepted by or transferred to another institution. To minimize the risk of having to repeat coursework, students should contact the receiving institution in advance for evaluation and determination of transferability of credits and/or acceptability of degrees, diplomas, or certificates earned.

The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) has authority to investigate student complaints against specific schools. WSAC may not be able to investigate every student complaint.

Visit <https://www.wsac.wa.gov/student-complaints> for information regarding the WSAC complaint process.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Deliver effective biblically-based sermons.
- Demonstrate proper biblical interpretation skills.
- Understand the historical-theological development of the Adventist Church.
- Capable of training church members for evangelism.
- Demonstrate an understanding of how to empower church members for leadership.
- Capable of reaching specific social groups.