Master of Divinity

Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT
Are you seeking for a lifetime of service to the Lord? The Master of Divinity is a professional graduate program that addresses every area of preparation you’ll need to build the knowledge, character, and skills to serve God as a Minister, Bible Worker, or Chaplain. This program is built on the solid foundation of the Scriptures and the uncompromising academic excellence of an internationally recognized faculty. Our scholarship, with an integrated practical program, enables us to make the connection between theory and praxis as well as to focus on the heart and mind of each student.

ABOUT THE MDIV PROGRAM
- Join a program of more than 400 students.
- Take classes from internationally renowned, well-qualified, and multi-disciplinary faculty.
- Be part of a diverse international student body pursuing theological education in order to be better equipped to serve the church and minister to the world.
- The Seminary is the leading Seventh-day Adventist theological institution in the world with over 800 students pursuing six Masters and three Doctoral programs.
- Enjoy excellent library and technology resources.
• The James White Library is the largest theological library in the Seventh-day Adventist educational system.
• World class collections in topics such as: Sabbath, Second Advent, Creationism, Daniel and Revelation.
• InMinistry: If you cannot come full time to Andrews, you can start studying in the InMinistry program through distance learning and intensive summer sessions.

See details at: www.andrews.edu/sem/inministry

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Program Tracks

The MDiv degree accommodates students with either a Bachelor’s degree in Theology/Religion or those with degrees in other disciplines by offering two tracks.

**Track 1**
curriculum is for students who completed a Theology or Religion degree in their undergraduate program. It is 92 semester credits and requires advanced courses in most subject areas. Track 1 students may start their studies in either the summer or fall semesters.

**Track 2**
curriculum is for those with other majors, is 107 semester credits and includes many survey and background courses. Track 2 students are required to commence their studies in the summer semester (May) as many foundational courses are offered during the summer session.
Hebrew & Greek Examinations
Hebrew and Greek are required at the Intermediate level as demonstrated by a qualifying exam or by taking the class. Students who pass the exam at the Intermediate level are allowed to enroll in MDiv 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. Instruction sheets designed to help students prepare for the qualifying exams are available at the MDiv website under the “Resources” tab.

Pastoral Ministry and Church Policy Proficiency Examination
Track 1 students can either take the examination or the class. If students fail the exam, they must take the class CHMN552 Foundations of Pastoral Ministry. A study guide for the test is available at the MDiv website.

Review session: 1st Friday of September.
Church Policy Exam: 2nd Friday of September (Track 1)

Track 2 students without an undergraduate course in Theology or Religion must take the class as a part of the Track 2 program.

Biblical Literacy Examination
All entering students should take either the Biblical Literacy Entrance exam or, as an alternative, take the course GSEM525, Bible and Biblical History. The exam will be given a few days before classes start in the fall semester.

A study guide for the test is available at the MDiv website.

Other Enrichment Programs
Each year the Seminary offers courses in connection with a tour, such as the Old and New Testament tours to the Holy Lands, an evangelistic study tour to Latin America, as well as the Adventist Heritage Tour. Students also can earn credit for sponsored archaeological excavations.

Apply Online
www.Andrews.edu/apply

Graduate Admissions
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ADMISSION PROCESS

All applicants must hold a four-year baccalaureate degree from an approved college or university. Minimum undergraduate GPA: 2.50.

Domestic applications may take approximately four months for processing. International applications require approximately eight months for processing.

Track 2 Students will be required to start their program in the summer semester. Track 1 students may start in either the summer or fall semesters.

*No students are permitted to start their program in the spring semester.*
All MDiv applicants must meet the Graduate Programs Admission Requirements applicable to all graduate students found in the University Bulletin and the General Seminary requirements.

Visit our webpage for more information: www.andrews.edu/sem/mdiv

Applicants to the MDiv program must also meet the qualifications listed below:

- Letters of Recommendation from Church board, School and a leader.
- Balanced Financial Plan - Submit a balanced financial plan detailing how your expenses will be covered for three years.
- Normally hold membership in the SDA Church. The MDiv program is specifically designed for SDA ministers and is subsidized by the SDA Church. However, persons of other faiths are welcome to apply.
- Represent high moral integrity with character, lifestyle, and spiritual commitment reflective of the beliefs of the SDA Church. Show promise as an SDA minister through personal maturity and adequate experience in the church.
- Submit an autobiographical history and statement of purpose. This will reflect an applicant’s family and religious development, a sense of calling to ministry, experience in church work, and future goals in the MDiv program. If married, the spouse of the applicant is also asked to complete a statement with regard to his/her feelings concerning their spouse’s aspirations for future ministry.

Tuition Information

Summer
Tuition $1838*
General Fee $120*

Fall
Cost per semester $2615*
General fee $315*

*2012-2013 figures
Subject to change for upcoming years

Andrews is waiting for you.
Are you ready?

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• An interview with the MDiv program director may be required. This will be either by personal contact, telephone, or video conference.
• Complete the 16 Personality Factor Inventory and accompanying questionnaire. These are sent to the applicant after the initial application has been received.
• Upon receipt of all supporting documentation by Graduate Admissions, a Seminary Review will take place. Due to the large numbers of application received, students are advised to allow up to three months for this phase of the application process.

**ORIENTATION**

An orientation session is conducted for all new students of the Seminary. All first year MDiv students are required to attend.  
**Summer:** Students who begin in the summer semester have a short orientation on the day before summer semester begins.  
**Fall:** The main orientation session will take place a few days before the fall term begins. Check our website for details.  

New students starting either in the summer or fall semesters need to attend this main session. A separate orientation, including an intensive course, is conducted for students entering the In-Ministry delivery system of the MDiv program.  

**Students who start in the Summer are also required to attend the August orientation.**

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**Spouses can study too!**

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. This offer is subject to the availability of space and limited to nine credits per semester. Spouses of Seminarians are encouraged to informally audit one class per semester at no cost.