



Seventh-day Adventist  
Theological Seminary

Andrews University

Master of Divinity

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT





*Give us two years and we will prepare you for the next 20!*

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## MASTER OF DIVINITY

Are you seeking 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 in a number of fields.

The MDiv program is built on the solid foundation of Scripture and the uncompromising academic excellence of an internationally recognized faculty. Our scholarship, with an integrated practical program, intentionally connects theory and praxis to develop the heart and mind of each student.

### **RESPECTED. ACCREDITED. TRUSTED.**

When it comes to your education and career, choosing a university with global accolades and accreditation is essential. Nationally ranked for its diversity, our MDiv has earned recognized seals of approval that directly affect the recognition of your degree and increase the return on your investment.

Whether you are applying for first-year or transfer admission, the first step is to contact us and apply. We will help you get started today.

**Apply at: [www.andrews.edu/apply](http://www.andrews.edu/apply).**



*Some programs study great leaders.  
Our program creates them.*

## WHY THE MDIV PROGRAM?

- Study at the Seventh-Day Adventist Theological Seminary, the leading Adventist theological institution in the world. The MDiv is the Seminary's largest and most diverse program with more than 400 students preparing for ministerial service.
- Take classes from an internationally renowned, well-qualified, multidisciplinary faculty.
- The MDiv is subsidized by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and the North American Division, making it one of the most affordable, accredited\* Master of Divinity programs in the United States.  
*\*The Seminary is fully accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada*
- The MDiv can be combined with a variety of dual degrees and concentrations to help you prepare for specialized service, gain additional career opportunities and diversify your skill set.
- Bridge theory and praxis through ministerial internships, on-site evangelistic training and study tours that will take you all over the world.
- Join a cohort of mission-driven innovators and an unparalleled network of global ministers.

- MDiv alumni have gone on to serve as influential church pastors and leaders, esteemed scholars and administrators at the highest levels of church leadership, among other ministry posts. Find out how the MDiv has impact their ministry at [andrews.edu/sem/mdiv/mdiv-stories](https://andrews.edu/sem/mdiv/mdiv-stories).

### **Students with a bachelor's degree in religion or theology may complete the MDiv in as few as two years**

In order to finish the MDiv in two years, students must have fulfilled all prerequisites (including languages) prior to beginning the program, and take a full academic course load each semester, including summer sessions.

### **DUAL PROGRAMS**

We have partnered with other departments to offer dual initiatives that will give you a second degree in addition to your MDiv. Driven by insights from the front lines of ministry, our practical dual-degree courses are designed to make an immediate impact in your ministry. In addition to gaining fundamental knowledge in key areas, you'll learn to motivate your congregations to better serve the community, create winning strategies, increase community outreach, build a culture of lifestyle evangelism, and lead congregations to deeper spirituality. Completion time will vary; consult with your advisor for more information.

### **MDiv/Master of Social Work (MSW)**

Improve quality of life for communities with the know-how of clinical social work.

*Additional career opportunities:* Licensed therapist, run a community center, organize groups and community events

### **MDiv/MA in Communication**

Reach the world in relevant ways and strengthen the church's mission.

*Additional career opportunities:* Hope Channel, 3ABN, Amazing Facts, Adventist World Radio, church, conference, union & division-level communication

### **MDiv/Master of Public Health (MPH)**

Combine pastoral ministry with health education to help restore health in your community.

*Additional career opportunities:* Public health professional, ADRA, health advising, run community health centers/seminars

### **MDiv/Master of Science in Community and International Development**

Gain practical training in addressing urban issues, advocacy, program management, and emergency/humanitarian crisis preparedness.

*Additional career opportunities:* ADRA, Red Cross, World Vision, World Bank, United Nations, United Way, community agencies

## **MDIV CONCENTRATIONS**

Gain advanced understanding and competency in a specific area of ministry with a 12-credit-hour (minimum) concentration.

### **MDiv Chaplaincy Concentration**

Gain the specialized training you need to serve as a chaplain in multi-faith and multicultural organizations. Chaplains model the incarnational ministry of Christ by providing compassionate care and the ministry of presence in the most difficult and trying circumstances.

*Additional career opportunities:* Hospital, military, corporate, community, and campus chaplain.

### **MDiv Youth and Young Adult Ministry Concentration**

Learn how to address the challenges of today's youth and young adults. Prepare to nurture, mentor and empower them, and engage those who have become spiritually disengaged.

*Additional career opportunities:* Youth pastor, campus chaplain, university or academy dean, youth camp leader, and conference youth director.

**Gain the skills and expertise you need to stay at the forefront of the ministerial world.**

## MDIV HYBRID OPTION

Accepted MDiv students who cannot immediately take classes on campus may take up to 50% of their program via the “hybrid” course offerings. The remaining 50% of the credits must be taken in residence on the Andrews University campus. This process utilizes: (1) Courses offered by the MA Pastoral Ministry (MAPM) program offered in unions throughout the United States and Canada, (2) On-campus summer intensives, and (3) Seminary Online Learning Center (SOLC) courses. These three delivery methods are available to students at either the beginning or the end of their MDiv program.

## FAQ:

**What if I don't have an undergraduate degree in theology or religion? Can I still apply for the MDiv program?**

**A:** Yes! Students without a degree in theology or religion can still prepare for a full-time ministry career. You will take prerequisite foundational classes, in addition to the MDiv program requirements, in order to ensure you are fully equipped to serve the Lord as a pastor.

Students may switch between the Hybrid campus to the Main campus (full-time, on-campus) only once. The speed of completion of the MDiv program will depend upon the number of credits earned in a year. It is expected that students in the hybrid program will take longer to earn their degree, as they will not be taking classes full time.

*Email [mdivhybrid@andrews.edu](mailto:mdivhybrid@andrews.edu) for more information*

## PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS

### Hebrew & Greek

Hebrew and Greek are required at the Intermediate level as demonstrated by a qualifying exam. Exams are offered in May and August. Students who pass the exam at the Intermediate level are allowed to enroll in MDiv exegesis and theology courses without further language study. Students who do not qualify are placed in appropriate levels of Hebrew or Greek courses based on their test scores. Instruction sheets designed to help students prepare for all of the placement exams are available on the MDiv website under the “Resources” tab.

## Pastoral Ministry and Church Policy Proficiency

Students who have not taken a Pastoral Ministry course in their undergraduate degree will need to take the Pastoral Ministry and Church Policy Proficiency exam, which is given during orientation week in August. A review session is offered mid-August. Those who do not pass the exam will take the class CHMN552, Foundations of Pastoral Ministry. Students without an undergraduate degree in Theology or Religion must take CHMN552, Foundations of Pastoral Ministry, as a part of their prerequisite classes.

## Basic Bible Proficiency

Entering students with no undergraduate in Theology or Religion must take either the Biblical Literacy Entrance exam, or, as an alternative, the course GSEM525, Bible and Biblical History. Those who do not pass the exam are required to take the class as a prerequisite course. The exam will be given a few days before fall semester classes begin.

**Gain the leadership skills you need to make a positive and lasting impact in your community!**

## BEGINNING THE MDIV PROGRAM

Each new student's transcript will be evaluated to determine which prerequisite courses must be taken. Those with a bachelor's degree in theology or religion will likely have fewer prerequisite courses to take than those entering the program with degrees in other disciplines.

## Other Enrichment Programs

Each year, the Seminary offers courses in connection with a tour, such as trips to the Holy Lands, an evangelistic study tour to Cuba, and the Adventist Heritage Tour. Students can also earn credit for sponsored archaeological excavations in Jordan and Italy.



## ADMISSION PROCESS

All applicants must hold a four-year baccalaureate degree from an approved college or university. Minimum undergraduate GPA is 2.50. Domestic applications may take approximately two months for processing. International applications require approximately three months for processing.

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

- Letters of Recommendation from:
    - A church board where the applicant is a member
    - Church administrator, pastor or elder
    - General recommendation from a college teacher or advisor, recent employer or another non-family member.
  - Balanced Financial Plan - Submit a balanced financial plan to your financial advisor detailing how your expenses will be covered.
  - 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 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 a 350+-word statement of purpose reflecting the applicant's family and spiritual development, sense of calling to ministry, experience in church work, and future goals in relationship to the MDiv program. A guideline is provided in the admissions package.
  - If married, the spouse of the applicant is also asked to complete a statement in regard to his or her feelings and relationship to the partner's aspirations for future ministry.
  - Background Check. Applicants to all Seminary programs are required to undergo a criminal background check. Details about this requirement may be obtained from the MDiv office.
  - An interview with a representative of the MDiv program may be required, either by personal contact, telephone, or video.
  - Complete and return the Sixteen Personality Factor Questionnaire as directed.

- Pre-admission Conduct Disclosure Statement - Applicants to all Seminary programs are required to complete and submit the “Pre-Admission Conduct Disclosure Statement.”

- **English Language Requirements**

Students whose language of education is not English must submit one of the following tests and minimum scores:

TOEFL Paper-based — 565

TOEFL Internet-based — 85

MELAB - 81

Upon receipt of all supporting documentation by Graduate Admissions, a Seminary review will take place. Due to the large numbers of applications 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 in the Seminary. All first-year MDiv students are required to attend this session.

**Spring and Summer:** Students who begin in the spring or summer semesters will have a short question-and-answer orientation session the day before the semester begins.

**Fall:** The main orientation session will take place on the

Thursday before the fall term begins. Review sessions and placement exams will be part of this “Orientation Week,” along with the School of Graduate Studies orientation on Wednesday.

### **SPOUSES CAN STUDY TOO!**

Spouses of full-time, on-campus Seminary students who are enrolled in a Seminary Masters-level program have the opportunity to taking Seminary credits for a minimal recording fee in the same semester in which their spouse is enrolled full-time and is paying tuition.

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.



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