The Master of Divinity offers graduate level preparation for Christian ministry and post-graduate work. M.Div. students learn and practice careful biblical interpretation, think critically about biblical and contemporary theology and ethics, interact in healthy ways within the diversity of cultures and religions around them, receive instruction in counseling methodology, are trained in preaching and public speaking, and participate in the life of a community of believers.

The M.Div. serves as preparation for a variety of callings such as the pastorate, the chaplaincy, and doctoral studies that could lead to post secondary teaching. M.Div. students can have a concentration in a particular field by taking twelve credit hours of their electives in that field: Biblical Studies, Children/Family Ministries, Counseling, Intercultural Studies, Practical Theology, or Theological Studies.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Master of Divinity, the student will be able to:

1. Interpret the Scriptures in their historical and cultural contexts, implementing sound hermeneutical principles and careful application.
2. Minister within and respect the culturally diverse world in which we live, being aware of the variety of religions in the contemporary world and the unique place of Christianity among them.
3. Apply effective intervention and referral procedures based on sound pastoral counseling knowledge and practice.
4. Preach biblical sermons that are both true to the text and sensitive to audience need.
5. Understand and discuss significant contemporary theological developments within global Christianity in general and the Pentecostal Charismatic movement in particular.
6. Understand, discuss, and apply the theologies of the Old and New Testaments.
7. Demonstrate competent and skillful application of principles learned in a specialized area of study (BIB/COU/ICS/PTH/THE).

1. Students who took THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine and History or its equivalent may substitute THE 5133 Doctrines of the Pentecostal Movement and take any THE elective course.
2. Students who took both REL 1153 New Testament Literature and REL 1163 Old Testament Literature or their equivalents may substitute BIB 5133 Biblical Backgrounds for another BIB elective.
3. Students who took BIB 3483 Hermeneutics may substitute BIB 5123 Biblical Hermeneutics for another BIB elective.
4. Students who took THE 3123 Systematic Theology I and THE 3133 Systematic Theology II or their equivalents may substitute other THE electives.
5. Students who took CMN 3333 Introduction to Biblical Preaching may substitute with another elective.
Thesis Option

Thesis option is especially designed for and usually limited to students who plan to continue their graduate work in a Ph.D. doctoral program after completing their MA. In this option, the student takes two 3-hour courses of Thesis in the Elective Component of the degree plan. These two courses must be taken in two consecutive regular semesters (Fall-Spring or Spring-Fall, not available in Summer). This option must be approved by the Department of Bible and Theology during the semester prior to the student’s first semester of thesis.

Specializations

A specialization refers to a specific field of study beyond the major and consists of a minimum of 9 hours for a graduate degree.

Graduation Requirement

Students must apply for graduation and have a cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 3.0. Application for graduation must be made by the end of late registration in the semester in which the student anticipates to graduate. In order to qualify for a specific graduation date, graduating students must have all program and course requirements completed. Contact the Graduate School Office and Registrar’s Office for more information.
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REQUIRED COURSES for MAJOR  60 HOURS

Bible: 15 hours
   BIB 5123 Biblical Hermeneutics
   BIB 5133 Biblical Backgrounds
   9 hours of Bible electives

Counseling: 6 hours
   COU 5413 Marriage and Family Counseling
   COU 5423 Crisis Intervention

Intercultural Studies: 6 hours
   ICS 5223 Religion in Contemporary World Society
   ICS 5473 Ministering Within Cultural Diversity

Practical Theology: 12 hours
   PTH 5213 Church Administration
   PTH 5323 Leadership in Ministry
   PTH 5513 Pastoral Care
   PTH 5823 Preaching with Purpose

Theology: 15 hours
   THE 5133 Doctrines of the Pentecostal Movement
   THE 5413 Systematic Theology I
   THE 5423 Systematic Theology II
   Six hours of Theology electives

Practicum: 3 hours
   BIB/CFM/COU/ICS/PTH/THE 6443 Practicum

RESEARCH COMPONENT: 3 hours
   THE 5113 Research Literature and Technology

ELECTIVE COMPONENT: 12 hours

Non-Thesis Option:
   12 hours from BIB/CFM/COU/EDU/ICS/PTH/THE
   Concentrations are available when students select 12 hours in one area.
   COU and EDU hours must be approved by the respective Department Chair.

Thesis Option: Thesis is reserved for students planning to pursue a Ph.D.
   BIB/THE 5953 Thesis I
   BIB/THE 5963 Thesis II
   6 hours from BIB/CFM/COU/EDU/ICS/PTH/THE
   COU and EDU hours must be approved by the respective Department Chair.

The Thesis option is not available to Master of Divinity students who did a thesis in a M.A. program.

TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS   72 Hours
Specialization Options:

**Biblical Languages: 12 Hours**
- GRK 5713 Introduction to Biblical Greek I
- GRK 5723 Introduction to Biblical Greek II
- HEB 5113 Introduction to Biblical Hebrew I
- HEB 5123 Introduction to Biblical Hebrew II

**Biblical Studies: 12 Hours**
- BIB 5953 Thesis I
- BIB 5963 Thesis II

**Counseling: 12 Hours**
- COU 5113 Ethical and Legal Issues
- COU 5213 Methods and Techniques in Counseling
- PSY 5154 Integration Issues in Behavioral Sciences
- PSY 5513 Human Growth and Life Span Development

**Chaplaincy: 12 Hours**
- HIS 5193 Ages of Faith
- LDR 5253 Spiritual Formation
- LDR 5313 Strategic Thinking, Planning, and Organizational Change
- PTH 4623 Practical Theological Issues in Ministry

**Intercultural Studies: 12 Hours**
- ICS 5153 Post Secondary Teaching
- ICS 5163 Administrative Leadership in a Missions Context
- ICS 5213 Spiritual Dynamic in Ministry Today
- ICS 5323 Perspectives in Cross Cultural Missions

**Family Ministries: 12 Hours**
- CFM 5113 Advanced Leadership of Children and Family Ministries
- CFM 5123 Ministering to Children with Challenging Issues
- CFM 5133 Strategies for the Spiritual Development of Children
- PTH 5123 Family Ministry in the Church

**Pastoral Theology: 12 Hours**
- PTH 5123 Family Ministry in the Church
- PTH 5483 Nurture Ministries of the Church
- PTH 5623 Practical Theological Issues in Ministry
- PTH 5633 Persuasive Preaching in Contemporary Issues

**Theological Studies: 12 Hours**
- THE 5953 Thesis I
- THE 5963 Thesis II
  *Six hours of THE electives*