

cal, pastoral, and evangelistic instruction to the practical work of the Reformation of Africa. The program is designed to provide a solid foundation in the study of the Bible and the history of the Church, and to prepare students for the practical work of the Church.

of Pastoral Ministry, Mission Studies, and Evangelism and Church Growth.

The Doctor of Philosophy degree in religion, based on the Master of Arts in Religion, prepares teacher-scholars in the fields of New Testament Studies, Old Testament Studies, Theological Studies, Adventist Studies, and Mission and Ministry Studies for colleges and seminaries operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church around the world.

The Doctor of Theology degree, based on the Master of Divinity degree, trains teacher-scholars in the fields of biblical studies and theology for service in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

- to raise awareness of, and sensitivity to, the multicultural characteristics of society through special activities, courses, and fellowship,
- to foster sound methods of study and investigation aimed toward lifelong professional service and growth,
- to promote the development of professional skills requisite for the propagation of Biblical faith and Christian commitment within the Adventist framework.

ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM

All MDiv applicants must meet the Graduate Programs Admission Requirements applicable to all graduate students found on p. 39 and the general seminary requirements on p. 287.

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

- hold a baccalaureate degree, usually in theology or religion,
- demonstrate undergraduate work that includes the items specified below in the list of Undergraduate Prerequisites,
- 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

MDiv: Master of Divinity

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The Master of Divinity program is recommended as the basic training for Adventist ministry by the General Conference of

Workshop Credit Limit and Grading Pattern. Master of Divinity students may apply up to 4 workshop credits appropriate to degree requirements. If workshops are taken during the semester breaks, the credits are counted as part of the class load for either the previous or the following semester.

Workshops are graded S/U. Any deviation from this pattern must be approved by the dean prior to the conclusion of the workshop. Students must register at the Academic Records Office for all workshops for which academic credit is desired.

Independent Study Restrictions. Students in the MDiv program are allowed to register for Independent Study only for a compelling reason such as a schedule conflict or the need to take a subject that is not offered. Normally, Independent Study cannot be used to meet a core requirement. Students must first seek approval from the office of the MDiv director before arranging with a teacher to do Independent Study.

Residency Requirements. On-campus residency is broken if a student fails to enroll for at least one semester within a period of three consecutive semesters. When residency is broken, the student must follow the bulletin in force at the time residency is reestablished. Where 12 semester credits or fewer are lacking, the student may graduate under the bulletin in force at the time of his/her initial entrance.

Re-enrolling in the MDiv 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.

Transferring Credits to the MDiv Program. Up to 9 semester credits (earned on a level which corresponds to 500-course numbers of the SDA Theological Seminary) may be transferred from the School of Graduate Studies of Andrews University or from an accredited university provided the courses to be transferred are relevant to the MDiv program and have not been used for a previous degree (in which case only 6 credits may be transferred).

Seventeen credits may be transferred to the MDiv program from an MA in Religion conferred by an accredited SDA institution granting such or similar degrees.

Students who have attended other approved theological seminaries and plan to take an MDiv degree from Andrews University must complete a minimum of 50 semester credits in the Seminary. At least 30 of these credits must be taken in residency programs.

Transfer credit is granted only for courses in which the grade is B or higher.

Reduced Class Load. MDiv students whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.50 are required to reduce their course load to no more than 12 semester credits. MDiv students whose cumulative GPA remains below 2.50 for a second consecutive semester are required to withdraw from the Seminary.

When an incomplete has not been cleared by the beginning of the next semester, the course load must be reduced as follows:

- One I—no reduction
- Two I's—load reduced by one 2-3 credit course
- Three I's—load reduced by two 2-3 credit courses

With more than three I's, the student must withdraw from the program until the I's are cleared.

Student Assessment. Since the MDiv program prepares individuals for professional and pastoral leadership, periodic assessments are made of the students by the faculty in areas other than academic standing. Areas reviewed are students' spiritual growth, lifestyle reflective of the beliefs and practices of the

Seventh-day Adventist Church, social/family relations, and developing potential for ministry. As a result of these assessments, students are affirmed in the MDiv program, advised of needed adjustments, or discontinued from the program.

Graduation. The Seminary follows the University graduation procedures and requirements for the conferral of degrees as outlined in this Bulletin. A special ceremony for graduating seminary students is held during the last chapel period before graduation.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Students are expected to present a broad range of undergraduate general education represented in such studies as accounting, behavioral sciences (including psychology), communication, education, English, fine arts, health, history, philosophy, sociology, and word-processing skills.

In the area of religion and cognate studies, undergraduate work must include the following minimum requirements. Some of these subjects can be cleared through optional challenge exams (see below and p. 293).

Religion Prerequisites. The following undergraduate prerequisites are required of students before they can enter the Master of Divinity program. All of these prerequisites can be fulfilled at Andrews University and be applied to elective credits in the MDiv curriculum. However, students who have more than 13 credits of prerequisite courses to complete at Andrews University will need to extend their MDiv curriculum accordingly to a maximum total of 15ae46ve *MDiv program prve iduu4[(e University graduatocomplet2j -5.nm acco

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 grade of at least C+.

The Hebrew qualifying examination may be taken two times, plus as the final exam for OTST552 Biblical Hebrew II. If a student has taken the qualifying examination these three times and has not received a score of 60% or higher or has not obtained a grade of C+ or higher in OTST552, OTST552 must be repeated.

Bible Knowledge Entrance Test. All entering students must take the Bible knowledge test and pass with a score of 80%. This test will be administered to all students early in the fall semester. As an alternative, the student can take the course GSEM525. If students fail the test, they must take the course. Passing the course with a grade of at least C+ fulfills the test requirement. If students do not 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/bket/>.

Deficiencies. Students holding a baccalaureate degree but having no undergraduate preparation in the area of religion and cognate studies need to take the equivalent of the prescribed minimum undergraduate prerequisites listed above. These equivalent courses can either be taken at an accredited college or as part of the MDiv curriculum. Students who opt to fulfill their undergraduate prerequisites at the Seminary must take up to an additional 15 credits (for a maximum total of 112 credits).

Students with many deficiencies should plan to begin their studies at the Seminary during the summer session (May).

Students needing a course in Old Testament Introduction and Survey take OTST500, and, likewise, students who do not have undergraduate exposure to the New Testament take NTST515.

Students who lack two courses in Bible Doctrines or Theology take THST521 and 522. In a similar way, students who lack two courses in General Church History take CHIS501, 502, and 503.

Students needing courses in the History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and in the Life and Ministry of Ellen G. White

New Testament**10-17**

All students take the following courses:

- NTST509, 510, 525, 543.

Students without an undergraduate course in New Testament studies must also take NTST515. Students must be careful to attend to the language prerequisites for each exegesis course as most courses require that Greek language requirements be met before enrolling in the class.

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All students take the following courses:

THESIS OPTION

Students electing the thesis option should plan to take more than six semesters to complete the program.

The thesis counts as 8 of the general elective credits allowed for the MDiv degree. Students should register for 2 or more thesis credits per term for at least two semesters. Therefore, initial registration for a thesis must be no later than two semesters prior to graduation.

Students electing to write an MDiv thesis must apply to the director of the program and must (1) demonstrate superior scholarship over a minimum of two consecutive semesters, normally