

tion(s) at prescribed times. The passing grade for a challenge examination is B-. Challenge examinations do not earn credit. Challenge exams may not be repeated. Students who pass shall receive the corresponding number of elective credits.

Students enrolled in the MDiv program may choose from a number of 12-credit emphases as part of their 96-credit curriculum. More details may be obtained from each department regarding these areas of emphasis. Tuition is charged for courses taken outside of the Seminary. This option may not be available for students who have a number of deficiencies to complete.

African American Ministry, Chaplaincy, Church Growth and Evangelism, Church Leadership, Pastoral Counseling, Preaching, Youth Ministry.

Adventist Studies, General Church History, Reformation.

Biblical Languages, New Testament, New Testament Issues.

Archaeology and History of Antiquity, Biblical Languages, Jewish Studies, Old Testament.

Christian Ethics, Historical Theology, Systematic Theology and Christian Philosophy.

Mission Studies.

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 with a GPA of 3.50 or above; (2) take Research Methods before the thesis is started; and (3) submit a paper of superior quality before permission is granted by the director to begin writing the thesis.

The student is guided in thesis preparation by a three-member committee appointed by the director in consultation with the student and department chair in which the subject of the thesis is chosen. The chair of this committee serves as the thesis adviser.

The format of the thesis must conform strictly to the Andrews University Standards for Written Work. Students are strongly urged to consult the dissertation secretary before formatting and printing a thesis.

At least six weeks before graduation, the committee-approved draft of the thesis should be submitted to the dissertation secretary. After appropriate changes have been made, the corrected copy should be submitted at least four weeks before graduation to the dissertation secretary for approval. Copying on non-acid paper

should be completed at least two weeks before graduation. Three copies of the thesis, including a 150-word abstract and an approval sheet, must be submitted to the dissertation secretary. The abstract should contain a short statement of the problem examined, a brief exposition of methods and procedures, and a condensed summary of the findings.

Students obtain a Thesis Completion Form from the dissertation secretary. They must take the form to the Academic Records Office no later than noon on Friday, a week preceding graduation. A fee is charged by the university for binding the three copies of the dissertation, two of which are deposited in the library and one in the department in which the student earns the degree.

Students who do not adhere strictly to the deadlines noted above will have their graduation postponed.

Thesis candidates must pass an oral examination no later than two weeks before graduation. The candidate is expected to demonstrate mastery of the thesis topic.

This program provides opportunity for mature persons whose ministerial functions make it impossible to study at the Seminary for extended periods of time to engage in a study program leading to a professional degree. This degree is not a substitute for the MDiv degree, the basic training for the Adventist ministry.

The MA in Pastoral Ministry serves Adventist pastors and experienced lay leaders in North America. While admission to the program is similar for all groups of applicants, the curriculum

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

1. Course work is offered off campus in North America twice annually in one- and two- week intensives, normally on campuses of other educational institutions. A student prepares assignments before and/or after the intensives as part of the total academic requirements of each course. The annual one- and two-week intensives normally are the academic equivalent of 8-9 credits. Intensives are also offered on the Andrews University campus.
2. Each student who takes class work off campus is required to take at least 8-9 credits on the Andrews University campus to establish residency, usually during a shortened summer session. Residency work is not covered by the flat-rate financial plan. Students should be prepared to cover tuition costs at registration.
3. Course work normally should be completed within 10 years after beginning the program.

A student who fails to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.50 is placed on probation. A student who remains on probation for the equivalent of two years (maximum of 18 credits) must withdraw from the program.

A maximum of 24 transfer graduate credits, when applicable, may be accepted from approved seminaries or universities upon approval by the dean. Credits approved under the Credit Through Learning in Professional Experience provision (see below) are considered part of the maximum of 24 transfer credits.

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

Credits earned in the Theological Seminary which have not been used for another degree may be applied (if applicable) to the requirements of this professional MA degree. Such credits may not exceed 50 percent of the required number of credits for the program.

The curriculum of the general professional MA program (non-Hispanic track) is outlined below:

OTST520

Choose one: OTST570; OTST607; GSEM530;
Any course in OT History and Archaeology.

One course in Theology of the New Testament
NTST550

Two courses in Theology such as GSEM534, THST530,
539, 616, 618, 619, 627, 628, 630.
One course in Ethics

Courses selected in at least two areas:
Evangelism and Church Growth
Leadership and Administration
Pastoral Care and Counseling
Preaching and Worship

CHIS674, an elective

One course in Theology
One course in Exegesis

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One course in Exegesis

Two courses in Theology
One course in Ethics

Four courses such as:

CHMN505 (Hispanic), 514 (Hispanic), CHMN527 (Hispanic),
544 (Hispanic), 555 (Hispanic), 615 (Hispanic)

One of the following courses in Culture: CHMN525, 585

CHIS567, 674

OTST520 (Theology)

One course in OTST Exegesis
One additional course in OTST

One course in NTST Exegesis
Two additional courses in NTST

One course in Ethics
Three additional courses in THST

Courses selected in at least two areas:

Evangelism and Church Growth
Leadership and Administration
Pastoral Care and Counseling
Preaching and Worship

CHIS674

One elective

Students may be eligible to receive up to 6 credits for professional experience when approved by the dean, using the following criteria:

- The applicant must have completed at least 16 credits toward the MA degree with a minimum GPA of 2.50 (on a 4.00 system).
- The applicant must provide two written recommendations from faculty members of the Seminary with whom he/she has studied.
- The applicant must submit a Professional Experience Portfolio, including (1) a curriculum vita, (2) a description of ministerial experiences, (3) a reflection-learning paper in which the applicant analyzes his/her professional skills and ministries and demonstrates how learning based on the reflection-reaction process occurred, and (4) supporting letters from administrative and pastoral supervisors which identify and document a variety of professional experiences.

