

or unsatisfactory. Additional guidelines are found on the contract form.

**Directed Reading.** Courses designated Directed

- 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. 47 and the general seminary requirements on p. 295.

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 in the list of Religion Prerequisites,
- normally hold membership in the Seventh-day Adventist Church inasmuch as the MDiv program is a church-sponsored program.

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. 301).

**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 112 credits. More details are given below.

Old Testament Introduction and Survey—One course; 2–3 credits  
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Bible Doctrines/Theology—Two courses; 4–6 credits

General Church History—Two courses; 4–6 credits

History of the SDA Church—One course; 2–3 credits

Life and Ministry of Ellen G. White—One course; 2–3 credits

General or Introduction to Psychology—One course; 2–3 credits

Pastoral Ministries and Church Policy—One course; 2–3 credits

(Proficiency examination is available to students who meet specific criteria.)\*

Homiletics/Biblical Preaching—One course; 2–3 credits

Personal Evangelism—One course; 2–3 credits

Biblical Greek (Intermediate level proficiency)\*\*

Biblical Hebrew (Intermediate level proficiency)\*\*

\*Pastoral Ministries and Church Policy Proficiency Examination. All students who have completed a course in Pastoral Ministries and Church Policy on the undergraduate level may choose to take the Pastoral Ministries and Church Policy proficiency examination. The passing score for this proficiency exam is 80%. If students fail the exam, they must take the class CHMN545 Pastoral Ministries and Church Policy for 1 credit. Passing this course with a grade of at least C+ fulfills the exam requirement. Students without an undergraduate course in Pastoral Ministries should enroll in the course Pastoral Ministries and Church Policy for 2 credits. A final grade of C+ or higher is required to fulfill the course requirements.

\*\***Biblical Hebrew and Biblical Greek Prerequisites.** Hebrew and Greek are required at the Intermediate proficiency level as demonstrated by examination rather than a specific number of undergraduate credits.

Students who pass the exam at the intermediate level are allowed to enroll in exegesis courses without further language study. Students who do not pass are placed in appropriate levels of Hebrew or Greek courses according to their test scores (either Beginning or Intermediate levels). Instruction sheets designed to help students prepare for the placement examinations are available 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 placement examination may be taken two times, plus as the final exam for OTST552 Biblical Hebrew II. If a student has taken the placement examination these three times and has not passed at the intermediate level 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. 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 take CHIS 570 and GSEM532.

Students needing a course in Pastoral Ministries and Church Policy should take the course CHMN545 for 2 credits. Those with an undergraduate course in Pastoral Ministries who fail the qualifying exam should take the course CHMN545 for 1 credit.

Students lacking a course in General/Introduction to Psychology take the course CHMN550 during their first year. A challenge examination is available but is given only once a year (inquire at the Department of Christian Ministry office).

Students needing Homiletics/Biblical Preaching should take CHMN505 during their first year.

Students lacking a course in Personal Evangelism take the course CHMN536 during their first year.

Students needing Biblical language courses should plan to take NTST551 and 552, and OTST551 and 552.

## CURRICULUM

The Master of Divinity curriculum has been designed to meet the various needs of students preparing for pastoral ministry.

Students holding a baccalaureate degree in religion or theology (with none or few undergraduate deficiencies) follow the standard curriculum of 96 credits.

Students who, at the undergraduate level, have covered the material in a course required in the MDiv program must take an advanced course (see department chairs for details).

Students holding a baccalaureate degree but having no undergraduate preparation in the area of religion and cognate studies need to extend their curriculum to make up for the prescribed minimum undergraduate prerequisites listed above. However, students who have 13 credits or fewer of needed prerequisites can still complete the MDiv within 96 credits as they may use the elective credits already allowed for in the program. The extended curriculum of 112 credits requires a minimum of eight semesters.

**Program Requirements.** MDiv students must meet the following requirements in addition to those required of all graduate students:

- Complete the MDiv curriculum of at least 96 credits. (Students lacking adequate



for (a) challenge examination(s) shall take the individual course examination(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.

## **AREAS OF EMPHASIS**

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

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