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 We are a learning and worshipping community of culturally diverse people, called to serve our Creator God, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, our congregations and our world by preparing faithful and effective leaders to make disciples of all nations and proclaim the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ in the setting of the three angels' message of Revelation 14.

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- Being faithful in our relationship to Christ as Savior and Lord
 - Being faithful to God and his revelation as expressed in his Word
 - Being faithful in our quest for truth

all persons by exhibiting love, compassion and caring,

- Embracing the ongoing transformation by the Spirit in our own life of faith and learning
- Seeking to see in one another the Spirit's work of restoring the image of our Maker
- Mentoring others in knowing and following their call and vocation.

- Leading with a servant's heart to equip others for service
- Striving with passion to reach the lost, serve the poor, and grow the church
- Valuing creation and our call to be stewards in all areas of life.

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The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada has granted accreditation to the Master of Arts, Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry, Master of Arts in Youth Ministry, Master of Divinity, Master of Theology, Doctor of Ministry, Doctor of Philosophy, and Doctor of Theology degrees.

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Each program of the Seminary is committed to the following general objectives:

- to furnish the Seventh-day Adventist Church with competent, highly motivated and consecrated pastors and church workers for service in the worldwide mission of the church
- to equip men and women for the work of the church

the Seminary to the field in North America, are also offered in overseas fields, as is the more traditional MA in Religion. To these extension programs has now been added an in-ministry delivery system for the Master of Divinity program which allows certain pastors to take much of this degree program while remaining in parish ministry.

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The Seminary Distance Education Center offers a variety of distance education courses at the graduate level. Courses are available on both a credit and non-credit basis.

The Seminary Distance Education Center also coordinates some courses offered as part of the In-Ministry delivery system for the MDiv degree. See p. 339 for more information.

For a list of current course offerings see the Center website: www.andrews.edu/sem/sodl/.

To register for a course request a registration form from the Seminary Distance Education Center.

O u t r e a c h E d u c a t i o n P r o g r a m

Under the auspices of the Seminary, the university offers guided tours for course credit. These courses include GSEM570 and GSEM578.

A r c h a e o l o g i c a l E x c a v a t i o n In 1968 under the direction of Siegfried H. Horn, the university initiated an archaeological excavation at the site of Hisban (Heshbon) in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Excavation continued for five seasons, the last in 1976. In 1984 the Institute of Archaeology expanded its work to a larger region, renaming its consortium the Madaba Plains Project. The project now sponsors excavations at Tall al-'Umayri, Tall Jalul, and other hinterland sites, and conducts an extensive archaeological survey of the entire region.

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expected to be sensitive to the values of others and exemplary in appearance and actions.

As part of the admissions process, all prospective Seminary students are required to sign and return a character statement form. In addition, Seminary students subscribe to the following declaration of purpose:

I declare it to be my serious intention to devote my life to the Christian ministry or some other form of Christian service, and to this end I pledge myself to rely on divine guidance, to live according to the standards and ideals set forth in the Holy Scriptures, to apply myself faithfully and diligently to the instruction of the Seminary, and to abide by all its requirements.

Continuance in a seminary program is based not only on academic achievement but also on an ongoing lifestyle reflecting Seventh-day Adventist principles in character and conduct.

Class work at Andrews University is in English. Applicants whose mother tongue is other than English must submit scores of a standardized English proficiency exam unless their proficiency is otherwise satisfactorily documented (see p. 48).

However, the Seminary reserves the right to require the applicant to pass an English proficiency examination prior to acceptance into a program.

Domestic applications to the MDiv program require approximately six months for processing. International applications to the MDiv program require approximately twelve months for processing.

PhD and ThD applicants for autumn semester must submit application materials by January 15. A limited number of students may be admitted for the summer term, in which case they would need to submit all application materials by November 30 of the previous year.

The minimum GPAs required for admission to seminary programs are listed below. Transfer credits are not counted in the GPA.

- 2.50 MDiv, MA in PMin, MA in YMin
- 2.60 MA (Religion, Religious Education)
- 3.00 MTh
- 3.25 DMin
- 3.50 PhD, ThD

Applicants to all seminary programs need to have three recommendation forms sent directly to the Graduate Admission Office. The forms should be completed by persons well acquainted with the applicant's abilities and recent experience. The length of the statement of purpose and the kind of recommendations needed are listed on this page.

Recommendations

1. A college religion department (if a theology or religion graduate of an SDA college within the past five years)
2. A local board of a church where the applicant is a member or was engaged actively in some form of ministry for at least one year. Recommendation should be signed by the pastor or elder.

3. A person not included in the previous two (and) (2) (for) (2) (for) (2) (for) (2) (for)

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3. Church administrator of applicant's employing organization
(or most recent denominational employer if not currently church employed)

- Statement of purpose—600 words

All students applying for admission to the on-campus programs of the Seminary must submit a balanced financial plan detailing how their expenses will be covered. Listed below is the length of plan required for Seminary degree programs:

- MA: Religion 1 year
 - MA: Religious Education 1 year
 - MA: Youth Ministry 2 years
 - Master of Divinity 3 years
 - Master of Theology 1 year
 - Doctor of Ministry
 - PhD/ThD programs 3 years*
- *or letter of sponsorship required

Students applying to the professional ministerial degree programs (Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry, Master of Arts in Youth Ministry, and Doctor of Ministry) should provide transcripts of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test only when requested. Applicants to seminary academic graduate programs must request that a transcript of the GRE examination (taken within the past five years) be sent directly to the Graduate Admissions Office.

All new students are required to attend the Fall orientation program. Students who begin in the summer have a short orientation on the day before summer school begins. The main orientation session starts the Wednesday of the week before autumn semester classes begin and continues through Monday. New students starting either in the summer or autumn terms should plan to attend this main session. A separate orientation, including an intensive course, is conducted for students entering the in-ministry delivery system of the MDiv program. See the Seminary Calendar, p. 328, for specific dates for these orientation events.

Students from all Seminary programs are required to complete the Seminary's program of psychological evaluation during their first fall semester of residency, or as designated by their programs. All graduating students must comply with the graduation requirements of their respective programs, including exit testing.

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The number of credits required for full- and part-time enrollment status in seminary programs is listed below.

MDiv	9–16	6–8
MA in PMin, MA, MA in YMin, MTh, DMin, PhD, ThD	8–12	4–7

Students may take more credits than indicated above only with approval from the dean. Students who have completed all course work in a master's or doctoral program but have not met all requirements for graduation must

discipling ministries of the church or the Christian college or university.

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.

Completion of a seminary program does not guarantee employment.

MDIV: MASTER OF DIVINITY

J. Michael Harris, *Director*

The Master of Divinity program is recommended as the basic training for Adventist ministry by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and the North American Division. It is a three-year professional program beginning in the summer or autumn semester of each year. Students can complete the 92-credit program in seven semesters with summers free. However, the Seminary schedule is so arranged that MDiv students who have no deficiencies and who have adequate financial support may accelerate their studies by taking seven semesters in sequence, including summers, and complete the program in less than three years.

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