

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 several semesters in sequence, including summers, and complete the program in less than three years.

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The theological presuppositions which govern the Master of Divinity program are as follows:

- “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.” *Proverbs 9:10*
- “In a knowledge of God all true knowledge and real development have their source.” *Education*, p. 14.
- “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus....” *Philippians 2:5*
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The MDIV program is in their development of a Bible-grounded, Christ-centered, Spirit-led approach to scholarly inquiry and ministerial practice in a contemporary context.

- Utilizes faculty and ministry professionals whose servant leadership demonstrates excellence, integrity of character, and a commitment to the centrality of Scripture, the mission and teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and service to God's world.
- Promotes Seventh-day Adventist identity and unity as pedagogical and scholarly goals.
- Embraces

the notion of a multicultural community as the legitimate and normative context for learning, worship, and service.

- Produces graduates whose lives reflect balance and demonstrate growth in the competencies required for transformational ministry.

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Committed to glorifying God, the student graduating with a Master of Divinity from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary demonstrates competencies as a

- Maturing Christian
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biblical preacher

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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. 331–333.

Applicants to the MDIV program must also complete all the forms in the application packet and meet the requirements listed below:

- hold a baccalaureate degree, usually in theology or religion.
- normally hold membership in the Seventh-day Adventist

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 petition to graduate under the bulletin in force at the time of his/her initial entrance.

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.

Up to 9 semester credits (earned on a level which corresponds to 500-course numbers of the Seventh-day Adventist 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).

Fifteen credits may be transferred to the MDiv program from an MA in Religion conferred by an accredited Adventist 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.

The 12-week summer session is divided into three 4-week sessions and the normal course load for any of these sessions may not exceed 5 credits. The total amount of course work during the summer session may not exceed 12 credits.

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.

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 (for a maximum of 8 credits). 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.

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:

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OTST514	Bible Lands and Their Exploration	
OTST604	History of the Ancient Near East	
OTST614	Archaeology of Palestine	
NTST615	New Testament Archaeology	
OTST635	History of Israel	
OTST638	Archaeology in Evangelism	

of the following exegesis courses: 3

OTST628	Principles and Methods of OT Exegesis	
OTST639	Studies in Old Testament Exegesis	
OTST664	Pentateuch	
OTST666	Historical Books	
OTST668	Psalms/Wisdom Literature	
OTST674	Daniel	
OTST675	Minor Prophets	
OTST680	Seminar in Old Testament Exegesis	
OTST685	Principles of Hermeneutics	
OTST686	Major Prophets	

of the following theology courses: 3

OTST619	Theology of the Old Testament	
OTST620	Seminar in Old Testament Theology	
OTST627	Jewish Life and Thought	

OTST551	Biblical Hebrew I	3
OTST552	Biblical Hebrew II	2
OTST555	Prophets	3
OTST558	Writings	2
OTST565	Pentateuch	3

of the following: 2

NTST615	New Testament Archaeology	
OTST510	Archaeology and the Bible	
OTST514	Bible Lands and Their Exploration	

THST540	Doctrine of Salvation	2
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of the following systematic theology courses: 2

THST555	Ecclesiology and the Practice of Ministry	
THST608	Doctrine of the Sabbath	
THST615	Doctrine of the Church	
THST616	Doctrine of God	
THST617	Works of God	
THST618	The Works of Christ	
THST619	Principles and Methods of Theology	
THST630	Doctrine of Christ	
THST637	Biblical Eschatology	
THST639	Doctrine of the Holy Spirit	
THST647	Human Nature and Destiny	

of the following historical theology courses: 2

THST624	Protestant Theological Heritage	
THST625	Early Christian Theology	
THST626	Modern Christian Theology	
THST627	Roman Catholic Life & Thought	
THST628	Contemporary Theology	
THST629	Interchurch Dialogue	

of the following ethics courses: 2

THST600	Christian Personal Ethics	
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