

MASTER OF DIVINITY (M.DIV.)

Purpose

The Master of Divinity program is designed to help men and women prepare for professional Christian Ministry in local church and para-church settings. It may also be used to prepare the student for post-graduate and doctoral degrees in theological education. The program provides a broad overview of various foundational areas for ministry including but not limited to apologetics, theology, evangelism, discipleship, Bible, and leadership.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Demonstrate capacities requisite to a life of ministry leadership in the areas of personal and spiritual formation in both academic and practical field settings through appropriate professional practice.
- Develop an understanding of biblical doctrine and faithful interpretation of Scripture within the context of the historical evangelical tradition based on knowledge of the literature appropriate to the discipline.
- Develop a critical understanding of and creative engagement with the cultural realities and structures within which the church lives and carries out its mission.

Biblical Languages Concentration

The student will be able to:

- Apply insights from grammatical and syntactical knowledge to interpreting the text of Scripture.
- Create an original translation and exegetical analysis of a text of Scripture.

Program Specific Admission Requirements

In addition to the general admission procedures, applicants to the **Master of Divinity** program must meet the following requirements:

1. Earned baccalaureate degree or its equivalent (in any field) from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (e.g., SACSCOC, TRACS, ABHE, etc.).
2. Contact information for one Pastoral Recommendation.
3. Minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.00 (on a 4.00 scale).
4. School of Divinity Questionnaire/Personal Statement
5. TOEFL Scores for students who speak English as a second language (score of 600 paper-based test; 250 computer-based test, 80 internet-based test).

Degree Transfer

M.A., M.A.B.S., M.A.C.M., M.A.G.S., M.A.R., M.A.T.S. or M.R.E. into the M.Div. Program

Students who pursue a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree after having earned a Master of Arts in Biblical Exposition (M.A.), Master of Arts in Biblical Studies (M.A.B.S.), Master of Arts in Christian Apologetics (M.A.), Master of Arts in Christian Ministry (M.A.C.M.), Master of Arts in Global Studies (M.A.G.S.), Master of Arts in Religion (M.A.R.), Master of Arts in Sports Chaplaincy (M.A.), Master of Arts in Theological Studies (M.A.T.S.)

or Master of Religious Education (M.R.E.) degree may use all applicable credits from the M.A., M.A.B.S., M.A.C.M., M.A.G.S., M.A.R., M.A.T.S. or M.R.E. toward the M.Div. **as allowed by the student's specific M.Div.**

Degree Completion Plan (DCP) so long as the credits do not exceed two-thirds of the M.Div. program.

Degree Candidacy

Degree Candidacy is granted when the student completes all prerequisites and is in good academic standing.

Programs of Study Delivery Format: Online Only

- Divinity (M.Div.) - Christian Apologetics
- Divinity (M.Div.) - Christian Ministries
- Divinity (M.Div.) - Church History
- Divinity (M.Div.) - Educational Ministries
- Divinity (M.Div.) - Leadership
- Divinity (M.Div.) - Theology
- Divinity (M.Div.) - Youth & Family Ministries

Career Opportunities

- Senior Pastor
- Military, Corporate or Hospital/Fire/Police Chaplain
- Christian Educator
- Christian School, Church Education, or Sunday School Administrator
- Curriculum Director