



### ADULT EDUCATION YOU CAN HAVE FAITH IN.

## MASTER OF DIVINITY

The Master of Divinity (M.Div.) program is designed for individuals who desire a comprehensive program combining theology and Bible exposition with Christian ministry, preparing students for pastoral and chaplaincy positions. The M.Div. builds on the MATS degree, adding courses in Bible exposition (20 credits) and Christian Ministry (20 credits) to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful pastors, ministers, church planters, or missionaries.

In the M.Div. courses, students will develop biblical principles for spiritual formation and self-awareness, learn advanced principles of biblical interpretation, study the socio-historical worlds that gave rise to the Old and New Testaments, survey the history of Christianity, study various forms of and issues related to theology, survey the historical setting and theological message of all biblical books.

Ministry courses will consider the knowledge, character, and skill competencies needed for ministry. Areas of study include calling/vocation, ministry relationships, leadership, management, homiletics, worship, pastoral roles, and global ministry. Students will be embedded in a local ministry during this program, providing the relevant context for applied learning, personal development, and required internships.

### Program Cost

#### Academic year 2013–14

- Tuition: \$490 per credit
- Books: \$1,500 (est.)

### Program Delivery

- On-site, one night a week
- Online

### Timeframe

Master of Divinity coursework can be completed in approximately 42-46 months.

### M.Div. Coursework (76 credits)

BIA5011	Spiritual Formation	2
MIN5110	Self-awareness in Leadership	2
BIA5015	Biblical Hermeneutics	4
BIA5017	Bible in Its World	4
BIA5019	History of Christianity	4
BIB6311	Theological Prolegomena	2
BIB6312	Biblical Theology	4
BIB6313	Systematic Theology I	4
BIB6314	Systematic Theology II	4
BIB6315	Contemporary Issues in Theology	2
PHI6316	Apologetics and Ethics	4
MIN5990	Graduate Internship Lab I	0
BIB6211	Pentateuch	4
BIB6212	Old Testament Prophets	4
BIB6213	Old Testament Writings	4
BIB6214	Gospels	2
BIB6215	Acts of the Apostles	2
BIB6216	Pauline Epistles	2
BIB6217	Hebrews to Revelation	2
MIN5995	Graduate Internship Assessment I	2
MIN5991	Graduate Internship Lab II	0
MIN5210	Leading and Organizing Ministry	4
MIN5310	Pastoral Ministries	4
MIN5410	Ministries of Word and Worship	4
MIN5510	Ministry Relationships	2
MIN5610	Ministering Culturally and Globally	2
MIN5996	Graduate Internship Assessment II	2

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**BIA5011 Spiritual Formation** 2 cr

A study of biblical principles for the spiritual growth of self and others. This course includes the study of worldviews, Christianity and culture, and the life of the mind.

**MIN5110 Self-awareness in Leadership** 2 cr

This course is designed to help students become more aware of their calling, strengths, and growth areas. Personality, spiritual gifts, and general biblical knowledge, spiritual growth and family of origin issues will be assessed.

**BIA5015 Biblical Hermeneutics** 4 cr

An advanced course in hermeneutics in which students will learn about the formation of the Bible, the history of biblical interpretation, modern critical methods, and current challenges to biblical interpretation.

**BIA5017 Bible in Its World** 4 cr

An introduction to the history and thought-world of the Old and New Testaments. Emphasis is on the study of primary sources, principally the literature of the surrounding world, and the intersection of the ideas of those writings with those of the Bible.

**BIA5019 History of Christianity** 4 cr

In this course, students will survey the history of the church from its birth in the first century A.D. to its current manifestations in the 21st century. Attention will be given to the people and events that contributed to the growth and development of Christianity.

**BIB6311 Theological Prolegomena** 2 cr

A study of the methods used in systematic theology, especially the use of the Bible for the development of theological systems. Students will also be introduced to theological approaches of covenant theology and dispensationalism.

**BIB6312 Biblical Theology** 4 cr

A study of current methods and issues in the field of Biblical Theology, with emphasis on application to Old and New Testament books. Students will develop theological categories from the text and identify the variety and unity of theological themes.

**BIB6313 Systematic Theology I** 4 cr

The advanced study of the doctrines of bibliology, theology (proper), angelology, anthropology, and hamartiology.

**BIB6314 Systematic Theology II** 4 cr

The advanced study of the doctrines of Christology, soteriology, pneumatology, ecclesiology, and eschatology.

**BIB6315 Contemporary Issues in Theology** 2 cr

A study of a contemporary theological issue relevant to Evangelical theology, with a focus on analysis and assessment.

**PHI6316 Apologetics and Ethics** 4 cr

A study of apologetics, the defense of the Christian faith, with emphasis on critical thinking, theistic arguments, and the problem of evil. Students will also be introduced to Christian approaches to ethics and ethical issues.

**MIN5990 Graduate Internship Lab I** 0 cr

*PQ: C or better in the 11 courses/36 credits taken prior to this course in sequence; concurrently taken with BIB6211, BIB6212, BIB6213, BIB6214, BIB6215, BIB6216, and BIB6217*

This lab is designed to integrate the M.Div. program with the realities of ministry by being embedded in a local church or approved ministry. It provides a mentored experience in various phases of Christian ministry over the period of three semesters. Prior to registering for this lab, students are required to write an Internship Proposal as part of the Graduate Internship Lab Agreement.

**BIB6211 Pentateuch** 4 cr

*PQ: Concurrently taken with MIN5990*

An exposition of the first five books of the Old Testament, emphasizing the historical setting and theological message.

**BIB6212 Old Testament Prophets** 4 cr

*PQ: Concurrently taken with MIN5990*

An exposition of Old Testament former and latter prophetic writings, emphasizing the historical setting and theological message.

**BIB6213 Old Testament Writings** 4 cr

*PQ: Concurrently taken with MIN5990*

An exposition of the Old Testament writings, including the poetic books and wisdom literature. Emphasis will be on the historical setting and theological message of these writings.

**BIB6214 Gospels** 2 cr

*PQ: Concurrently taken with MIN5990*

An exposition of the four gospels which emphasizes the theological message as discovered in the unfolding of the narrative within its historical context.

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**BIB6215 Acts of the Apostles** 2 cr

*PQ: Concurrently taken with MIN5990*

An exposition of Acts which emphasizes the historical setting and theological message.

**BIB6216 Pauline Epistles** 2 cr

*PQ: Concurrently taken with MIN5990*

An exposition of Paul's letters which emphasizes the historical setting and theological message.

**BIB6217 Hebrews to Revelation** 2 cr

*PQ: Concurrently taken with MIN5990*

An exposition of Hebrews, the General Epistles, and Revelation. Emphasis will be on the historical setting and theological message of these writings.

**MIN5995 Graduate Internship Assessment I** 2 cr

*PQ: C or better in the 18 courses/56 credits taken prior to this course in sequence; completion of MIN5990 x 3 times*

This assessment course integrates the disciplines of ministry with the M.Div. curriculum. It provides a mentored experience in various phases of Christian ministry. Students will discuss the events and ministry issues experienced during their internships. Students will share what they have learned regarding their strengths, growth areas, and call to ministry.

**MIN5991 Graduate Internship Lab II** 0 cr

*PQ: C or better in the 19 courses/58 credits taken prior to this course in sequence or concurrently taken with MIN5995; concurrently taken with MIN5210, MIN5310, MIN5410, MIN5510, and MIN5610*

As with MIN5990 Graduate Internship Lab I, this lab is designed to integrate the M.Div. program with the realities of ministry by being embedded in a local church or approved ministry. It provides a mentored experience in various phases of Christian ministry over the period of three semesters. Prior to registering for this lab, students are required to write an Internship Proposal as part of the Graduate Internship Lab Agreement.

**MIN5210 Leading and Organizing Ministry** 4 cr

*PQ: Concurrently taken with MIN5991*

This course considers the development of the whole person: knowledge, character, and skill. Practice of leadership and management for the church and for Christian nonprofit organizations will be studied. Students will examine God's vision for their lives, leading and organizing a ministry to accomplish a mission, and how to develop leaders who equip other leaders.

**MIN5310 Pastoral Ministries** 4 cr

*PQ: C or better in MIN5210; concurrently taken with MIN5991*

This course examines the theological foundations and practice of pastoral ministry. Consideration is given to personal discipleship, pastoral care, biblical counseling, the ordinances, relational skills and leading a healthy church.

**MIN5410 Ministries of Word and Worship** 4 cr

*PQ: C or better in MIN5210; concurrently taken with MIN5991*

This course will focus on the public delivery of God's Word and on the creation and leadership of corporate worship.

**MIN5510 Ministry Relationships** 2 cr

*PQ: C or better in MIN5210; concurrently taken with MIN5991*

This course examines the servant leader's relationship with God, self, family, and others. Special attention is given to issues of personal accountability, life margins, practicing the presence of God, balancing family and ministry.

**MIN5610 Ministering Culturally and Globally** 2 cr

*PQ: C or better in MIN5210; concurrently taken with MIN5991*

This course provides a brief overview of the biblical and philosophical principles on which Christian ministry in other cultural settings (both in the U.S. and abroad) is based, and the practices by which those principles are carried out.

**MIN5996 Graduate Internship Assessment II** 2cr

*PQ: C or better in the 24 courses/74 credits taken prior to this course in sequence; completion of MIN5991 x 3 times*

As with MIN5995 Graduate Internship Assessment I, this assessment course integrates the disciplines of ministry with the M.Div. curriculum. Students will discuss the outcome of the learning goals during the hours of ministry lab experience and foundational ministry assumptions will be considered. Students will share what they have learned regarding their strengths, growth areas, and call to ministry. Ministry issues raised during their internship lab will also be discussed.