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The Master of Divinity (M.Div.) is a comprehensive, pre-doctoral degree that combines theology and Christian ministry. The online or on-site program builds upon Northwestern's history and commitment to biblically based evangelical theology.

The M.Div. will provide you with the knowledge and skills needed for roles such as pastor, minister, church planter, chaplain or missionary. Through in-depth coursework you will explore the knowledge, character and competencies needed for effective ministry.

Master of Divinity

Estimated Program Cost: $37,240

2013–14 Tuition: $490 per credit

Books: $1,725 (estimated total for M.Div. program)

M.Div. Course of Study

The Master of Divinity is integrated with Northwestern's Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS). The M.Div. program includes the MATS degree, adding courses in Bible exposition and Christian ministry.

The M.Div. is granted upon completion of 76 credits. Students who elect to do so may obtain both the MATS and M.Div. degrees for the complete course of study.

See page 2 for a list of M.Div. courses.

Advanced Course Placement

Students entering the M.Div. program may be considered for advanced course placement credit for courses taken in Bible, biblical languages, theology, church history, or ministry, from Northwestern or other accredited institutions. If you earned a grade of "B" or better in approved courses, a maximum of 18 credits may be applied toward the M.Div. program.

Program Delivery Class formats for the M.Div.:

On site: Come to class on campus one night a week for four hours.

Online: Interact online with professors and other students.

Time Frame M.Div. coursework can be completed in approximately 42–46 months.

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The M.Div. is an academically rigorous degree that will open your eyes to the deep truths of Scripture. As you prepare for ministry, further academic study or other career options, you will learn to study God's Word in depth and apply it theologically and practically in a variety of contexts.

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M.Div. Coursework (36 credits)

BIA5011	Spiritual Formation	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
MIN5110	Self-awareness in Leadership	2
MIN5990	Graduate Internship Lab I	0
PHI6316	Apologetics and Ethics	4
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
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
MIN5991	Graduate Internship Lab II	0
MIN5996	Graduate Internship Assessment ll	2

After completing PHI6316 Apologetics and Ethics, students are required to register for a graduate internship for each remaining semester.

See the Graduate & Continuing Education Catalog at unwsp.edu/catalog for course descriptions. Courses subject to change.

Will You Just Be Three Years Older?

Chris was already working in a ministry position when she decided to enroll in the M.Div. program so she could pursue a chaplaincy career. People questioned her decision to return to school but she explained, "I just felt the Lord wanted me to do this."

After earning her degree, Chris found her dream job as a chaplain in a hospice care setting.

"When I was deciding to start on this journey I thought 'How can I do this at my age?' I realized I could go to school or not; either way in three years I would be three years older. What would I have accomplished? Would I have been faithful to God's calling and be done? Or would I just be three years older still wishing for that dream? I am so glad I did it! God was faithful and I now am doing what I absolutely love!"

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Meet Your Professors

Randy Nelson

Randy Nelson, Ph.D., has twice been nominated by students for "Who's Who Among American Teachers" and has earned Northwestern's "Teacher of the Year" award. Committed to his students and to Northwestern, Nelson's specialty areas include Gospel studies, Jesus research and hermeneutics. His students frequently share that Nelson is also an expert at putting them at ease as many return to school for the first time in many years.

Michael Wise

Michael Wise, Ph.D., is both scholar-in-residence and chair of the Biblical & Theological Studies department. His area of focus is ancient Judaism as a background to the rise of Christianity. He has studied the Semitic languages in order to immerse himself in rabbinic texts and is a world-renowned expert on the Dead Sea Scrolls; he uses over 20 languages in his research.

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Is the M.Div. for You?

Are you a serious student who loves God's Word? The M.Div. is a challenging degree developed upon fundamental biblical theology. Students pursue the Master of Divinity to meet ordination requirements, prepare for doctoral studies, or to be better prepared for church or parachurch ministry.

Outcomes

Through the M.Div. program, you will:

- Develop biblical principles for spiritual formation and discipleship
- 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 systematic theology methods
- Analyze contemporary theological issues relevant to evangelical theology
- Assess (analyze and develop) the organizational and spiritual health of the local church
- Develop the ability to shepherd others

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