

Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

Master of Divinity

Curriculum Revision Report

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Fall 2017 Census Day Enrollment Statistics

Total Enrollment

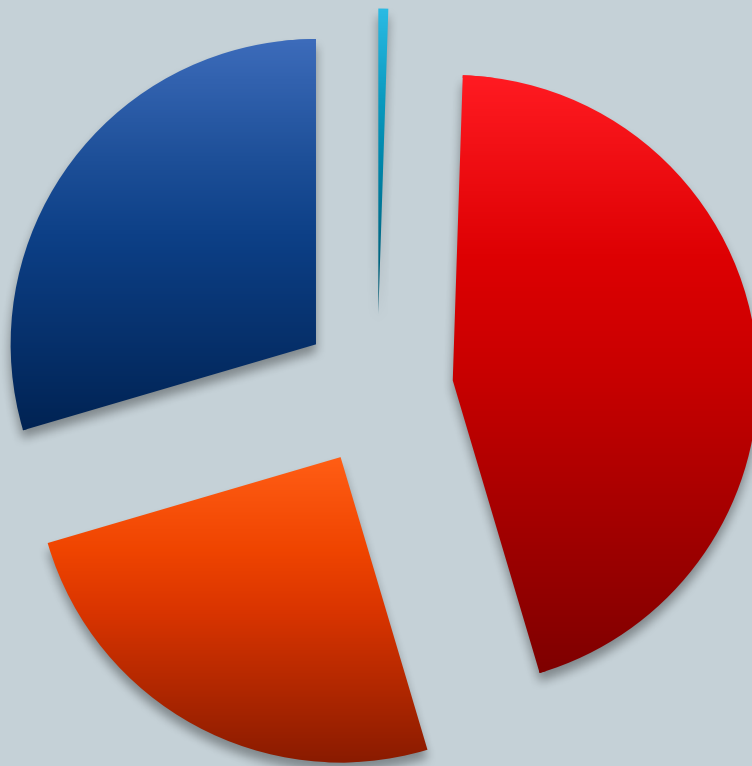
958

As of Census Day, September
13, 2017

Fall 2017 Program Statistics



Program Totals



■ Non-degree	5
■ MDiv	430
■ Masters	240
■ Doctoral	283
Total	958

Master of Divinity



- MDiv is **the standard program** for training pastors in the North American Division.
- With more than 440 students, Theological Seminary serves students from many backgrounds, ethnicities and both genders.





- **Master of Divinity** stands at the **center** of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary's degree offerings and is for BA graduates and young pastors.
- **Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry (MAPM)** is another degree for pastors which is aimed for older active pastors (unwritten principle: above 35 years old).



New MDiv Students (2017)



The Master of Divinity in the
21st Century and beyond:
Taking the MDiv program to the Next Level



MDiv Mission Statement



In harmony with the mission and core values of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, **the Master of Divinity degree equips called committed men and women with practical biblical, theological, and ministerial knowledge and skills to prepare them for Christlike service as leaders and equippers.**

MDiv Program Goals



The goals of the MDiv program are to equip men and women of deep spirituality, mature character, emotional balance, intellectual capacity, and passion for learning to:

1. Be Bible-grounded, Christ-centered, Spirit-led leaders, living and serving with spiritual depth and integrity reflecting the fruit of the Spirit, growing from their personal relationship with the triune God;
2. Be mighty in the Scriptures, faithfully interpreting, practically applying, and powerfully proclaiming the Word of God within the gospel-centered worldview of the Great Controversy;
3. Promote Seventh-day Adventist identity, unity, and mission based on Scripture, viewed in the context of Adventist heritage within Christian history;
4. Lead Spirit-gifted, culturally-sensitive, and diverse communities in practicing transformational worship and ministry committed to making disciples from among “every nation, kindred, tongue and people” in the context of the Three Angels’ Message of Revelation 14.

MDiv Program Learning Outcomes



Our MDiv Graduate:

1. **(Character)** Models spiritual humility, maturity and integrity grounded in a living experience with God, nurtured by the sanctifying presence and power of the Holy Spirit.
2. **(Scholarship)** Manifests the practices of a Biblical scholar-theologian engaging the Bible, Christian/Adventist heritage and professional resources with theological maturity for personal growth and for facilitating the theological competence of others.
3. **(Discipleship & Evangelism)** Demonstrates personal commitment, passion and essential skills for discipleship and evangelism, while training members to carry out ministry within the scope of the local and global mission of the Seventh-day Adventist church.
4. **(Leadership)** Exercises creative and visionary leadership as a minister and servant of Christ, discerning the needs, spiritual gifts and potential of others, in order to equip and engage in their God-given ministries.
5. **(Worship)** Facilitates enriching corporate worship that brings diverse peoples into the transforming presence of God.
6. **(Administration/Management)** Engages the abilities of self and others to strategically steward personal and corporate resources including time, health, finances, property and service in areas of spiritual giftedness.
7. **(Relationships)** Models effective relationships with people of diverse cultures, backgrounds, character, and persuasions, reflecting the wisdom, compassion, and discernment of Jesus through the work of the Spirit.

Preparing and Educating Pastors



Three categories of pastors:

- Congregational **pastor**
- Chaplain **pastor**
- Youth **pastor**

Current Concentrations & Dual Degrees



CONCENTRATIONS

- **Chaplaincy**
 - Chaplaincy & Congregational ministry
- **Youth & Young Adult Ministries**
- **Black/Urban Studies** (in preparation)

DUALS

- MDiv / Master in Social Work
- MDiv / Master in Communication
- MDiv / Master in Public Health
- MDiv / Master in International Development



Students With Theological Background



Year	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Summer Semester	Totals
1st	14 credits	13 credits	12 credits	39 credits
2nd	14 credits	13 credits	12 credits	39 credits
Total for New MDiv				78 credits

No Theological Background



Year	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Summer Semester	Totals
1 st	13 credits	14 credits	12 credits	39 possible prerequisite credits
2 nd	14 credits	13 credits	12 credits	39 credits
3 rd	14 credits	13 credits	12 credits	39 credits
Total Including Prerequisites (for Students Without a Theological Background)				117 credits

New MDiv Program

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2 nd	14 credits	13 credits	12 credits	39 credits
Total for New MDiv				78 credits
1 st	13 credits	14 credits	12 credits	39 possible prerequisite credits
2 nd	14 credits	13 credits	12 credits	39 credits
3 rd	14 credits	13 credits	12 credits	39 credits
Total Including Prerequisites for Students Without a Theological Background				117 credits

Nothing Important is Missing



- Nothing crucial for pastoral education is missing!
- Program is refocused and regrouped. All redundancies are taken away.
- Program is based on practical biblical-theological and historical knowledge, and focused on preaching, church growth, evangelism, small groups, giving Bible studies, visitations, and casting visions.

MDiv Degree Prerequisites



- GSEM 525 The Bible and Biblical History
- CHMN 552 Foundations of Pastoral Ministry
- CHMN 505 Biblical Preaching
- CHMN 536 Personal Evangelistic Ministry
- CHIS 504 Adventist Heritage
- CHIS 510 History of the Christian Church
- NTST 5xx Introduction to the New Testament & Revelation
- NTST 551 Beginning Greek
- NTST 552 Intermediate Greek
- OTST 500 Survey of the Old Testament and the Pentateuch
- OTST 551 Biblical Hebrew I
- OTST 552 Biblical Hebrew II
- THST 521 Christian Theology I
- THST 522 Christian Theology II

Christian Ministry (19 credits)



- CHMN 539 Church Growth and the Equipping Pastor
- CHMN 543 Christian Leadership in a Changing World
- CHMN 555 Pastoral Counseling
- CHMN 523 Worship: Word and Music
- CHMN 567 Health Ministry (1st Fall Semester)
- CHMN 560 Theological Field Education

- **Advanced Preaching Core Elective**

- **NADEI Core Elective**

- **Field Evangelism Core Elective**
 - CHMN 562 Field Evangelism
 - CHMN 644 Field Evangelism: Chaplaincy
 - CHMN xxx Field Evangelism: Youth & Young Adult

DSRE, Church History and Missions



- **Discipleship and Religious Education (9 credits)**
- DSRE 541 Foundations of Biblical Spirituality (1st Fall Semester)
- DSRE 503 Marriage, Family, and Interpersonal Relationships
- DSRE 534 Ministry to Youth and Young Adults
- DSRE 615 Collaborative Ministry

- **Church History (7 credits)**
- CHIS 674 Development of Seventh-day Adventist Theology
- CHIS 534 Issues in Ellen G. White Studies
- Church History Core Elective

- **World Mission (6 credits)**
- MSSN 546 Mission in Cultural and Religious Context
- MSSN 561 Christian Witness and World Religions

NT, OT, & General Electives



New Testament (8 credits)

- New Testament Exegesis Core Elective
- New Testament Theology Core Elective
- New Testament Backgrounds Core Elective

One of the following **MUST** be taken to fulfill a New Testament core elective
NTST648 Revelation (as New Testament Exegesis) OR
NTST647 Eschatology (as New Testament Theology)

Old Testament (8 credits)

- OTST 674 Daniel
- Old Testament Exegesis Core Elective
- Old Testament Theology/Hermeneutics Core Elective
- Biblical Archeology Core Elective

General Electives (6 credits)

Theology (13 credits)



- THST 635 Issues in Origins
- THST 611 Revelation, Inspiration and Hermeneutics
- Systematic Theology Core Elective
- Historical Theology/Philosophy Core
- THST 605 Principles of Christian Ethics or Ethics Core Elective

Interdisciplinary Courses



- GSEM 530 Doctrine of the Sanctuary
- Great Controversy, Covenant, Law, Sabbath

- **Colloquia**

Brief colloquia on a variety of ministry topics will be offered each semester for MDiv students - On campus students will be required to attend at least 5 of these 0-credit colloquia sessions during their MDiv experience.

Suggested Colloquia Topics

- Finances
- Research & Writing
- Preaching
- Biblical Worldview
- Urban Ministries
- Three Angels Messages
- Ministry Coaching
- Advanced Ministry coaching
- Stewardship
- Casting Visions

- SEEDS
- Conflict Management
- Health
- Church Policy
- Church Board & Committee Leadership
- Time Management
- Developing Strong Families
- Apologetics

Together with a variety of other topics as needed

Launching Date



- **AUGUST 2018**

**(from the New
Academic year
2018-2019)**

Spring 2016 to Fall 2017 Sponsored and Unsponsored MDiv Students

MDiv Students	Spring 2016	Fall 2016	Spring 2017	Fall 2017
Sponsored	92	103	93	117
Non-sponsored	248	277	264	325
Totals	340	380	357	442

Note: In Fall 2017, 12 of the sponsored students are females.

MDiv Video Clip



- <https://youtu.be/BFLILHu8L3g>