

and oppressed. Community development projects and community relief and disaster activities are emphasized.

The multi-disciplinary program uses the resources of the Theological Seminary, the School of Business Administration, the School of Education, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the College of Technology. See the International Development section of this bulletin for further details, p. 82.

## MA: RELIGION

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The Master of Arts in Religion is an academic program involving one year of specialized study beyond the baccalaureate-degree level. The MA in Religion degree is offered with these orientations: (1) Research Orientation which requires a thesis and a modern language relevant to the student's research, usually French or German; and (2) General Academic Orientation, which requires comprehensive examinations. The program requires a minimum of 32 credits. Only 500- and 600-level courses are accepted. The purpose of this program is to provide specialized training within the broader setting of the various disciplines of the Seminary. Students may choose an area of emphasis from those listed below:

- Archaeology and History of Antiquity
- Biblical-Theological Studies (Affiliation and Extension Programs)
- Biblical and Cognate Languages
- Church History
- Intercultural Studies
- Intertestamental (Jewish) Studies
- Jewish and Muslim Faiths
- Mission Studies
- New Testament Studies
- Old Testament Studies
- Theological Studies

The MA in Religion degree with the research orientation is designed to fulfill the needs of students planning further graduate study in biblical studies, religion, or theology. The general academic orientation should fulfill the needs of students who plan to engage in religious or secular endeavors which require a strong background in an emphasis. The MA in Religion is offered both on campus and at affiliation and extension centers outside the United States. When offered at affiliation sites, the program may reflect context-sensitive needs in its curriculum as approved by the seminary faculty.

### Admission Requirements

Admission to the MA in Religion program is based on the following requirements in addition to the general admission requirements for all graduate students on p. 42, and the general seminary admission requirements on pp. 337–340.

1. Applicant holds a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent, normally with a major in religion or theology with a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or above.
2. Applicant demonstrates language proficiency or shows a plan for acquiring language proficiency as determined by the selected area of emphasis. Proficiency is defined as the reading knowledge of a language at the intermediate level. Examinations may be required to demonstrate proficiency. Biblical language proficiency must be demonstrated before

registration for exegesis courses. Modern language deficiencies must be made up before registering for the MA thesis. Language proficiency courses do not apply toward the 32 credits of the MA degree requirements.

3. Complete and return the Sixteen Personality Factor Questionnaire as directed.

### Prerequisites

Applicants must provide a transcript showing that they have taken the following courses at the undergraduate level with a GPA of 3.00 or better (on a 4.00 system):

Church History	2
New Testament Studies	2
Old Testament Studies	2
Theological Studies	2
E.G. White Writings	2
Electives in religion*	<u>12</u>
<b>Total prerequisite credits</b>	<b>22</b>

\*For the emphasis in Jewish and Muslim Faiths, Church History is to be replaced with one of the following courses: Jewish History, Arabic History, Introduction to Modern Hebrew, or Modern Dialectal Arabic. An elective course must be World Religions.

**Language Prerequisites.** Students meet the language prerequisites for the various areas of emphasis either by completing the courses listed below or by passing a qualifying examination at the intermediate level.

Archaeology and History of Antiquity

Intermediate Greek or Biblical Hebrew II

Biblical and Cognate Languages

Intermediate Greek and Biblical Hebrew II

Biblical and Theological Studies

Intermediate Greek or Biblical Hebrew II

Church History

Intermediate Greek or Intermediate Latin

Intercultural Studies

Intermediate Arabic

Intertestamental (Jewish) Studies

Intermediate Greek and Biblical Hebrew II

Jewish and Muslim Faiths

Biblical Hebrew II

Mission Studies

Intermediate Greek or Biblical Hebrew II

(or a reading knowledge of a modern foreign language)

New Testament Studies\*

Intermediate Greek

Old Testament Studies\*

Biblical Hebrew II

Theological Studies

Intermediate Greek or Biblical Hebrew II

\*Students who choose a major or minor in New Testament Studies must demonstrate proficiency in intermediate Greek either by passing the language-proficiency examination or by taking the Intermediate Greek course at Andrews University and earning a grade of B or above.

\*Students who choose a major or minor in Old Testament Studies must demonstrate proficiency in intermediate Hebrew either by passing the language-proficiency examination or by taking the Biblical Hebrew II course at Andrews University and earning a grade of B or above.

**Transfer Credits.** A maximum of 6 semester hours of credit with a B (3.00) or above may be transferred from an approved seminary or university if applicable to the student's program. Transfer courses must have been completed within the six-year time limit.

**Degree Requirements.** In addition to the scholarship standards in Graduate Programs Academic Information section of this bulletin, students must fulfill the following requirements for both the research and the general academic orientation options:

- A minimum of 32 semester credits with a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above.
- GSEM620 (to be taken the first time the course is offered after enrolling in the program).
- A major area of emphasis with 16 credits.
- A minor area of emphasis with 6-8 credits chosen from a second area of interest.
- Additional language requirements as listed under the two orientation requirements listed below.

**Research Orientation Requirements.** A foreign language, usually French or German, must be completed by examination or course work (FREN505, GRMN505) in addition to the minimum 32 semester credits. An MA thesis with a total of 6 credits must be completed and defended. It cannot be started until all language requirements are finished. A student who has completed 32 credits towards the Master's degree but has not finished the thesis (after completing 6 thesis credits) must register for GSEM688 (no credit) until the thesis has been approved.

**General Academic Orientation Requirements.** Students must take an oral or written comprehensive examination after advancement to candidacy. The comprehensive examination may be retaken only once. A student who has completed 32 credits but has not finished all degree requirements must register for GSEM688 (no credit) until all requirements are met.

**Advancement to Candidacy.** Upon completion of 50 percent of the course work, a student should apply for advancement to candidacy. Forms are available in the office of the director of the MA program. The forms should be completed by the student and approved by the director of the MA program and the dean of the Seminary.

**Time Limits.** A student must complete the requirements for the MA in Religion degree and graduate within six years of first enrolling in the program regardless of admission classification.

**Academic Advisement.** The director of the MA in Religion program, in cooperation with department chairs, assigns academic advisers in the student's area of specialization. The selection of the remaining course requirements is monitored by the director.

**Certification for Teaching.** Students who plan to teach religion in a Seventh-day Adventist academy or in a secondary school are urged to consult as early in the program as possible with the director of the MA program and the university certification officer regarding qualifying for SDA teaching credentials. See pp. 299–300 for more information about recommended methods courses in Bible teaching designed to meet the certification requirements.

## Areas of Emphasis

In the event that a required course is not offered during any given term, another course in the same area can be substituted for the required course in consultation with the chair of the department.

**Archaeology and History of Antiquity.** OTST510, 604, 614. Remaining courses to complete the 16 credits must be chosen from GSEM670, NTST615, 635, 680, 684, 689, 690, OTST514, 605, 615, 630, 635, 690.

**Biblical and Cognate Languages.** OTST625 and one of the following: NTST608, 678, or 696. Remaining courses to complete the 16 credits must be chosen from NTST606, 618, 626, 646, 665, 678, 690, 696, OTST545, 550, 565, 612, 626, 639, 654, 658, 659, 660, 680, 685, 690.

**Church History.** CHIS674 and any three from among 600, 609, 634, 640, 650, 655, 660, 665, 680. Remaining courses to complete the 16 credits may include any other CHIS offerings, or GSEM678, or up to two courses from among THST624, 625, 628, MSSN676.

**Intercultural Studies.** This emphasis requires 46 semester credits plus Arabic language proficiency at the intermediate level. Classes required include MSSN 610, 650, 615, 635 for 6 credits, 660, 652 for 16 credits, 653 for 6 credits, GSEM 620, and GSEM 697 for 5 credits.

**Intertestamental (Jewish) Studies.** NTST525, 635, 684 or 689. Remaining courses to complete the 16 credits must be chosen from NTST615, 618, 626, 680, 690, 696, OTST614, 625, 626, 627, 654, 659, 690.

**Jewish and Muslim Faiths.** OTST627. A course is to be chosen from each of the following groups: Apologetics/comparative religion—MSSN530, 650, 660, or CHMN587; History—ANTH478, CHIS630, or HIST450; Language/literature—OTST626, 654, 658, or NTST626; Theology/Ethics—HIST450, OTST620, or THST644.

**Mission Studies.** MSSN610 or 676. Remaining courses to complete the 16 credits must be chosen from MSSN.

**New Testament Studies.** An advanced course in language chosen from among NTST608, 678, or 696; a course in New Testament theology; a course in New Testament exegesis (in addition to NTST678 if that course is taken to satisfy the language requirement); a course in New Testament backgrounds to be selected from among NTST615, 635, 654, 680, 684, 689. Remaining courses to complete the 16 credits must be chosen from NTST courses or GSEM530, 670.

**Old Testament Studies.** OTST625; two courses in Exegesis; a course in Archaeology and History of Antiquity. Remaining courses to complete the 16 credits must be chosen from OTST courses or GSEM670 or 530.

**Theological Studies.** Regardless of which sub-section of theological studies is selected for emphasis—Systematic Theology, Historical Theology, or Philosophy and Ethics—the following courses are required: THST550, 619, and 624 or 628. Remaining courses to complete the 16 credits must be chosen from THST courses or GSEM534 or 530.

**Electives.** A student may select courses approved for academic graduate degrees provided there is a correlation with the student's chosen area of study.

## Programs Offered at Affiliation and Extension Sites

Depending on the availability of adequate research library facilities and qualified teaching staff, an affiliated school may be authorized by the seminary faculty to offer some or all of the areas of emphasis listed above with the research orientation or the general academic orientation. Contact the director of the MA program for details on the Affiliation and Extension Programs.

**Biblical-Theological Studies.** This area of emphasis is available only with the general academic orientation at Affiliation and Extension Centers. In addition to the degree requirements outlined above, the following are required: two NTST courses, two OTST courses, two THST courses, a course from either CHIS or MSSN. Remaining courses to complete the 16 credits must be chosen from any of the above disciplines.

An MA Thesis in lieu of Comprehensive Exams is possible with authorization of the Director of the MA in Religion Program.

**Adventist Ministry Minor.** A minor in Adventist Ministry is available at Affiliation and Extension centers only. Eight credits may be selected from appropriate CHMN courses.

## DMIN: DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

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### Purpose

The purpose of the Doctor of Ministry program is to provide structured, rigorous, advanced training in ministry by equipping participants with needed competencies and leadership skills. The program engages qualified people in an active learning environment so that they may reach advanced levels of ministry effectiveness.

### Program Description

The Doctor of Ministry program offers a professional degree for people who seek advanced competencies in evangelism, ministry and mission. The program enables people to grow within the framework of a Biblical model of leadership and to develop an Adventist perspective of evangelism, ministry, and mission. The program is normally offered to professionals who are in active ministry.

Course modules include teaching intensives at various North American and international sites. Concentrations are offered in Chaplaincy, Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, Evangelism and Church Growth, Family Ministry, Global Mission Leadership, Health Care Chaplaincy, Leadership, Preaching, Urban Ministry, and Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Cohorts are formed periodically for participants who prefer Spanish as the language of instruction.

Doctor of Ministry modules include intensive sessions taught by faculty teams that include seminary professors with appropriate academic expertise and professionals from the field with experience in evangelism, ministry and mission. Teaching methodology combines appropriate methods and technology with collegial dialogue to encourage a creative learning environment. Faculty aim to facilitate balanced spiritual, professional, and theological formation that affects the individual, the family,

and the ministry group. Participants develop a deeper personal experience, which leads to a strengthening of their family life as well as a greater commitment to ministry. They learn to evaluate ministerial practices through theological reflection, which helps them establish a Biblical model of servant leadership. Graduates from the program will be able to use appropriate tools to analyze the needs of their churches and communities and develop and implement appropriate and effective ministries.

### Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to the Doctor of Ministry program, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Hold the Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent.
- Have a GPA of at least 3.25.
- Demonstrate high professional and personal potential for the gospel ministry.
- Have an equivalent of at least three years of experience in ministry subsequent to the first graduate theological degree.
- Supply satisfactory recommendations.
- Submit a 1500–2500 word double-spaced paper that discusses their personal spiritual journey and sets forth their purpose for seeking the Doctor of Ministry degree. The paper should manifest deep theological reflection and a familiarity with current literature in pastoral ministry.
- Applicants from other faiths may be accepted into the program, provided they meet admissions requirements and represent high moral integrity with a character, lifestyle, and spiritual commitment reflective of the ideals of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
- Complete and return the Sixteen Personality Factor Questionnaire as directed.

**Admission Procedure.** Applicants must submit those items specified in the Graduate Program's section of this bulletin on p. 42 and in the Seminary admission requirements on pp. 337–340.

### Advanced Standing

Students who have done post-MDiv work in an accredited theological seminary or graduate institution may be eligible to receive advanced standing provided the work is appropriate to the DMin program. The DMin committee determines the appropriateness and relevancy of such credits. Credits accepted for advanced standing may not exceed 25 percent of the total credits required for the DMin degree. Credits earned toward an MA or an MDiv degree are not considered for advanced standing.

### Degree Requirements

In addition to the requirements listed in the Academic Policies section on p. 339, students must fulfill the following requirements for the DMin degree:

<b>General Requirements</b>	<b>16</b>
GSEM730 (2 cr), GSEM790 (2 cr) and 796 (6 cr); GSEM706 (6 cr)	
<b>Other modules</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS for the DMin Degree</b>	<b>32</b>

Students must also complete a graduate-level research course in the first year of the program. This requirement is waived if the student can give evidence of having taken such a course prior to beginning the DMin program. A research course is available by