

MASTER OF DIVINITY (M.DIV.)

Purpose

The **Master of Divinity** degree is designed to help men and women prepare for professional Christian Ministry in local church and para-church settings. The following options are available in the Master of Divinity program:

- 75-hour Master of Divinity
 - **Cognates:** Biblical Languages; Biblical Studies; Christian Apologetics; Christian Leadership and Church Ministries; Christian Ministries; Christian Thought; Church History; Church Ministry in the Digital Age; Discipleship Ministries; General; Global Studies; Homiletics; Leadership; Pastoral Counseling; Theology; Youth and Family Ministries
- 90-hour Master of Divinity
 - **Concentration:** Biblical Languages

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Develop a global Great Commission perspective which demonstrates the proclamation and application of the Gospel and disciple making process
- Examine major critical issues in the Old and New Testaments of the Bible from a conservative evangelical perspective while exhibiting knowledge of the literature appropriate to the field of Biblical Studies.
- Examine theological positions on key doctrinal questions and issues in Christian thought.

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 of the 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. (including the M.R.E.-Chaplaincy) toward the M.Div. **as allowed by the student's specific M.Div. Degree Completion Plan (DCP).**

Degree Candidacy

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

Programs of Study

Delivery Format: Residential Only

- Divinity (M.Div.) - Christian Thought

Delivery Format: Online Only

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

Delivery Format: Residential and Online

- Divinity (M.Div.) - Biblical Languages (75 hour)
- Divinity (M.Div.) - Biblical Languages (90 hour)
- Divinity (M.Div.) - Biblical Studies
- Divinity (M.Div.) - Christian Leadership & Church Ministries
- Divinity (M.Div.) - Church Ministry in the Digital Age
- Divinity (M.Div.) - Discipleship Ministries
- Divinity (M.Div.) - General
- Divinity (M.Div.) - Global Studies
- Divinity (M.Div.) - Homiletics
- Divinity (M.Div.) - Pastoral Counseling

Career Opportunities

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