

BIBLICAL STUDIES

ABOUT THE MASTER OF DIVINITY DEGREE

The Master of Divinity degree prepares students for a variety of ministry opportunities such as church leadership, social ministry, chaplaincy, education, missions, and church music ministry. Students who sense a call to pastoral ministry, full-time vocational ministry, or who desire to prepare for an academic career in college or university teaching are especially encouraged to pursue the Master of Divinity.

The core curriculum is designed to prepare students pursuing full-time vocational or bi-vocational ministry with the basic biblical, theological, historical, and ministerial foundations needed for Christian ministry. Concentrations are offered to assist students with focusing on a particular area of ministry. A minimum of 18 hours in an area of concentration of the 90 required for the Master of Divinity are needed for an individual to meet the requirements to complete a concentration as part of the degree program. A minimum of 18 hours in a concentration must be included in the 90 hours required for the degree.

Faculty advisers are available to counsel with students regarding course selection. Throughout the curriculum, students are led to develop their spiritual lives and to engage in theological reflection and dialogue. Also, additional electives are available for students to study in the areas of their interests and gifts.

BIBLICAL STUDIES CONCENTRATION

The Biblical Studies concentration provides a focused examination of biblical languages, history, and foundations for teaching others about the Bible. Students will gain an in-depth knowledge of the Old Testament and New Testament, Greek, and Hebrew. Additionally, the curriculum includes preaching and teaching courses to build effective Christian leadership skills. Students pursuing this concentration will be well-equipped for a teaching ministry within a church setting or other Christian organization.

The concentration curriculum includes advanced biblical language courses, exegesis in Greek and Hebrew, preaching techniques, ministerial writing, and foundational principles of Christian education. Praxis opportunities include preaching, teaching the Bible, and independent study or research projects on a biblical topic.

MASTER OF DIVINITY BIBLICAL STUDIES CONCENTRATION

Minimum of 18 hours beyond core requirements

BIBLICAL LANGUAGES (9 HOURS)

- Greek I (3)
- Greek II (3)
- Hebrew I (3)
- Hebrew II (3)

EXEGESIS (3 HOURS)

- Greek Exegesis (3)
- Hebrew Exegesis (3)
- Advanced Bible book courses
- Special topics in Old Testament or New Testament

PROCLAMATION (3 HOURS)

- Teaching the Bible with Youth and Adults (3)
- The Practice of Preaching (3)
- Preaching on Biblical Characters (3)
- The Ministry of Writing (3)

PRAXIS (2-3 HOURS)

- A ministry practicum focusing on teaching the Bible
- A ministry practicum focusing on preaching the Bible
- Independent study or research project in a biblical topic

CHOOSE FROM TO COMPLETE HOURS

- Biblical and Theological Foundations for Age Group Ministry (2)
- Introduction to Christian Education (3)
- Christian Education and Faith Development (3)
- Any course listed in the sections above

