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.

Missions And Evangelism Concentration

A concentration in Missions and Evangelism will allow students to develop foundational skills in missionary service, to explore global and cultural religious perspectives, and to sharpen preaching and teaching skills. The curriculum is designed to build valuable leadership skills through a greater understanding of the biblical history of missions, Christian education, and spiritual development. Students will also explore contemporary mission fields and local mission opportunities.

Curriculum topics include an examination of the biblical and evangelistic mission of the church, world religions, Christian education courses, and a variety of field-based missions practica. Students have the opportunity to experience church planting and church-related evangelism, as well as study people, cultural influences, and mission strategy for a geographical and contextual situation that differs from their own.
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Missions and Evangelism Concentration

Minimum of 18 hours beyond core requirements

Choose from elective courses from the following areas:

**Foundations (3 hours)**
- Evangelistic Mission of the Church (3) if not taken as a core requirement
- Christian Missions (3) if not taken as a core requirement

**Global & Cultural Perspectives (3-6 hours)**
- Specialized courses in global & cultural studies/social justice topics
- World Religions (3)
- American Sectarian Groups (3)

**Proclamation (3-6 hours)**
- Specialized courses in cross-cultural communication
- The Practice of Preaching (3)
- The Ministry of Writing (3)
- Teaching the Bible with Youth and Adults (3)
- Bible preaching and teaching courses

**Praxis (2-4 hours)**
- Missions immersion course
- Missions/evangelism practicum
- Church planting practicum

**Additional Electives**
- Special topic courses offered in missions/evangelism
- Introduction to Christian Education (3)
- Christian Education and Faith Development (3)
- Designing Church Programs and Ministries (2)