

### 3. Master of Divinity with Baccalaureate Degree (M.Div.3-yr)

#### a. Purpose of the Degree

The Three-year Master of Divinity degree is the normative degree to prepare persons for ordained ministry and for general pastoral and Christian leadership responsibilities in congregations and other settings. It is the required degree for admission to the Doctor of Ministry degree program, and the recommended theological degree for admission to advanced programs oriented to theological research and teaching.

#### b. Primary Goals of the Program

This program is aimed at nurturing servants and visionary leaders for the congregation. It tries to help the student grow in spiritual depth and moral integrity, to give the student comprehensive knowledge in Biblical and theological studies; to nurture the capacity for critical and constructive theological reflection and the ability to articulate faith to themselves and others, to train the student in developing the specific skills needed for effective ministry and public leadership, and to develop a deep understanding of the cultural and social context.

#### c. Requirements for Admission

The M.Div.3-yr is a post-baccalaureate degree. Admission requirements shall include: i) a baccalaureate degree or higher from an institution accredited by a recognized agency; ii) applicants must have been baptized at least three years prior to application for study; iii) evidence of the commitment and qualities desired for pastoral leadership; and iv) proof of the academic ability to engage in graduate education. For more information, see VI. Enrollment Procedures.

#### d. Courses Required

<b>Old Testament</b>	credits
OT1000 Introduction to the Old Testament	3
2 basic courses (level 2)	6
1 advanced course (level 3)	3
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Total credits	12

<b>New Testament</b>	credits
NT1000 Introduction to the New Testament	3
2 basic courses (level 2)	6
1 advanced course (level 3)	3
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Total credits	12

<b>Church History and Historical Theology</b>	credits
CH1000 Introduction to Church History	3
CH1002 Introduction to Historical Theology	3
1 basic course (level 2)	3
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Total credits	9

<b>Systematic Theology</b>	credits
ST1000 Introduction to Christian Theology	3
ST1001 Introduction to Christian Ethics	3
2 basic courses (level 2)	6
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Total credits	12
<b>Pastoral Theology and Counseling</b>	credits
PT1000 Introduction to Pastoral Formation	3
PT1002 Introduction to Homiletics	3
PT1003 Introduction to Counseling Theory and Practice	3
1 basic course (level 2)	3
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Total credits	12
<b>Christian Education</b>	credits
CE1000 Introduction to Christian Education	3
1 basic course (level 2)	3
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Total credits	6
<b>Spirituality and Worship</b>	credits
SW1000 Introduction to Spiritual Formation	3
SW1001 Introduction to Worship and Liturgy	3
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Total credits	6
<b>Mission and Culture</b>	credits
MC1000 Introduction to Missiology	3
MC1001 Introduction to Religion and Culture	3
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Total credits	6
<b>Languages and Practical Training</b>	credits
LP1021 Choir	6
LP1017-1020 Field Education I, II, III, IV	10
LP1010-1011 Greek I, II or	
LP1012-1013 Biblical Hebrew I, II	9
LP4000 Integrative Seminar	3
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Total credits	28
	<b>credits</b>
<b>Required Courses</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Electives</b>	<b>5</b>
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<b>Total Credits Required for Graduation</b>	<b>108</b>

**e. Language Requirement**

Students must have sufficient knowledge of English for studying at a graduate level.

**f. Credit Hours**

A student in the M.Div. program may not take more than 18 credits in each semester or more than 3 credits in each J term.

**g. Assessment**

At the beginning, the middle and the end of studies, each student is assigned to meet with an adviser. Using a questionnaire, the student and adviser will reflect on academic development as well as spiritual growth. The final meeting will, in addition, focus on readiness for ministry.

**h. Residency Requirements**

Since M.Div. education has a complex goal: the personal, vocational, spiritual, and academic formation of the student, and because of the importance of a comprehensive community of learning, the M.Div. degree cannot be viewed simply as an accumulation of courses or of individual independent work. In order to ensure an appropriate community life and formation, at least one year of residency is required.

**i. Duration**

In order to fulfill the broad educational and formational goals of the M.Div., the program requires at least three academic years of full-time work or its equivalent. The time allowed for completion of the program on a part-time basis may not exceed two times that of the full-time program.

**j. Requirements for Graduation**

- i) In order to earn the Master of Divinity degree, a student must complete the requirements with a GPA of 2.30 or above.
- ii) Satisfactorily meet the standard or requirements of LTS in other aspects.