Final Exams. The times and dates for final examinations are set by the University and the Seminary at the beginning of every term. Students are expected to adhere to those dates and to integrate them into their planning calendar. The only exceptions to the prescribed dates are illness or dire emergency. Such exceptions must be approved in writing by the Seminary Associate Dean's office. Personal plans, family events, church activities, and the like do not qualify for a change of date.

Residency Requirements. Residency requirements for seminary programs appear in the respective program descriptions.

Time Limits on Degrees. For time limits applying to seminary degree programs, see the respective program descriptions below. Students who violate the respective time limits must petition the dean for an extension of time, giving reasons for the request and submitting plans for completion of the work. Petitions may be granted by the dean and may require additional qualifying or other examinations, additional course work, or both.

Transfer Credit. For limits on credits that may be transferred into the respective seminary programs, see each program description below.

PROGRAMS

The Master of Divinity degree program provides basic post-graduate professional preparation for ministry with a broad exposure to all fields of theological study. The program applies biblical, historical, educational, linguistic, theological, philosophical, ethical, missiological, pastoral, and evangelistic instruction to the practical work of the church. Practical field experience is a vital part of this program.

The Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry degree program offers professional training to mature pastors experienced in ministry. Normally such persons (if male) are ordained ministers unable to leave their parish and come to the Seminary campus for extended periods of time. The Seminary provides the major part of this professional training at off-campus centers in North America and various international sites.

The Master of Arts in Youth Ministry degree is a professional program designed to equip men and women with competencies needed for an effective ministry to youth and young adults in local church and para-church settings. The program is focused on teaching, evangelizing, discipling, and counseling adolescents.

The Master of Arts in Religion provides an opportunity for one year of specialized study beyond the baccalaureate degree. It is offered with these orientations: (1) the research orientation designed for students who plan further graduate work, and (2) the general academic orientation giving students a strong background in a specific area of religious studies.

The Master of Theology degree requires one year of full-time, specialized study beyond the MDiv degree. This program gives qualified students an opportunity for graduate study and research in one particular area of theological study with appropriate minors.

The Doctor of Ministry is a professional, post-MDiv degree for individuals qualified to pursue advanced study. This degree provides experienced pastors with additional expertise in the areas of Pastoral Ministry, Mission Studies, and Evangelism and Church Growth.

The Doctor of Philosophy degree in religion, based on the Master of Arts in Religion, prepares teacher-scholars in the fields of New Testament Studies, Old Testament Studies, Theological Studies, Adventist Studies, and Mission and Ministry Studies for colleges and seminaries operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church around the world.

The Doctor of Theology degree, based on the Master of Divinity degree, trains teacher-scholars in the fields of biblical studies and theology for service in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

MDiv: Master of Divinity

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The Master of Divinity program is recommended as the basic training for Adventist ministry by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and the North American Division. It is a three-year professional program beginning in the summer or autumn semester of each year. Students can complete the 96-credit program in six semesters with summers free. However, the Seminary schedule is so arranged that MDiv students who have no deficiencies and who have adequate financial support may accelerate their studies by taking six semesters in sequence, including summers, and complete the program in less than three years.

The professional education provided by the MDiv program seeks
- to provide training in biblical, linguistic, historical, theological, philosophical, ethical, missiological, pastoral, and evangelistic fields to meet the professional needs of the Seventh-day Adventist minister,
- to engage all seminary departments in seeking to integrate cognitive and practical preparation for professional ministry,
- to foster spiritual growth in personal, family, and corporate life in formal and informal settings,
- to cultivate a seminary environment conducive to learning in a variety of settings such as colloquia, group discussions, assemblies, the library, preaching practicum, field assignments, and spiritual formation groups,
- to integrate contributions of several departments on major Christian themes basic to Seventh-day Adventist heritage and proclamation,
- to involve seminarians in the practice of ministry through field work,
- to raise awareness of, and sensitivity to, the multicultural characteristics of society through special activities, courses, and fellowship,
- to foster sound methods of study and investigation aimed toward lifelong professional service and growth,
- to promote the development of professional skills requisite for the propagation of Biblical faith and Christian commitment within the Adventist framework.

ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM

All MDiv applicants must meet the Graduate Programs Admission Requirements applicable to all graduate students found on p. 41 and the general seminary requirements on p. 287.

Applicants to the MDiv program must also meet the qualifications listed below:
- hold a baccalaureate degree, usually in theology or religion,
- demonstrate undergraduate work that includes the items