

## Areas of Emphasis

Students enrolled in the MDiv program may choose from a number of 12-credit emphases. More details may be obtained from each department regarding these areas of emphasis. Based on a student's deficiencies, choosing an emphasis may prolong the length of his/her program. Regular master's tuition is charged for courses taken in other Andrews University schools.

### Christian Ministry

African American Ministry, Campus Spiritual Leadership, Chaplaincy, Church Growth and Evangelism, Church Leadership, Family Life Education, Pastoral Counseling, Preaching, Youth Ministry

### Church History

Adventist Studies, General Church History, Reformation

### New Testament

Biblical Languages, New Testament, New Testament Issues

### Old Testament

Archaeology and History of Antiquity, Biblical and Cognate (Ancient Near Eastern) Languages, Jewish Studies, Old Testament

### Theology and Christian Philosophy

Christian Ethics, Historical Theology, Systematic Theology and Christian Philosophy

### World Mission: Mission Studies

## Thesis Option

Students electing the thesis option should plan to take more than seven semesters to complete the program.

The thesis counts as 8 of the general elective credits allowed for the MDiv degree. Students should register for 2 or more thesis credits per term for at least two semesters. Therefore, initial registration for a thesis must be no later than two semesters prior to graduation.

Students electing to write an MDiv thesis must apply to the director of the program and must (1) demonstrate superior scholarship over a minimum of two consecutive semesters, normally with a GPA of 3.50 or above; (2) take Research Methods before the thesis is started; and (3) submit a paper of superior quality before permission is granted by the director to begin writing the thesis.

The student is guided in thesis preparation by a three-member committee appointed by the director in consultation with the student and department chair in which the subject of the thesis is chosen. The chair of this committee serves as the thesis adviser.

The format of the thesis must conform strictly to the *Andrews University Standards for Written Work*. Students are strongly urged to consult the dissertation secretary before formatting and printing a thesis.

At least six weeks before graduation, the committee-approved draft of the thesis should be submitted to the dissertation secretary. After appropriate changes have been made, the corrected copy should be submitted at least four weeks before graduation to the dissertation secretary for approval. Copying on non-acid paper should be completed at least two weeks before graduation. Three copies of the thesis, including a 150-word abstract and an approval sheet, must be submitted to the dissertation secretary. The abstract should contain a short statement of the problem examined, a brief exposition of methods and procedures, and a condensed summary of the findings.

Students obtain a Thesis Completion Form from the dissertation secretary. They must take the form to the Academic Records Office no later than noon on Friday, a week preceding graduation. A fee is charged by the university for binding the three copies of the thesis, two of which are deposited in the library and one in the department in which the student earns the degree.

Students who do not adhere strictly to the deadlines noted above will have their graduation postponed.

Thesis candidates must pass an oral examination no later than two weeks before graduation. The candidate is expected to demonstrate mastery of the thesis topic.

## MA: PASTORAL MINISTRY

Walt Williams, *English Track Director*

Ricardo Norton, *Hispanic Track Director*

Trevor O'Reggio, *Non-NAD Track Director*

The Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry is for experienced pastors and recommended lay leaders whose ministerial functions make it impossible to engage in an extended study program at the Seminary. While admission to the program is similar for all groups of applicants, the curriculum reflects emphases for English or Hispanic ministry tracks (for details, see below).

In areas outside North America, the Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry curriculum reflects indigenous needs. A minimum of 6 credits is offered in courses specifically adapted to meet local conditions and culture. Adjustments may be made in admissions policy pertaining to the length of ministerial experience.

### Admission Requirements

Admission to the MA in Pastoral Ministry is based on the following requirements in addition to the general admission requirements for all graduate students (pp. 47–51) and the general Seminary admission requirements. Applicants must also complete and return the Sixteen Personality Factor Questionnaire as directed.

#### Ministerial Applicants: English/Hispanic

- Provide evidence of successful ministerial experience during the past five years.

#### Lay Leader Applicants

- Be at least 35 years of age.
- Demonstrate excellent academic skills,
- Provide evidence of extensive, active, and successful ministry in service areas such as Sabbath school teacher, youth leader, elder, deacon, etc. during the past five years,
- Recommended by their local church pastor and local conference leadership.

### Program Requirements

The MA in Pastoral Ministry degree is awarded upon completion of a minimum of 48 credits of formal course work.

1. Course work in North America is offered off campus twice annually in one- and two-week intensives, normally at Adventist educational institutions. Students should expect

- pre- and post-class assignments as part of the total academic requirements of each course. The intensives generate the equivalent of 6–12 credits.
- Prospective students may take up to 3 classes (9 credits) before being formally accepted into the MA in Pastoral Ministry program.
  - Course work should be completed within 10 years of beginning the program.
  - Attendance of at least one session on campus at Andrews University is required.  
Students failing to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.50 are placed on probation. Any student remaining on probation for the equivalent of two years (maximum of 18 credits) must withdraw from the program.

**Transfer Credits.** Upon approval by the dean, a maximum of 24 graduate credits may be transferred from approved seminaries or universities, including Andrews University. Approved credits under the Credit Through Learning in Professional Experience provision (see below) are considered part of the maximum.

A maximum of 8 credits may be transferred from another conferred degree upon approval by the dean.

### English Track Curriculum

<b>Biblical Studies</b>	12
<b>Old Testament (6)</b>	
One course in Theology	
Choose one: OTST570; OTST607; GSEM530; OTST510	
<b>New Testament (6)</b>	
One course in Theology	
One course in Exegesis	
<b>Theology and Christian Philosophy</b>	9
Two courses in Theology	
One course in Ethics	
<b>Christian Ministry and/or Religious Education</b>	12
Courses selected in at least two areas	
<b>Church History</b>	6
CHIS674	
One elective	
<b>Mission</b>	3
<b>Electives</b>	<u>6</u>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS for the MA Degree</b>	<b>48</b>

### Hispanic Ministry Curriculum

<b>Biblical Studies</b>	12
<b>Old Testament (6)</b>	
One course in Theology	
One course in Exegesis	
<b>New Testament (6)</b>	
One course in Theology	
One course in Exegesis	
<b>Theology</b>	9
Two courses in Theology	
One course in Ethics	
<b>Christian Ministry</b>	12
Four courses such as:	
CHMN505 (Hispanic), 514 (Hispanic), CHMN527 (Hispanic), 544 (Hispanic), 555 (Hispanic), 615 (Hispanic)	
One of the following courses in Culture: CHMN525, 585	
<b>Church History</b>	6
CHIS567, 674	

<b>Mission</b>	3
<b>Electives</b>	<u>6</u>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS for the MA Degree</b>	<b>48</b>

### Non–North American Division Curriculum

<b>Biblical Studies</b>	12
<b>Old Testament (6)</b>	
One course in Theology	
Choose one: OTST510; OTST570; OTST607; GSEM530;	
<b>New Testament (6)</b>	
One course in Theology	
One course in Exegesis	
<b>Theology and Christian Philosophy</b>	8
One course in Ethics	
Three additional courses in THST	
<b>Christian Ministry</b>	12
Courses selected in at least two areas:	
Evangelism and Church Growth	
Leadership and Administration	
Pastoral Care and Counseling	
Preaching and Worship	
<b>Church History</b>	4
CHIS674	
One elective	
<b>Mission</b>	2
<b>Electives</b>	<u>10</u>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS for the MA Degree</b>	<b>48</b>

### Credit Through Learning in Professional Experience\*

Students may be eligible to receive up to 6 credits for professional experience when approved by the dean, using the following criteria:

- Applicants must have completed at least 18 credits toward the MA degree with a minimum GPA of 2.50
- The applicant must submit a Professional Experience Portfolio, including (1) an up to date curriculum vita, (2) a description of ministerial experiences, (3) a reflection-learning paper in which the applicant analyzes his/her professional skills and ministries and demonstrates how learning based on the reflection-reaction process occurred, and (4) supporting letters from administrative and pastoral supervisors which identify and document a variety of professional experiences.
- The applicant must submit the completed Professional Experience Portfolio to the Dean of the Theological Seminary not later than the semester prior to graduation. For details, contact the Director of the MA in Pastoral Ministry program.

\*Students earning the Master of Arts in Youth Ministry degree also may receive credit by meeting the above criteria and submitting a description of their youth-ministry experiences. These students should contact the Director of the MA in Youth Ministry program for details.