Hispanic Ministry Curriculum

Biblical Studies	**12**
Old Testament (6)	
One course in Theology	
One course in Exegesis	
New Testament (6)	
One course in Theology	
One course in Exegesis	
Theology	**9**
Two courses in Theology	
One course in Ethics	
Christian Ministry and/or Discipleship and Religious Education	**12**
Three electives	
Choose one: CHMN525; CHMN514; CHMN538	
Church History	**6**
CHIS674	
One elective	
Mission	**3**
Electives	**6**
TOTAL CREDITS for the MA Degree	**48**

Non–North American Division Curriculum

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

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 and Young Adult 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 and Young Adult Ministry program for details.

MA: YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Allan Walshe, *Director*

The MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry provides study in theology, church history, world mission, and the specialized field of youth and young adult ministry. The graduate of the MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry is competent to

- Develop, direct, and evaluate youth ministry programs in the local church and other targeted areas with both professional and theological competency.
- Recruit, nurture, and disciple youth in Christian service and vocation.
- Recruit, nurture, and disciple adult youth leaders.
- Reflect constructively and theologically upon the content and process of youth ministry.
- Serve in a variety of vocations, such as youth pastor, dormitory dean, local church youth leader, conference youth director, university/college/academy chaplain, and guidance counselor.

Students who seek to serve in general pastoral or church leadership positions should consider, as an alternative, the Master of Divinity program as stipulated by North American Division policy (L 05 05 and L 05 15). The Master of Divinity program also has an emphasis in Youth Ministry.

Admission Requirements

Applicants to the MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry program should read the general admission requirements for all graduate students on p. 44 in the Graduate Programs Admission section of this bulletin, and the general seminary admission requirements on pp. 347–350. Applicants to the MAYYAM program must also meet the qualifications listed below:

- Hold a baccalaureate degree
- Represent high moral integrity with a character, lifestyle, and spiritual commitment reflective of the beliefs and practices of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and show promise of usefulness for ministry through personal maturity and adequate experience in the Church. (Persons of other faiths who are willing to live in harmony with these standards are welcome to apply.)
- Submit an autobiographical history and statement of purpose reflecting the applicant's family, religious development, sense of calling to ministry, experience in church work, and future goals in relationship to the MAYYAM program.
- Interview with a representative of the MAYYAM program if required, either by personal contact, telephone, or e-mail.
- Pass the Biblical Literacy Entrance Test with a score of 80% or take the course GSEM525 and pass with a grade of C+ or better.

- Complete and return the Sixteen Personality Factor Questionnaire as directed.

Graduates of the MAYYAM program receive calls for ministry, however, completion of the program does not guarantee employment in Adventist ministry or any other church employment.

Degree Requirements

The MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry degree is awarded upon successful completion of a minimum of 48 semester credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better. A minimum of 24 semester credits are to be taken at the Theological Seminary or at an authorized extension center. The course work for the MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry normally should be completed within seven years.

Transfer Credits

A maximum of 24 transfer graduate credits, when applicable, may be accepted from approved seminaries or universities upon approval of the dean. Credits approved under the Credit Through Learning in Professional Experience provision (see below) are considered part of the maximum of 24 transfer credits.

MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry Curriculum

Seminary Core Courses **18**

Foundations of Biblical Spirituality (2)

Biblical Studies (4)

Two courses in Old Testament and/or New Testament

Theology (4)

Two courses in Theology. One ethics course recommended.

Church History (2)

One course in Church History: CHIS504 or 674 recommended.

Christian Ministry (4)

CHMN523 Worship, Word & Music, and one additional course in Conflict Resolution or Church Leadership.

World Mission (2)

One course in World Mission.

Youth Ministry Emphasis Courses **16**

CHMN632	Contextualized Preaching: Youth and Young Adults (2)
DSRE656	Counseling Youth and Young Adults (2)
DSRE605	Issues in Religious Education (2) **or**
DSRE610	Teaching for Discipleship (2)
DSRE608	Youth and Young Adults in Contemporary Culture (2)
DSRE534	Ministry to Youth and Young Adults (2)
DSRE564	Advanced Youth and Young Adult Ministry Leadership (2)

Choose two of the following: (4)

CHMN503	Marriage, Family and Interpersonal Relationships
CHMN540	Church and Urban Community
CHMN546	Marriage and Family
CHMN548	Religion and the Black Experience
CHMN550	Pastoral Psychology
CHMN574	Perspectives in Church Marketing
CHMN616	Spirituality in Ministry
CHMN623	Innovative Evangelism
CHMN656	Holistic Small Groups
DSRE619	Religious Experience in Adolescence
DSRE626	Ministry to At-Risk Youth
DSRE636	Seminar in Youth Ministry

(choose no more than two topics from Children's Ministry, Adolescent Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Youth Evangelism, Visionary Leadership, African-American Youth Ministry, Hispanic Youth Ministry)

Electives **14**

TOTAL CREDITS for the MA Degree **48**

It is recommended that students who have no religion or theology in their undergraduate degree use 6–8 credits of their electives in Biblical studies and/or theology.

Elective Courses

Students in the MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry program can utilize their elective credits to tailor a program to their specific ministry needs. Students may select courses approved for academic graduate degrees from any of the Andrews University schools, provided there is a correlation with the chosen field of youth and young adult ministry. They can take up to 6 credits in DSRE690 Independent Study.

Field Practicum

Students must take 6 credits in DSRE660 Field Practicum. Normally registration is allowed only after the student has earned 24 or more credits.

Credit Through Learning in Professional Experience

In place of DSRE660 Field Practicum, some students may be eligible to receive up to six 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 Youth and Young Adult Ministry program.

Thesis Option

As an elective option, students may choose to write a Master of Arts thesis (GSEM697) for a total of 6 credits. Under this option, the student must successfully defend the thesis. See instructions under the MDiv Thesis Option, p. 356. Students choosing the thesis option must take GSEM620 Research Methods before beginning work on the thesis.

Denominational Certification for Teaching Religion/ Bible on the Secondary Level SDA Basic Certificate

The Basic Teaching Certificate for denominational certification may be issued to the candidate presenting a Verification of

Eligibility form from Andrews University. The certificate is issued by the union conference where the candidate takes his/her first teaching position.

Requirements for this certificate may be completed by taking additional courses along with the MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry. More information about preparing to teach religion in Adventist schools is available from the University Certification Registrar in the School of Education.

MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry Intensive Curriculum Option

The MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry offers an intensive format for those who are unable to study in residence. It is completed over three years by attending five weeks of intensives on campus each year. The course is completed through distance learning and a field practicum.

MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry/ Masters in Social Work Dual Degree Program

Andrews University has formed a collaborative between the Department of Discipleship & Religious Education in the Seminary and the Department of Social Work in the College of Arts & Sciences to prepare students for ministry to youth/young adults and social work. Students choosing this program would receive both a Masters in Youth and Youth Adult Ministry and a Masters in Social Work.

The objectives of this program are to equip students for various forms of youth ministry in which skills in social work and youth ministry are needed; to enable students to integrate both youth ministry and social work knowledge, values and skills into a multifaceted approach to Christian service, thereby enhancing their usefulness as instruments of the Holy Spirit.

The program is designed to give students both Masters degrees within three years.

Both degrees are conferred by Andrews University. The program will require students to take courses in summer sessions.

Requirements for Admission

Applicants for the MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry/MSW dual degree program typically will have received a bachelor's degree from a four-year college or university accredited by one of the nationally recognized accrediting agencies in the United States, or hold an equivalent educational credential from another country. Application must be made separately to both the Department of Discipleship & Religious Education and the Department of Social Work. Acceptance into one of the programs does not guarantee acceptance into the other.

Applicants must meet the admissions requirements for each program, including all required prerequisites.

MAYYAM: Students must either pass the Biblical Literacy Entrance Test with a score of 80% or take the course GSEM525 and pass with a grade of C+ or better. Full information on the test including a list of items that must be mastered in order to pass it is available online at http://www.andrews.edu/sem/Articles/NT/2007-Study-Guide-Bible-Knowledge.pdf.

MSW: 1) Applicants to the social work program must complete the Graduate Record Exam prior to admission into the program.

2) Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in social work program courses.

3) No grade of D or F (or U) may count toward the MSW degree.

Credits for Each Program

MAYYAM: Graduation requirements consist of the satisfactory completion of 32 semester credits with an overall grade point average of C (2.5) or better. An additional eight credits are shared between the two curricula in lieu of MAYYAM electives. There will also be an 11-credit shared field work experience.

MSW: MAYYAM students are required to complete 35 core credit hours for the MSW program.

Both current MAYYAM students as well as those who have completed the degree are eligible for a tuition discount for MSW credits when they are accepted into the MSW program.

Dual Degree Course Plan (Shared Curriculum)

Year 1:
- DSRE541 Foundations of Biblical Spirituality (2)
- CHMN632 Contextualized Preaching for Youth (2)
- DSRE534 Ministry to Youth and Young Adults (2)
- THST (Theology Course) (2)
- SOWK561 Social Work Research I (2)
- SOWK531 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I (2)
- DSRE564 Advanced Youth Ministry Leadership (2)
- DSRE608 Youth and Young Adults in Contemporary Culture (2)
- CHMN523 Worship: Word and Music (2)
- DSRE656 Counseling Youth & Young Adults (2)
- SOWK562 Social Work Research II (2)
- SOWK532 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II (2)
- CHIS (Church History Course) (2)
- OTST/NTST (Biblical Studies Course) (2)

Year 2:
- DSRE605 Issues in Religious Education OR
- DSRE610 Teaching for Discipleship (2)
- CHMN Conflict Resolution or Church Leadership (2)
- SOWK510 Field Seminar (.5)
- DSRE660/SOWK 535 Field Practicum (2)
- SOWK501 Foundations of Practice I (*Marriage, Family & Interpersonal Relationships) (4)
- OTST/NTST (Biblical Studies Course) (2)
- CHMN/DSRE Course (2)
- SOWK 515 Christian Perspectives on Ethics and Diversity (2)
- SOWK510 Field Seminar (.5)
- DSRE660/SOWK 535 Field Practicum (2)
- SOWK502 Foundations of Practice II (4)
- SOWK550 Social Welfare Policy (3)
- MSSN (World Mission Course) (2)
- THST (Theology Course) (2)

Year 3:
- SOWK605 Advanced Assessment (3)
- SOWK610 Advanced Field Seminar (.5)
- DSRE660/SOWK635 Advanced Field Practicum (2)
- SOWK601 Advanced Practice I (2)
- SOWK689 Advanced Professional Seminar (.5)
- SOWK630 Policy for Social Change (3)

Seminary credits: 32
Social Work credits: 35
*Credits shared: 11
TOTAL CREDITS: 78