MASTER OF DIVINITY (MDIV)

The ninety-two credit hour MDiv degree (plus eleven credit hours of field education) is designed primarily to equip parish pastors, but also those seeking service credit hours in specialized ministries such as teaching, counseling, and various kinds of chaplaincy. The MDiv may lead to Ordination to Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Covenant Church. Learning outcomes for the Master of Divinity include the following:

- Interpret Scripture with historical and theological integrity for diverse churches, communities, and contexts.
- Interpret the Christian historical and theological tradition for appropriation in the life and mission of the Church.
- Demonstrate a theology and practice of worship that integrates word and sacrament, and attends to its historical and cultural expressions.
- Embody a ministerial identity committed to caring for the spiritual formation of the self, individuals, and communities.
- Demonstrate vision and growing capacity to excel in leadership for God's mission.
- Communicates the whole gospel of Jesus Christ in contextually appropriate and effective ways.
- Engage diversity and exhibit growth towards inter-cultural competence for ministry reflective of God's global redemptive work.

Degree Requirements

The Master of Divinity degree is awarded to students meeting the following requirements:

- 1. Completion of a Bible exam and a psychological evaluation; successful completion of End of Studies evaluation.
- 2. The completion of 92 semester hours of academic course work, plus 11 field education credit hours.
- 3. A grade point average of 2.5 must be maintained. No grade under C- shall be counted toward the degree.
- Exemplification of a quality of life and commitment suitable for ministry.
- 5. No outstanding incomplete grades later than week seven of the term in which they plan to graduate.
- 6. Complete payment of all accounts and fees to the Seminary.
- Completion of the degree within seven (7) years from the time of matriculation.

Biblical Languages

Six semester hours of New Testament Greek (I and II) and six semester hours of Biblical Hebrew (I and II) are required. Students may take languages during the intensive summer program prior to fall enrollment or during the academic year.

Before enrolling in New Testament Greek Exegesis, anyone who has not had a passing grade in two terms of New Testament Greek language within one year must pass a proficiency exam. Each person in the MDiv program must satisfactorily complete the Greek and Hebrew sequences or demonstrate comparable proficiency in the judgment of the biblical field faculty prior to the beginning of the final year of studies.

Bible 27 credit hours

BIBL 5109 New Testament Greek I

BIBL 5110 New Testament Greek II

BIBL 5111 New Testament Greek Exegesis

BIBL 5150 Interpreting the New Testament I

BIBL 5151 Interpreting the New Testament II

BIBL 6100 Biblical Hebrew I

BIBL 6101 Biblical Hebrew II

BIBL 6120 Interpreting the Old Testament I

BIBL 6121 Interpreting the Old Testament II

History 9 credit hours

HSTY 5200 Christian Heritage I: The Early and Medieval Church HSTY 5201 Christian Heritage II: The Reformation and Modern Church

HSTY 7300 History and Theology of the Covenant Church

Students from a denomination other than the Evangelical Covenant Church may substitute a course in their home denomination's history, theology, and polity for HSTY 7300. Such courses may be taken through cross-registration at another school in the Association of Chicago Theological Schools, or as an independent study with North Park faculty.

Distance learning students must take HSTY 6210 Christian Tradition and Mission and a 3 credit upper level history elective in place of HSTY 5200 and 5201.

Theology

12 credit hours

THEO 6330 Christian Theology

THEO 7203 Christian Worship

THEO 7220 Christian Ethics

THEO 7350 Doctrinal Topic

Spiritual Formation

5 credit hours

SPFM 5201 Spiritual Journey

SPFM 5202 Spiritual Practices

SPFM 6303 Embodiment

SPFM 6304 Spiritual Direction and Solitude

SPFM 7205 Hostility to Hospitality

Distance learning students may replace SPFM 6303 with SPFM 7206 Christian Spirituality and Health.

Ministry

6 credit hours

MNST 5212 Introduction to Preaching

MNST 6122 Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling

Christian Formation Area

3 credit hours

Student may select any 3 credit course with the prefix CEDF.

Leadership Area

3 credit hours

Student selects one course from the following:

CEDF 6228 Management Issues in Youth Ministry

MNST 5171 Rural Church and Culture

MNST 6150 Pastoring the Missional Church

MNST 6266 Church Planting

MNST 7361 Leadership and Empowering the Laity for Church Growth On occasion, a 7190 Topics course which is not offered on a regular basis will fulfill an area requirement.

Living Responsibly in the Realm of God Area

3 credit hours

Student selects one course from the following:

MNST 5130 Engaging Congregations in Ministries of Health

MNST 5137 Faith, Health, and Community Development

MNST 5220 Exploring the Mission of God

MNST 6224 Pastoral Care and Community Justice

MNST 6280 Mobilizing for Justice

THEO 6332 Thought of Wendell Berry

On occasion, a 7190 Topics course which is not offered on a regular basis will fulfill an area requirement.

Evangelism Area

3 credit hours

Student selects one course from the following:

MNST 6152 Mission Strategy and Methodology

MNST 6264 Communicating the Faith in the Contemporary World

MNST 6266 Church Planting Ecclesiology

MNST 7306 Evangelism and Discipleship

On occasion, a 7190 Topics course which is not offered on a regular basis will fulfill an area requirement.

Church and World Area

3 credit hours

Student selects one course from the following:

BIBL 6290 Ethnic American Biblical Interpretation

MNST 5156 Mission and Ministry in Latin America

MNST 5157 Mission and Ministry in Asia

MNST 5158 Mission and Ministry in Africa

MNST 5175 Global Partnership: Practicing Biblical Koinonia

MNST 6127 Pastoral Care and Counseling in Urban Contexts

MNST 6150 Pastoring the Missional Church

MNST 6151 Cultural Dimensions of Mission

MNST 6224 Pastoral Care and Community Justice

MNST 6264 Communicating the Faith in the Contemporary World

MNST 6277 Religions and Cultures

MNST 6401 Sankofa: Racial Righteousness and Reconciliation

MNST 7140 God's Global Vision: Biblical Foundations of Mission

On occasion, a 7190 Topics course which is not offered on a regular basis will fulfill an area requirement.

Interdisciplinary Core Elective 3 credit hours Students may select any three credit elective course which satisfies one of the following requirements: (i) is jointly taught by at least two professors in separate fields of study, OR (ii) has at least 30% of the teaching provided by a professor from a separate field of study from that of the instructor of record, OR (iii) has more than 30% of required reading from a separate field of study from that of the instructor of record. Enrollment in BIBL 6262 in conjunction with the North Park Symposium on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture may fulfill this requirement. Students may also select from:

BIBL 6263 Biblical Perspectives on Health and Healing BIBL 6280 Women, the Bible, and the Church

BIBL 6290 Ethnic American Biblical Interpretation

BIBL 7190 The Gospel: Its Understanding, Appropriation, &

Application

BIBL/MNST 6220 Biblical Preaching

CEDF 7190 Incorporating Children in Worship

HSTY 7310 Wilderness and Faith

MNST 5131 Spiritual Issues in Chronic Illness and Disability

MNST 6301 Religion, Spirituality, and Health

MNST 7140 God's Global Vision: Biblical Foundations of Mission

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General Elective 15 credit hours

Total Credit Hours for the Degree 92 credit hours

Students are required to take 30 credit hours in residence at the main campus. Students are recommended for graduation when all requirements are fulfilled for the degree.

Field Education

Field education may be completed prior to, during, or post course completion for the MDiv degree. The experiences designated as field education will be awarded eleven (11) credit hours in addition to the ninety-two (92) credit hours required for the MDiv degree.

FLDC 5300 Vocational Excellence

1 credit hour toward field education requirements

FLDC 7310 Internship Residency

8 credit hours toward field education requirements

FLDC 7315 Cultural Competency Module

1 credit hour toward field education requirements

FLDC 7316 Clinical Pastoral Education

0 credit hours toward field education requirements

FLDC 7318 Theological Reflection Module

1 credit hour toward field education requirements

The following is a recommended sequence of courses:

Year One: Fall Semester	
BIBL 5109 New Testament Greek I	3
BIBL 5150 Interpreting the New Testament I	3
HSTY 5200 Christian Heritage I	3
SPFM 5201 Spiritual Journey	1
MNST **** Area Course	3
Elective	3
Total	16
Year One: Spring Semester	
BIBL 5110 New Testament Greek II	3
BIBL 6120 Interpreting the Old Testament I	3
HSTY 5201 Christian Heritage II	3
MNST 5212 Introduction to Preaching	3
SPFM 5202 Spiritual Practices	1
MNST **** Area Course	3
Total	1 6
	10
Year Two: Fall Semester	
BIBL 5111 New Testament Greek Exegesis	3
BIBL 6100 Biblical Hebrew I	3
BIBL 6121 Interpreting the Old Testament II	3
THEO 6330 Christian Theology	3
SPFM 7205 From Hostility to Hospitality	1
CEDF **** Christian Formation Area	3
Total	16
Year Two: Spring Semester	
BIBL 6101 Biblical Hebrew II	3
BIBL 5151 Interpreting the New Testament II	3
THEO 7350 Doctrinal Topic	3
MNST 6122 Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counse	
SPFM 6303 Embodiment	1
Elective	3
Total	16
Year Three: Fall Semester	
THEO 7203 Christian Worship	3
MNST **** Area Course	3
SPFM 6304 Spiritual Direction and Solitude	1
Elective	3
Elective	3
Total	13
Year Three: Spring Semester	
HSTY 7300 History and Theology of the Covenant Cl	hurch 3
THEO 7220 Christian Ethics	3
MNST **** Area Course	
	3
Interdisciplinary Core Elective	3
Elective Total	3 15
Total Academic Credit Hours Plus Field Education: 11 Credit Hours	92
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