

## MASTER OF DIVINITY (MDIV)

The seventy-nine 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 who:

1. Complete all Vocational and Spiritual Formation for Leadership evaluations and receive approval by faculty vote.
2. Complete the required 79 semester hours of academic course work, plus 11 field education credit hours.
3. Maintain a grade point average of 2.5. No grade under C- shall be counted toward the degree.
4. Exemplify a quality of life and commitment suitable for ministry.
5. Rectify all incomplete grades no later than week seven of the semester in which they plan to graduate.
6. Fulfill all financial obligations to the Seminary.
7. Complete the degree program within seven (7) years from the time of matriculation.

### Biblical Languages

Six semester hours of New Testament Greek (1 and 2) are required for MDiv programs in addition to a three semester hour Greek exegesis course. Though not required, Hebrew 1 and 2 are highly recommended as elective options. In years when language

classes are offered during the summer intensive program students may take them prior to fall enrollment.

Before enrolling in Greek Exegesis for Preaching and Teaching, anyone who has not had a passing grade in two terms of New Testament Greek language within one year must pass a proficiency exam.

**Bible | 24 credit hours**

- BIBL 5109 Greek 1
- BIBL 5110 Greek 2
- BIBL 5111 Greek Exegesis for Preaching and Teaching
- BIBL 5210 Old Testament 1: Pentateuch and Interpretation
- BIBL 5220 Old Testament 2: Prophets and Preaching Legacy
- BIBL 5230 Old Testament 3: Wisdom and Israel's Praise
- BIBL 5240 New Testament 1: The Texts and Their World
- BIBL 5250 New Testament 2: The Texts and Their Theology

**History | 9 credit hours**

- HSTY 5210 Christian History 1: The Early Church to the Early Reformation (1-16c)
- HSTY 5220 Christian History 2: Global Christianity (17-21c)
- HSTY 5230 Christian History 3: North American Christianity

**Theology | 12 credit hours**

- THEO 5110 Christian Theology
- THEO 5120 Christian Worship
- THEO 5130 Christian Ethics
- THEO 5140 Advanced Seminar in Theology

**Spiritual Formation | 4 credit hours**

- SPFM 5201 Journey: The Story of Our Lives
- SPFM 5211 Intercultural Spirituality: Praying Together
- SPFM Spiritual Formation Elective
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**Ministry | 15 credit hours**

- MNST 5110 Religions and Cultures
- MNST 5115 Preaching the Word
- MNST 5120 Gospel Communication in Context
- MNST 5125 Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling
- MNST 5130 Leading and Teaching in Ministry

**Cultural Diversity Elective | 3 credit hours**

*Student selects one course from the following:*

- BIBL 6290 Intercultural Readings of the Bible
- MNST 6125 Issues of Christian Faith in the Americas
- MNST 6130 The Gospel in Asian Context
- MNST 6135 Experiencing African Christianity
- MNST 6140 Experiencing Global Christianity
- MNST 6151 Cultural Dimensions of Mission
- MNST 6152 Rethinking Mission: Lessons From Christian Art, History & Practice

MNST 6352 Journey to Mosaic

MNST 6401 Sankofa: Racial Righteousness and Reconciliation  
*On occasion, a 7190 Topics course which is not offered on a regular basis will fulfill an area requirement.*

**Denominational Elective | 3 credit hours**

*Students seeking ECC ordination are encouraged to take HSTY 6300 History and Theology of the Covenant Church (3 credit hours). Students from a denomination other than the Evangelical Covenant Church may take a course in their home denomination's history, theology, and polity. 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. Students not seeking ordination in any denomination may substitute any class by petition.*

**General Elective | 9 credit hours**

**Total Credit Hours for the Degree | 79 credit hours**

Students are required to take 27 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:**

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
<i>Year One: Fall Semester</i>		
BIBL 5210	Old Testament 1: Pentateuch and Interpretation	3
HSTY 5210	Christian History 1: The Early Church to the Early Reformation (1-16c)	3
SPFM 5201	Journey: The Story of Our Lives	1
MNST 5120	Gospel Communication in Context	3

	General or Cultural Diversity Elective	3
FLDC 5300	Vocational Excellence	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13 academic, 1 field education</b>

*Year One: Spring Semester*

BIBL 5240	New Testament 1: The Texts and Their World	3
HSTY 5220	Christian History 2: Global Christianity (17-21c)	3
THEO 5110	Christian Theology	3
SPFM 5211	Intercultural Spirituality: Praying Together	1
MNST 5110	Religions and Cultures	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13 academic</b>

*Year Two: Fall Semester*

BIBL 5109	Greek 1	3
BIBL 5220	Old Testament 2: Prophets and Preaching Legacy	3
MNST 5115	Preaching the Word	3
THEO 5120	Christian Worship General or Cultural Diversity Elective	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15 academic</b>

*Year Two: Spring Semester*

BIBL 5110	Greek 2	3
BIBL 5250	New Testament 2: The Texts and Their Theology	3
MNST 5125	Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling	3
THEO 5140	Advanced Seminar in Theology Denominational Elective	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15 academic</b>

*Year Three: Fall Semester*

SPFM	Spiritual Formation Elective	1
FLDC 7315	Cultural Competency Module	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13 academic, 1 field education</b>

*Year Three: Spring Semester*

MNST 5130	Leading and Teaching in Ministry	3
HSTY 5230	Christian History 3: North American Christianity	3
	General or Cultural Diversity Elective	3
SPFM	Spiritual Formation Elective	1
FLDC 7318	Theological Reflection Module	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10 academic, 1 field education</b>

**Total Academic Credit Hours 79**  
Plus Field Education: 11 Credit Hours

**THE FOLLOWING IS A RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF COURSES FOR PART-TIME DISTANCE LEARNERS:**

**Course Number                      Course Title                      Credit Hours**

*Year One: Fall Semester*

BIBL 5240	New Testament 1: The Texts and Their World	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3 academic</b>

*Year One: January Term*

MNST 5120	Gospel Communication in Context	3
SPFM 5201	Journey: The Story of Our Lives	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4 academic (4 residency)</b>

*Year One: Spring Semester*

BIBL 5210	Old Testament 1: Pentateuch and Interpretation	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3 academic</b>

*Year One: Summer Semester*

SPFM 5211	Intercultural Spirituality: Praying Together	1
	Cultural Diversity Elective	3
FLDC 5300	Vocational Excellence	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4 academic, 1 field education (5 residency)</b>

*Year Two: Fall Semester*

BIBL 5109	Greek 1	3
HSTY 5210	Christian History 1: The Early Church to the Early Reformation (1-16c)	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6 academic</b>

*Year Two: January Term*

MNST 5115	Preaching the Word	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3 academic (3 residency)</b>

*Year Two: Spring Semester*

BIBL 5110	Greek 2	3
THEO 5110	Christian Theology	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6 academic</b>

*Year Two: Summer Semester*

MNST 5130	Leading and Teaching in Ministry	3
SPFM	Spiritual Formation Elective	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4 academic (4 residency)</b>

*Year Three: Fall Semester*

BIBL 5111	Greek Exegesis for Preaching and Teaching	3
BIBL 5250	New Testament 2: The Texts and Their Theology	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6 academic</b>

*Year Three: Spring Semester*

MNST 5110	Religions and Cultures	3
	General Elective	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6 academic</b>

*Year Three: Summer Semester*

HSTY 5230	Christian History 3: North American Christianity	3
MNST 5125	Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling	3
FLDC 7318	Theological Reflection Module	1
	<b>Total 6 academic, 1 field education (7 residency)</b>	

*Year Four: Fall Semester*

HSTY 5220	Christian History 2: Global Christianity (17-21c)	3
THEO 5120	Christian Worship	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6 academic</b>

*Year Four: Spring Semester*

BIBL 5220	Old Testament 2: Prophets and Preaching Legacy	3
	General Elective	3

*Year Four: Summer Semester*

	Denominational Elective	3
FLDC 7315	Cultural Competency Module	1
	<b>Total 3 academic, 1 field education (4 residency)</b>	

*Year Five: Fall Semester*

THEO 5130	Christian Ethics	3
	General Elective	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6 academic</b>

*Year Five: Spring Semester*

BIBL 5230	Old Testament 3: Wisdom and Israel's Praise	3
THEO 5140	Advanced Seminar in Theology	3
SPFM	Spiritual Formation Elective	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7 academic</b>

**Total Academic Credit Hours 79**

Plus Field Education: 11 Credit Hours

Total Residency Credit Hours:

27 Credit Hours