

Master of Divinity (MDIV) Specialization in Prophetic Witness and Service

Program Description

The Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree is a professional degree for ministry that prepares persons for leadership in the renewal of the church. In many denominations, the MDiv is the approved academic preparation for ordination. In The United Methodist Church, it is the academic requirement for ordination as elder. Students who complete the MDiv degree may enter ordained ministry in parishes, institutional chaplaincy, church-related agencies, or other forms of specialized ministry. Students are encouraged to work closely with their own denominational officials regarding requirements and steps toward ordination. A baccalaureate degree is required for admission.

The MDiv degree program requires the completion of 79 credit hours. Three- and four-year plans for degree completion are available from faculty advisors or the Registrar's office. Students may opt to complete the degree on a part-time basis, as long as they complete the degree within eight years of matriculation.

Requirement	Credit hours required	How Is The Requirement Fulfilled?
Introduction to Ministry	3	MIN 301
Preparing for Local Ministry I & II (0.5 ea)	1	CTX 301 and CTX 302
Spiritual Formation Retreat (2 req, 0.5 ea)	1	SFR 30*
Ministry Practicum (4 req, 0.5 ea)	2	PCM ***
Ministry Collaboration Group (3 req, 0.5 ea)	1.5	CTX 4**
Mid-degree Seminar	0.5	ASR 401
Summative Seminar	2	ASR 42*
Introduction to the Hebrew Bible	3	HBS 301
Hebrew Bible	3	HBS 4**
Introduction to the New Testament	3	NTS 301
Upper Level New Testament	3	NTS 4**
Introduction to Christian Ethics	3	ETH 301
Christian Religious Education	3	CRE ***
Traditions I	3	HST 301
Traditions II	3	HST 302
Introduction to Systematic Theology	3	THL 301
Upper Level Theology	3	THL 4**
Upper Level History or Upper Level Theology	3	HST 4** or THL 4**
Church Leadership	3	CHL ***
Introduction to Pastoral Theology and Care	3	PCR 301
Introduction to Preaching	3	PRE 401
Worship	3	WOR 4**
Church and Society or Upper Level Ethics	3	CHS *** or ETH 4**
Engaging World Religions	3	EWR 3**
Evangelism	3	EVN 3**
Electives		
Denominational Studies	8	
Electives	6	
Total Hours	79 credit hours	

Specializations

Specializations enable students who demonstrate strength and potential to focus in a particular area of interest and expertise, provided they have a satisfactory overall level of academic achievement. After completion of 15 to 60 credit hours, MDiv students may apply for a specialization. Students should consult with faculty in the area of specialization to complete application materials for specializations. Whenever possible, students approved for specializations will be assigned the faculty member in that area as their academic advisor.

Prophetic Witness and Service – MDiv	Semester Credit Hours
Faculty Advisor: TBD Curricular Components *approval of course choices by specialization advisor is required	
Required Courses: (6 credit hours) <i>CHS 3** Prophetic Witness and Service</i> CHS 350 Restorative Justice and Systemic Sin in the Prison Industrial Complex Supporting Courses: (6 credit hours) Choose upper level CHS, ETH, HBS, NTS, or THL in consultation with advisor and include a course paper or project related to specialization Required Content Area Course: (3 credit hours) Choose 4** ETH, HBS, HST, NTS, or THL and include a course paper or project related to specialization	
Total Hours	=15

Note: CHS 3** Prophetic Witness and Service course is still to be developed and approved but serves as the core course for this specialization.