

Master of Divinity Program

The Master of Divinity (M.Div.) at Memphis Theological Seminary is normally a three-year program of study. A certain concentration in a field may be achieved by selecting a number of courses in that particular discipline. Its curriculum acquaints students with the theological disciplines and encourages communal exploration in the life of the church so that graduates will serve the church as leaders in greater faithfulness to God.

The M.Div. degree curriculum objectives seek to accomplish the following:

- 1) Provide instruction in those theological disciplines that equip students for Christian ministry;
- 2) Encourage personal and communal critical reflection on the ways in which Christian faith is expressed in the ministries of Christian churches;
- 3) Develop skills that enhance the students' abilities to express their Christian vocations;
- 4) Nurture Christian faith so that spirituality and learning are mutually supported.

A. Master of Divinity Degree Requirements

Note: 6 of the first 9 hours taken must be 10000 courses; 9 of the first 18 hours taken must be 10000 courses; 15 of the first 35 hours taken must be 10000 courses; and 20000 courses may be taken concurrently with 10000 courses. Formation for Ministry classes must be taken the 1st, 2nd and last semesters while at MTS.

Area	Course	Title	Concentration	Credit Hours
Introductory (13 courses)	PM	10000	Christian Ministry	3
	NT	10000	Introduction to Interpreting the New Testament	3
	OT	10000	Introduction to Interpreting the Old Testament	3
	TH	10000	Christian Beliefs	3
	CH	10000	Introduction to Church History	3
	EM	20000	Introduction to Educational Ministry	3
	WP	20000	Theology of Worship and Preaching	3
	PC	20000	Introduction to Pastoral Care	3
	ET	20000	Introduction to Christian Ethics	3
	CM	20000	Mission of the Church	3
	FM	10108	Formation for Ministry (1st Semester)	1
	FM	20108	Formation for Ministry (2nd Semester)	1
	FM	30108	Formation for Ministry (Last Semester)	1
Practica (3 courses)	PC	01151	Clinical Practicum	3
	PM	01100	Supervised Parish Practicum	3
	WP	01104	Worship and Preaching Practicum	3
Specified Electives				
(11 courses)	History and Theology (any courses with TH or CH prefixes)			6
	Biblical Studies (any courses with OT or NT prefixes)			6
	Ethics and Mission (any courses with the ET or CM prefixes)			6
	Practice of Ministry (at least one must be a preaching elective while others may bear EM, PC, WP and or PM prefixes)			9
	Cross Cultural Studies**			6
Free Electives (4 courses)	Free Electives			12
Totals	31 courses			87

****Cross Cultural Studies** designates those courses that expose the student to the perspectives of diverse communities and aspects of cultures beyond or different from the student's own cultural, ethnic, social or ecclesial context. For this reason, students must select courses that differ from their own context to meet the requirement for cross-cultural studies. Courses counting toward fulfilling this requirement must be approved by the student's advisor or the VPAA/Dean.