

# MASTER OF DIVINITY

At Westminster Seminary California, we teach that Scripture is the inspired, inerrant, infallible, authoritative, and sufficient Word of God. We hold that the Word of God is living and active, and is still the greatest need of the world today. Therefore, we are committed to training faithful pastors, teachers, and missionaries who will rightly divide and proclaim the Word of truth bringing God's Word to God's people, thus equipping the body of Christ to carry the Gospel of Christ into the world.

Educating and forming candidates for official, ordained ministries of instruction and leadership in the church as pastors, evangelists, and teachers is the main purpose of the Master of Divinity degree program. It is designed to prepare or-dained leaders who believe and love the Word of God, and who, therefore, strive to explore, communicate, and defend the depth and breadth of the instruction of the Scriptures for faith and life. Graduates should be able to interpret individual portions of Scripture accurately, to systematize data into a coherent and comprehensive theology, understanding the church's historic reflection on the Word, and to apply this theology to the church and to individuals through preaching, witness, leadership, and spiritual nurture. The curriculum is designed to prepare graduates to meet the requirements for ordination as ministers of the Word, particularly in Reformed and other evangelical denominations. Because the Seminary Board and Faculty understand the criteria set down in Scripture as limiting candidacy for official teaching and leadership ministry in the church to qualified males, only men are admitted to the Master of Divinity program. Women are encouraged to enroll in any of the Master of Arts programs. The degree is conferred upon the completion of the prescribed program, which requires three or four years of full-time study or a longer period of part-time study. The courses prescribed should be taken in the sequence indicated in the chart on the following page.



## PURPOSES

- Educate and form candidates for official, ordained ministries of instruction and leadership in the church as pastors, evangelists, and teachers
- Prepare graduates to meet the requirements for ordination as ministers of the Word, particularly in Reformed and Presbyterian denominations as well as other evangelical churches

## OBJECTIVES

- Interpret individual portions of Scripture accurately
- Systematize data into a coherent and comprehensive theology in the light of the history of the church's reflection on the Word
- Apply theology to the church and to individuals through preaching, witness, leadership, and spiritual nurture

## ALUMNI TESTIMONIAL

*The Master of Divinity program offered me a rock-solid theological foundation for life and ministry. The professors always instill the goal and application of ministry in their classes. The harmonious and thorough curriculum made for robust preparation for my ordination exams and has proven invaluable to me in pastoral ministry.*

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## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Greek & Hebrew 20 credits  
 Biblical Studies 26 credits  
 Systematics & Apologetics 24 credits  
 Practical Theology 21 credits  
 Church History 10 credits

Historical Theology 2 credits  
 Writing & Research 2 credits  
 General elective 5 credits  
 Total (including propaedeutic<sup>2</sup>) 110 credits

### Junior Year

### Middle Year

### Senior Year

	Credits	Code	Course Name	Credits	Code	Course Name	Credits	Code	Course Name
SUMMER	4	NT400	Greek I						
	4	Total Summer credits							
FALL	4	AP/ST501	Intro to Theology & Apologetics	4	NT601	Gospels & Acts	4	CH701	Church in the Modern Age
	2	CH601	Ancient Church	2	OT403	Hebrew IV	2	NT701	General Epistles & Revelation
	3	NT401	Greek II	3	OT600	Pentateuch	3	OT701	Psalms & Wisdom
	3	OT400	Hebrew I	2	PT600	Ministry of Discipleship	1	PT700	Marriage & Family Counseling
				1	PT618	Preaching Wisdom Texts	1	PT710	Preaching Poetic Texts
	1	PT410	Oral Communication	2	ST604	Theology Proper	4	ST701	Soteriology & Eschatology
	3	PT500	Ministry of the Word	2	ST605	Anthropology	1		General elective
	1	PT502	Advanced Theological Writing						
	17	Total Fall credits		16	Total Fall credits		16	Total Fall credits	
	WINTER	1	NT402	Greek III	3	PT511	Ministry of Witness	2	
1		OT401	Hebrew II	1		Missions elective			
2		Total Winter credits		4	Total Winter credits		2	Total Winter credits	
4		CH602	Medieval Church & Reformation	3	AP/ST601	Modernity & Apologetics	2	HT/ST615	Reformed Conf. & Catechisms
SPRING	0	FE691	Pastoral Internship <sup>1</sup>	3	NT602	Pauline Epistles	3	OT702	Prophetic Books
	2	NT403	Greek IV	3	OT601	Historical Books	3	PT702	Pastoral Ministry Seminar
	3	NT500	NT Interpretation	2	PT607	Intro to Pastoral Counseling	1	PT711	Preaching Prophetic Texts
	4	OT402	Hebrew III	1	PT619	Preaching Narrative Texts	3	ST702	Christian Ethics
	2	OT500	Biblical Theology & Canon	3	ST602	Christology	3	ST703	Ecclesiology
	2	OT520	English Bible Survey <sup>3</sup>						
	1	PT532	Preaching Doctrinal & Ethical Texts						
	1	PT400	Theological Writing Practicum						
	19	Total Spring credits		15	Total Spring credits		15	Total Spring credits	
	22	Total degree credits		33	Total degree credits		33	Total degree credits	
42	Total with propaedeutic <sup>2</sup>		35	Total with propaedeutic <sup>2</sup>		33	Total with propaedeutic <sup>2</sup>		

<sup>1</sup>Registration for FE691 is required in Spring semester of the first year and is billed as 3 credit hours; this 700-hour internship must be completed prior to graduation.

<sup>2</sup>The 22 hours of Hebrew, Greek, PT400, and PT410 are regarded as propaedeutic and are not included in the degree credit hours. Propaedeutic credits may be satisfied by course, exam, or waiver (see "Academic Placement" in the Catalogue).

<sup>3</sup>Students are required to take OT520 for general elective credit during their first Spring semester unless they pass the English Bible exam. If OT520 is not taken for credit, then 2 hours of general elective credit should be taken in its place.



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