

# Master of Divinity (M.Div.)

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The Master of Divinity (M.Div.) program (<https://www.apu.edu/seminary/programs/mdiv>) prepares men and women for professional ministry in the Church. Azusa Pacific Seminary faculty bring to the program a unique combination of the highest academic credentials and extensive ministerial experience.

## Mission Statement

The Master of Divinity program prepares men and women for vocational ministry in the Church through a course of study comprising 74 units in theological, biblical, and ministerial studies. An important feature of the program is an intentional integration of academic and experiential components—students must engage in some form of supervised ministry during their degree program. An optional biblical studies emphasis serves students preparing for postgraduate work in biblical studies for careers teaching in colleges, universities, or seminaries through additional coursework in biblical languages and biblical studies.

## Exceptions to Admission Requirements

A limited number of applicants who do not have baccalaureate degrees but have extensive ministerial experience and at least 60 units of accredited academic work may be considered for admission. For a description of the standards governing this exception, contact the Azusa Pacific Seminary dean. Students admitted under this exception must obtain a *B* or better in their first 12 units of coursework.

## Program Outcomes

The program prepares ministry graduates who:

1. Model a holy life through spiritual disciplines reflecting a Wesleyan heritage of faith and love.
2. Interpret Scripture with reverent criticism, theological insight, and constructive imagination, beginning with the inductive method of Bible study, for the edification of the Church.
3. Think theologically through the Wesleyan quadrilateral (Scripture, Church tradition, reason, and experience) in a manner that is faithful to the past and responsive to the present.
4. Develop competency in the pastoral responsibilities of preaching, teaching, leadership, and pastoral care.
5. Analyze various cultural constructs and global issues in order to provide transforming leadership for the Church.

## Requirements

The Master of Divinity program requires 74 units of coursework comprising 12 units of biblical studies, 12 units of theological studies, 12 units of ministry studies, 12 units in integrative core, 5 units in the professional block, 1 unit in intercultural experience, 4 units of a biblical language (which may be waived for students who have completed a year of undergraduate Hebrew or Greek), 12 units of electives, and a 4-unit capstone course.

Code	Title	Units
<b>Biblical Language Requirement <sup>1</sup></b>		<b>4</b>
GBBL 500	Elements of Greek Exegesis	
<b>Biblical Studies Core</b>		<b>12</b>
GBBL 501	Torah and Prophets: Exodus-2 Kings	
GBBL 511	Biblical Interpretation: Exploring Genesis <sup>2</sup>	
GBBL 532	Paul the Pastor and Theologian	
<b>Theological Studies Core</b>		<b>12</b>
GTHE 503	Church History I	
GTHE 513	Church History II	
GTHE 584	Christian Theology	
<b>Ministry Core</b>		<b>12</b>
GMIN 505	Ministry Life and Leadership	
GMIN 516	Christian Formation and Discipleship	
GMIN 548	Pastoral Counseling and Church Health	
<b>Integrative Core</b>		<b>12</b>
GINS 507	The Bible and Preaching	
GINS 526	Ethics and Worship	

GINS 542	The Gospels and Christology	
<b>Professional Block</b>		<b>5</b>
GMIN 567	Community Retreat	
GMIN 569	Mentored Ministry <sup>3</sup>	
<b>Intercultural Experience (select one)</b>		<b>1</b>
GBBL 589	Bible Lands Study Tour <sup>4</sup>	
GURS 589	Urban Immersion L.A.	
<b>Capstone</b>		<b>4</b>
GMIN 618	M.Div. Capstone	
<b>Electives</b>		<b>12</b>
Total Units		<b>74</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students who have completed one year of undergraduate Hebrew or Greek with a grade of *B* or better may waive this requirement. The requirement may also be filled with either GBBL 500, or GBBL 510 and GBBL 520.

<sup>2</sup> GBBL 511 is a prerequisite to all GBBL courses, GINS 507, and GINS 542.

<sup>3</sup> Repeated for a total of 4 units.

<sup>4</sup> Student cost includes airfare and expenses on the land tour.

## Additional Degree Requirements

### Supervised Ministry

All students in the program must devote at least eight hours per week, for the duration of the degree program, to the practice of some form of supervised ministry in an approved church or parachurch field ministry center. In order to graduate, students must maintain at least a 2.7 grade-point average.

The Master of Divinity must be completed within 10 years from the date of admission. APU coursework completed more than 10 years prior to completion of degree requirements is not acceptable toward the degree.