

Master of Divinity (MDiv): Biblical Studies

NOTE: The Master of Divinity programs in English and Korean are not admitting new students for the 2024-25 academic year.

Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Biblical Language ¹		8
Select one of the following:		
GBBL 510 & GBBL 520	New Testament Greek I and New Testament Greek II	
GBBL 530 & GBBL 540	Hebrew I and Hebrew II	
Biblical Studies Core		12
GBBL 501	Torah and Prophets: Exodus-2 Kings	
GBBL 511	Biblical Interpretation: Exploring Genesis ²	
GBBL 532	Paul the Pastor and Theologian	
Theological Studies Core		12
GTHE 503	Church History I	
GTHE 513	Church History II	
GTHE 584	Christian Theology	
Ministry Core		12
GMIN 505	Ministry Life and Leadership	
GMIN 516	Christian Formation and Discipleship	
GMIN 548	Pastoral Counseling and Church Health	
Integrated Studies Core		12
GINS 507	The Bible and Preaching	
GINS 526	Ethics and Worship	
GINS 542	The Gospels and Christology	
Mentored Ministry		5
GMIN 567	Community Retreat	
GMIN 569	Mentored Ministry ³	
Intercultural Experience		1
GURS 589	Urban Immersion L.A.	
Capstone		4
GMIN 618	M.Div. Capstone	
Biblical Studies Emphasis		8
Select two of the following: ⁴		
GBBL 512	The Gospels' Witness to Christ	
GBBL 522	The Gospel of Mark	
GBBL 552	Epistle to the Romans	
GBBL 561	Psalms as Resource for Ministry	
GBBL 562	Biblical Foundations of Worship	
GBBL 591	Isaiah	
GBBL 611	Old Testament Seminar	
GBBL 612	New Testament Seminar	
GBBL 621	Jeremiah	
GBBL 622	The Church of the First Century	

GBBL 631	Early Judaism: The Writings and the Dead Sea Scrolls
GBBL 632	The New Testament World
GBBL 641	Theological Themes of the Old Testament
GBBL 651	Scripture and Canon: The Formation of the Bible
GBBL 661	Women in the Bible and Church History

Total Units

74

- ¹ Students who have completed one year of undergraduate Hebrew or Greek with a grade of *B* or better may waive this requirement.
- ² GBBL 511 is a prerequisite to all GBBL courses, GINS 507, and GINS 542.
- ³ Repeated for a total of 4 units.
- ⁴ A second biblical language can also be used to fulfill the biblical studies emphasis.

Time Limit

The Master of Divinity with an emphasis in Biblical Studies program (<https://www.apu.edu/seminary/programs/mdiv/>) 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.

Admission

University graduate admission and program-specific requirements must be met before an application is complete (see Admission to the University (<http://catalog.apu.edu/admissions/>)). **Program-specific application requirements are available online (<https://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/apply/>).**

International students should contact Graduate and Professional Admissions (<https://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/apply/>) for application procedures.

Program Learning Outcomes

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Students who successfully complete this program shall be able to:

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.