



MASTER OF DIVINITY

PURPOSES

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- 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

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 ordained 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

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MASTER OF DIVINITY COURSE REQUIREMENTS

26 Units Biblical Studies **20 Units** Practical Theology
10 Units Church History **6 Units** Elective
2 Units Historical Theology **88 Units** Total Degree Units
24 Units Systematics & Apologetics **110 Units** Total Units Including Propaedeutic³

	JUNIOR YEAR			MIDDLER YEAR			SENIOR YEAR					
	UNITS	CODE	COURSE	UNITS	CODE	COURSE	UNITS	CODE	COURSE			
SUMMER	4	NT400	Greek I									
	4	Total Summer Units										
FALL	2	CH601	Ancient Church	4	NT601	Gospels & Acts	4	CH701	Church in the Modern Age			
	3	NT401	Greek II	2	OT403	Hebrew IV	2	NT701	General Epistles & Revelation			
	3	OT400	Hebrew I	3	OT600	Pentateuch	3	OT701	Psalms & Wisdom			
	1	PT400	Grad. Theo. Writing ¹	1	PT603	Preaching Narratives	3	PT702	Pastoral Ministry			
	1	PT410	Practicum: Oral Comm. ¹	2	ST604	Doctrine of God	1	PT704	Preaching and Audience Analysis			
	3	PT500	Ministry of the Word	2	ST605	Doctrine of Man	4	ST701	Doctrine of the Holy Spirit			
	1	PT502	Theo. Bibliography	2		ELECTIVE						
	4	ST501	Christian Mind									
	18	Total Fall Units			16	Total Fall Units			17	Total Fall Units		
WINTER	1	NT402	Greek III	3	PT511	Ministry of Witness	2		ELECTIVE			
	1	OT401	Hebrew II	1		ELECTIVE for PT 511						
	2	PT505	Intro to Pastoral Counseling									
	4	Total Winter Units			4	Total Winter Units			2	Total Winter Units		
SPRING	4	CH602	Medieval Church & Reformation	3	AP601	Modern Mind	2	HT/ST615	Reformed Conf. & Catechisms			
	0	FE691	Pastoral Internship ²	3	NT602	Pauline Epistles	3	OT702	Prophetic Books			
	2	NT403	Greek IV	3	OT601	Historical Books	1	PT708	Preaching & Congregational Life			
	3	NT500	NT Interpretation	2	PT600	Ministry of Discipleship	3	ST702	Christian Life			
	4	OT402	Hebrew III	1	PT604	Preaching Doctrinal & Ethical Texts	3	ST703	Doctrine of the Church			
	2	OT500	Biblical Theology & Canon	3	ST602	Doctrine of Christ	2		ELECTIVE			
	1	PT504	Sermon Prep									
	16	Total Spring Units			15	Total Spring Units			14	Total Spring Units		
22	Total Degree Units			33	Total Degree Units			33	Total Degree Units			
42	Total with Propaedeutic ³			35	Total with Propaedeutic ³			33	Total with Propaedeutic ³			

¹ May be waived, see page 73-74.

² Registration for FE691 is required in spring semester of the first year, is billed as three units, and includes 700 internship hours.

³ Units required in Hebrew, Greek, writing, and oral communication courses are not included in the degree units as they are considered propaedeutic.