

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 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 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

“WSC helped me to love Christ, his gospel, and his church more, thus laying an invaluable foundation for being a confessional churchman. WSC equipped me with the necessary biblical, theological, and practical tools to effectively minister and defend the gospel.”

SIMON JOOSTE, M.DIV.

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

26 Credits Biblical Studies 10 Credits Church History 2 Credits Historical Theology 24 Credits Systematics & Apologetics	20 Credits Practical Theology 6 Credits Elective 88 Credits Total Degree Units 110 Credits Total Credits Including Propaedeutic ³
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		JUNIOR YEAR			MIDDLER YEAR			SENIOR YEAR			
		CREDITS	CODE	COURSE	CREDITS	CODE	COURSE	CREDITS	CODE	COURSE	
SUMMER		4	NT400	Greek I							
		4	Total Summer Credits								
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 Com. ¹	2	ST604	Theology Proper	1	PT704	Preaching and Audience Analysis	
		3	PT500	Ministry of the Word	2	ST605	Anthropology	4	ST701	Soteriology & Eschatology	
		1	PT502	Theo. Bibliography	2		ELECTIVE				
		4	ST501	Intro to Theology and Apologetics							
	18	Total Fall Credits			16	Total Fall Credits			17	Total Fall Credits	
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 Credits			4	Total Winter Credits			2	Total Winter Credits
SPRING		4	CH602	Medieval Church & Reformation	3	AP601	Modernity & Apologetics	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 Ethics	
		4	OT402	Hebrew III	1	PT604	Preaching Doctrinal & Ethical Texts	3	ST703	Ecclesiology	
		2	OT500	Biblical Theology & Canon	3	ST602	Christology	2		ELECTIVE	
		1	PT504	Sermon Prep							
		16	Total Spring Credits			15	Total Spring Credits			14	Total Spring Credits
	22	Total Degree Credits			33	Total Degree Credits			33	Total Degree Credits	
	42	Total with Propaedeutic³			35	Total with Propaedeutic³			33	Total with Propaedeutic³	

¹ May be waived, see page 72-73.

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

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