

## 9. Master of Divinity (MDIV)

### a. Program Goals

The Master of Divinity degree program aims to equip students who are called to serve in the pastoral ministry. The curriculum emphasizes theory and practice, worship, campus and dormitory life, and strives to nurture students in their biblical and theological knowledge, ministerial skills, critical thinking, collegiality, commitment, moral integrity, and pastoral spirituality so that they are capable of becoming leaders and pastors of churches. This program also prepares students to study advanced programs oriented to theological or ministerial research (Master of Theology or Doctor of Ministry).

### b. Requirements for Admission

Admission requirements shall include: i) a bachelor's degree or from an institution recognized by LTS; ii) applicants must have been baptized for at least three years prior to application for study; iii) evidence of the commitment and qualities desired for pastoral leadership; and iv) proof of the academic ability to engage in graduate education. For application, see VII. Enrollment Procedures.

### c. Program Content

#### i) Biblical Theology

credits

##### Core Courses

OT1000 Introduction to the Old Testament	3
NT1000 Introduction to the New Testament	3
LGk1001-1003 Biblical Greek I, II, III or	
LHb1001-1003 Biblical Hebrew I, II, III	9

##### Guided Electives

2 courses on OT	6
2 courses on NT	6
1 course on Biblical Interpretation	3

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subtotal	30
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#### ii) Systematic Theology

credits

##### Core Courses

CT1000 Introduction to Christian Ethics	3
CH2002 Reformation Church History	3
CH2003 Modern Church History	3
CH2018 Early and Medieval Church History	3
DM2009 Dogmatics (Module A)	3
DM2010 Dogmatics (Module B)	3
DM2011 Dogmatics (Module C)	3

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subtotal	21
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<b>iii) Practical Theology</b>	credits
Core Courses	
PT1004 Introduction to Pastoral Ministry	3
HM1000 Introduction to Homiletics	3
CE1000 Introduction to Christian Education	3
SW1002 Spiritual Formation	3
WL1000 Introduction to Worship and Liturgy	3
MC1000 Introduction to Missiology	3
HM2000 Homiletic Practicum	3
CP2017/PT2052 Personal Growth*	3
CP2036 Counseling Theories and Practices	3
DK2000/OT2012/NT2011 Biblical Perspectives on Diakonia	3
PT3003 Church Administration and Christian Leadership	3
Electives (2 courses)	6
subtotal	39

\* Interview for the course registration of CP2017/PT2052 Personal Growth is required.

<b>iv) Academic and Integrated Studies</b>	credits
Core Courses	
IS1000 Workshop on Academic Writing	1
IS4003 Integrative Seminar	2
subtotal	3

<b>v) Practical Training</b>	credits
Core Courses	
MU1000 Choir	6
FE1001 Field Education	7
subtotal	13

<b>vi) Free Electives</b>	credits
1 course	3

**vii) Others**

Assessment on Personal Qualities for Pastoral Ministry (every year)  
 Graduation Sermon (twice in the final year)

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<b>Total Credits Required for Graduation</b>	<b>109</b>
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**d. Language Requirement**

Students must have sufficient knowledge of English to study at a graduate-level.

**e. Credits**

Full-time students in the MDIV program normally take a maximum of 21 credits in each semester. In exceptional cases, permission to take additional credits may be granted.

Conditions	Credit Exemption
graduate of graduate certificate or graduate diploma or a master's degree programs in the Theological Education by Extension	a maximum of half of the earned credits with a grade of 'B+' or above

**f. Assessment on Personal Qualities for Pastoral Ministry**

Being a pastor requires maturity in dealing with relationships, collaborating with others, handling conflicts, tackling challenges and adverse situations, managing time and self-emotions, etc. All pastoral training program students are required to review their personal qualities for pastoral ministry with their academic adviser and the chaplain every academic year. The aim of such assessment and review is for growth and maturity. Nevertheless, if students have low motivation to grow and cannot pass the assessment repeatedly, the degree of pastoral training program will not be conferred.

**g. Residency Requirements**

Pastoral training degree education has a complex goal: the personal, vocational, spiritual, and academic formation of students. Since a comprehensive community of learning is much beneficial to the above formation, all pastoral training degree students should live in the dormitory for the whole study period except for a special reason.

**h. Duration**

In order to fulfill the broad educational and formational goals of pastoral training, the MDIV program is on a full-time basis only and requires three academic years or its equivalent.

**i. Requirements for Graduation**

- i) Students must complete the program requirements with a GPA of 2.50 or above; and
- ii) pass the assessments on personal qualities for pastoral ministry; and
- iii) pass the graduation sermons; and
- iv) attend the graduation retreat in the final semester; and
- v) satisfactorily meet the standard or requirements of LTS.

**j. Further Study**

The MDIV degree can be a basis for further study in the Master of Arts (MA) in specific emphasis or Master of Theology (MTH) or Doctor of Ministry (DMIN) programs at LTS.