

### InMinistry Option

The InMinistry MDiv option allows students to begin work on a Master of Divinity while remaining in ministry. This two-year pre-campus delivery emphasizes a cohort-based, thematic, and contextualized approach to learning and requires having a trained mentor.

The InMinistry course load is delivered through two-week intensives at various NAD sites, plus one internet-based course per year. Students electing the InMinistry delivery complete 24 semester credits prior to their arrival on campus. They can expect their total MDiv program to take about 3½ years.

Application, program cost, and delivery schedule information is available through the InMinistry Center office, 269-471-3514. Program acceptance must be complete prior to Orientation. E-mail [inministry@andrews.edu](mailto:inministry@andrews.edu) or visit [www.inministry.info](http://www.inministry.info).

### Challenge Examinations

MDiv students who can demonstrate adequate preparation gained through study and/or reading prior to entering the MDiv program may petition to challenge the following courses: CHIS570 History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, CHIS504 Adventist Heritage, and GSEM532 Life and Ministry of Ellen G. White.

Students requesting to write a challenge exam should meet the department's schedule and requirements for taking the exam (see p. 58).

The challenge examination for each course is prepared, administered, and graded by the faculty member(s) teaching the course(s) in the Seminary. Students who have received permission to sit for (a) challenge examination(s) shall take the individual course examination(s) at prescribed times. The passing grade for a challenge examination is B-. Challenge examinations do not earn credit. Challenge exams may not be repeated. Successfully passing a challenge exam may reduce the number of credits required for the program.

### Areas of Emphasis

Students enrolled in the MDiv program may choose from a number of 12-credit emphases. More details may be obtained from each department regarding these areas of emphasis. Based on a student's deficiencies, choosing an emphasis may prolong the length of his/her program. Regular master's tuition is charged for courses taken in other Andrews University schools.

### Christian Ministry

African American Ministry, Campus Spiritual Leadership, Chaplaincy, Church Growth and Evangelism, Church Leadership, Family Life Education, Pastoral Counseling, Preaching, Youth Ministry

### Church History

Adventist Studies, General Church History, Reformation

### New Testament

Biblical Languages, New Testament, New Testament Issues

### Old Testament

Archaeology and History of Antiquity, Biblical and Cognate (Ancient Near Eastern) Languages, Jewish Studies, Old Testament

### Theology and Christian Philosophy

Christian Ethics, Historical Theology, Systematic Theology and Christian Philosophy

### World Mission: Mission Studies

### Thesis Option

Students electing the thesis option should plan to take more than seven semesters to complete the program.

The thesis counts as 8 of the general elective credits allowed for the MDiv degree. Students should register for 2 or more thesis credits per term for at least two semesters. Therefore, initial registration for a thesis must be no later than two semesters prior to graduation.

Students electing to write an MDiv thesis must apply to the director of the program and must (1) demonstrate superior scholarship over a minimum of two consecutive semesters, normally with a GPA of 3.50 or above; (2) take Research Methods before the thesis is started; and (3) submit a paper of superior quality before permission is granted by the director to begin writing the thesis.

The student is guided in thesis preparation by a three-member committee appointed by the director in consultation with the student and department chair in which the subject of the thesis is chosen. The chair of this committee serves as the thesis adviser.

The format of the thesis must conform strictly to the *Andrews University Standards for Written Work*. Students are strongly urged to consult the dissertation secretary before formatting and printing a thesis.

At least six weeks before graduation, the committee-approved draft of the thesis should be submitted to the dissertation secretary. After appropriate changes have been made, the corrected copy should be submitted at least four weeks before graduation to the dissertation secretary for approval. Copying on non-acid paper should be completed at least two weeks before graduation. Three copies of the thesis, including a 150-word abstract and an approval sheet, must be submitted to the dissertation secretary. The abstract should contain a short statement of the problem examined, a brief exposition of methods and procedures, and a condensed summary of the findings.

Students obtain a Thesis Completion Form from the dissertation secretary. They must take the form to the Academic Records Office no later than noon on Friday, a week preceding graduation. A fee is charged by the university for binding the three copies of the thesis, two of which are deposited in the library and one in the department in which the student earns the degree.

Students who do not adhere strictly to the deadlines noted above will have their graduation postponed.

Thesis candidates must pass an oral examination no later than two weeks before graduation. The candidate is expected to demonstrate mastery of the thesis topic.

### Master of Divinity/Master of Social Work Dual Degree Program

Andrews University has formed a collaborative between the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and the Department of Social Work in the College of Arts & Sciences to prepare students for service in occupations where social work and the pastoral mission of the church intersect.

The objectives of this program are to prepare students for various forms of ministry in which clinical and administrative skills in social work and theology are needed; to enable students to integrate both theological and social work knowledge, values and skills into a multifaceted approach to Christian service, thereby enhancing their usefulness as instruments of the Holy Spirit; and to sensitize students to nontraditional ministry opportunities by exposing them to theories and practice skills

related to counseling approaches, person-in-environment, social and economic justice, human rights and global perspectives from a Christian worldview.

The program is designed to give students an integrated approach to both theology and social work. Students can choose either a dual degree or an emphasis in either Social Work or Christian Ministry.

### Program Options:

- Dual Degree:** In this option, students are able to complete both the MDiv and the MSW in four years. Both degrees are conferred by Andrews University. Completion of the dual degree requires strict adherence to course sequence and curriculum design. The program will require students to take courses in summer sessions. The four-year completion plan also assumes that the student has satisfactorily completed one of the biblical language requirements, and has a bachelor's degree in theology or religion. The four-year plan is designed to take Track 1 students 11 semesters and Track 2 students 12 semesters.
- Social Work Emphasis:** In this option, MDiv students choose 12 hours of elective credit in social work courses. Students may choose any master's-level social work course, either foundation or elective that would best equip them for pastoral ministry. These courses can fulfill the general elective requirement for Track I MDiv students.
- Christian Ministry Emphases:** There are two Christian Ministry emphases offered. The first is the emphasis in Pastoral Care. Eight elective credits can be taken from the following courses: CHMN503 (Marriage, Family & Interpersonal Relationships), CHMN508 (Tools for the Pastor's Spouse), CHMN526 (Conflict Management in the Church), CHMN540 (Church and Urban Community), or CHMN553 (The Church and Social Issues). The second emphasis is in Youth Ministry. Eight elective credits can be taken from the following courses: CHMN619 (Religious Experience in Adolescence), CHMN626 (Ministry to At-Risk Youth), CHMN636 (Seminar in Youth Ministry) or CHMN657 (Counseling Youth and Young Adults).

### Requirements for Admission

Applicants for the MDiv/MSW dual degree program typically will have received a bachelor's degree (BA, BS, BSW) from a four-year college or university accredited by one of the nationally recognized accrediting agencies in the United States, or hold an equivalent educational credential from another country. Application must be made separately to both the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and the Department of Social Work. Acceptance into one of the programs does not guarantee acceptance into the other.

Applicants must meet the admissions requirements for each program, including all required prerequisites for each degree program.

**MDiv:** Track 1 MDiv students must fulfill one of the biblical language requirements before being granted regular admission into the dual program.

- MSW:**
- 1) Applicants to the social work program must complete the Graduate Record Exam prior to admission into the program;
  - 2) Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in social work program courses;
  - 3) No grade of D or F (or U) may count toward the MSW degree.

### Credits for Each Program

**MDiv: Track 1:** Graduation requirements consist of the satisfactory completion of 113 semester credits with an overall grade point average of C (2.5) or better. Sixty-eight credits are MDiv credits, 31.5 credits are social work credits, and 13.5 credits are shared between the two curricula in lieu of MDiv electives.

**Track 2:** Graduation requirements consist of satisfactory completion of 140 semester hours with an overall grade point average of C (2.5) or better. Ninety-five credits are MDiv credits, 31.5 credits are Social Work credits, and 13.5 credits are shared between the two curricula.

**MSW:** MDiv students are required to complete 45 core credit hours for the two-year regular MSW program. Due to the strict requirements of the Council on Social Work Education's accrediting mandates, these core courses must all be taught or co-taught within the department by faculty holding an MSW degree. However, these courses could be co-taught with faculty from the seminary. Occasionally, a student who has already earned a BSW from an accredited program may apply to this program. In this case, the student would be placed in the Advanced Standing program, and take either 33 credits (Advanced Standing) or 39 credits (Advanced Standing Plus). Students with an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher are eligible to complete the Advanced Standing Program while those with a lower GPA must complete the Advanced Standing Plus requirements.

Since both the MDiv and MSW programs reduce total credits in order to reduce costs and achieve a more streamlined and efficient program, both degrees must be received simultaneously in order to fulfill the requirements of either degree. Although MDiv students can transfer 11 electives into the MSW program, they can only receive a tuition reduction if they are simultaneously enrolled in the MDiv Program.

### Track 1 Dual Degree Course Plan (Shared Curriculum)

<b>Year 1:</b>	GSEM541	Spiritual Formation (3)
	GSEM539	Issues in Origins (2)
	GSEM510	Revelation, Inspiration and Hermeneutics (3)
	CHMN534	Ministry to Youth and Young Adults (2)
	THST540	Doctrine of Salvation (2)
	CHMN539	Church Growth and the Equipping Pastor (3)
	GSEM626	Contemporary Adventist Theological Issues (2)
	OTST	(Archaeology) (2)
	CHMN656	Holistic Small Groups (2)
	GSEM534	Issues in Ellen G. White Studies (2)
	CHMN	(Advanced Preaching) (2)
	MSSN5XX	Ministry in Culture and Religious Context (3)
	THST	(Historical Theology) (2)
		Hebrew or Greek courses if needed
<b>Year 2:</b>	SOWK501	Foundations of Practice I (*Marriage, Family and Interpersonal Relationship Skills) (4)
	SOWK515	Christian Perspectives on Ethics and Diversity (*Christian Professional Ethics) (2)
	SOWK510	Generalist Field Seminar (.5, .5)
	SOWK535	Generalist Field Experience (4)
	SOWK531, 532	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I, II (2, 2)

SOWK502	Foundations of Practice II (4)
SOWK566	Social Work Research (3)
SOWK550	Social Policy (3)
CHMN543	Christian Leadership in a Changing World (3)
CHMN566	Mobilizing Laity for the Ministry of Evang (2)
CHMN562	Field Evangelism (3)

<b>Year 3:</b>	CHIS	(Period Course) (3)
	NTST	Social Issues in the New Test. (Exegesis) (3)
	GSEM530	Doctrine of the Sanctuary (2)
	NTST667	Topics in New Testament Theology (3)
	GSEM627	Issues in Daniel & Revelation (3)
	OTST620	Seminar in Old Testament Theology (3)
	CHIS674	Development of SDA Theology (3)
	MSSN5XX	Christian Witness and World Religions (3)
	THST	(Systematic Theology) (2)
	OTST	Social Issues in the Old Test. (Exegesis) (3)
	NTST	New Test. Backgrounds course options (2)

<b>Year 4:</b>	SOWK605	Advanced Clinical Assessment (3)
	SOWK601	Advanced Practice I (*Pastoral Counseling) (2)
	SOWK610	Advanced Field Seminar (*Field Evangelistic Preaching) (.5, .5)
	SOWK635	Advanced Field Experience (*Field Evangelistic Preaching) (2, 3)
	SOWK689	Advanced Professional Seminar (.5, .5)
	SOWK630	Policy for Social Change (*Christian Response to Human Needs/The Church & Social Issues) (3)
	SOWK660	Advanced Practice Evaluation (3)
	SOWK602	Advanced Practice II (2)

Seminary credits:	68
Social Work credits:	31.5
*Credits shared	13.5
<b>TOTAL CREDITS:</b>	<b>113</b>

\*Shared Social Work credits between Social Work and MDiv equal **13.5**. Shared MDiv credits between MDiv and Social Work equal **12**. This is because SOWK501 Foundations of Practice 1 (4 credits) is shared with CHMN503 Marriage, Family & Interpersonal Relationships (3 credits); SOWK610/635 Advanced Field Seminar/Experience (2.5 credits) is shared with CHMN631 Field Evangelistic Preaching (3 credits); SOWK630 Policy for Social Change (3 credits) is shared with MSSN505 Christian Responses to Human Needs (2 credits) or CHMN544 The Church and Social Issues (2 credits).

### Track 2 Dual Degree Course Plan (Shared Curriculum)

<b>Year 1:</b>	CHIS501	Church History I (2)
	CHMN536	Personal Evangelistic Ministry (2)
	CHIS502	Church History II (2)
	NTST515	New Testament Backgrounds (2)
	CHIS503	Church History III (2)
	OTST510	Archaeology and the Bible (2)
	NTST551	Beginning Greek (2)
	NTST510	Gospels (3)
	GSEM510	Revelation, Inspiration and Hermeneutics (3)
	GSEM539	Issues in Origins (2)
	GSEM541	Spiritual Formation (3)
	CHMN552	Foundations of Pastoral Ministry (2)
	GSEM525	The Bible and Biblical History (1)
	CHMN539	Church Growth and the Equipping Pastor (3)
	NTST552	Intermediate Greek (3)
	NTST543	Acts & Epistles (2)

GSEM530	Doctrine of the Sanctuary (2)
MSSN5XX	Ministry in Cultural and Religious Context (3)

<b>Year 2:</b>	NTST509	Pauline Writings (3)
	OTST551	Biblical Hebrew I (3)
	CHIS504	Adventist Heritage (2)
	CHMN505	Biblical Preaching (2)
	CHMN562	Field Evangelism (3)
	CHMN523	Worship: Word & Music (2)
	OTST565	Pentateuch (3)
	GSEM626	Contemporary Adventist Theological Issues (2)
	OTST552	Biblical Hebrew II (2)
	OTST555	Prophets (3)
	OTST558	Writings (2)
	THST521	Christian Theology I (3)
	CHIS674	Development of SDA Theology (3)

<b>Year 3:</b>	CHMN543	Christian Leadership in a Changing World (3)
	GSEM511	Daniel & Revelation (3)
	GSEM534	Issues in Ellen G. White Studies (2)
	CHMN	(Youth Ministry or Teaching Ministry) (2)
	SOWK501	Foundations of Practice I (*Marriage, Family & Interpersonal Relationship Skills) (4)
	SOWK515	Christian Perspectives on Ethics & Diversity (*Principles of Christian Ethics) (2)
	SOWK510	Generalist Field Seminar (.5, .5)
	SOWK535	Generalist Field Experience (4)
	SOWK531, 532	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I, II (2, 2)
	SOWK502	Foundations of Practice II (4)
	SOWK566	Social Work Research (3)
	SOWK550	Social Policy (3)

<b>Year 4:</b>	THST522	Christian Theology II (3)
	MSSN5XX	Christian Witness and World Religions (3)
	THST510	Understanding the Christian World (2)
	CHMN	(Advanced Preaching Course) (2)
	SOWK605	Advanced Clinical Assessment (3)
	SOWK601	Advanced Practice I (*Pastoral Counseling) (2)
	SOWK610	Advanced Field Seminar (*Field Evangelistic Preaching) (.5, .5)
	SOWK635	Advanced Field Experience (*Field Evangelistic Preaching) (2, 3)
	SOWK689	Advanced Professional Seminar (.5, .5)
	SOWK630	Policy for Social Change (*Christian Response to Human Needs/The Church & Social Issues) (3)
	SOWK660	Advanced Practice Evaluation (3)
	SOWK602	Advanced Practice II (2)

Seminary credits:	95
Social Work credits:	31.5
*Credits Shared	13.5
<b>TOTAL CREDITS:</b>	<b>140</b>

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