

**General Seminary Courses****(Credits)**

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Course numbers used in this bulletin are the following:

- 500–599 Master's level courses for professional programs
- 600–699 Master's and doctoral level courses
- 700–799 Professional doctoral courses
- 800–999 Academic doctoral courses

Whenever an alternative number of credits is designated for a given course, a hyphen (e.g., “2–3 credits”) indicates that the student may choose the number of credits within the designated amount (corresponding work is assigned by the teacher); the word “or” (e.g., “2 or 3 credits”) indicates that in any given term the course is available for one of the amounts of credit (but not both). Courses may be increased or decreased by 1 credit in extension schools at the discretion of the dean.

<b>GSEM510</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b><i>Revelation, Inspiration and Hermeneutics</i></b> An interdisciplinary study of the process by which God communicates with human beings and of sound methods for interpreting and understanding the Scripture and applying its message.	<b>GSEM588</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b><i>InMinistry MDiv Continuation</i></b>
<b>GSEM511</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b><i>Daniel and Revelation</i></b> Survey of Daniel and Revelation, laying basic exegetical and hermeneutical foundations for proper use of these books in preaching and evangelism. Must have met the beginning level Greek and Hebrew requirements.	<b>GSEM620</b>	<b>(2–3)</b>	<b><i>Research Methods</i></b> An introduction to research techniques and tools. A research paper is required. Prerequisite: Must pass Essential Computer Skills Test. Computer lab required.
<b>GSEM525</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b><i>The Bible and Biblical History</i></b> Surveys the Bible's content and history as reflected in the requirements for the Bible Knowledge Entrance Test and equips the student to improve the biblical literacy of the local parish.	<b>GSEM625</b>	<b>(3–4)</b>	<b><i>Religious Liberty Issues and Advocacy</i></b> A survey of religious liberty principles and cases from an Adventist perspective with an emphasis on the contemporary U.S. setting, including a review of major historical developments and a look at trends shaping the future.
<b>GSEM528</b>	<b>(2–3)</b>	<b><i>Nutrition and Health Promotion</i></b> Health promotion and Adventist lifestyle, with primary focus on the influence of diet on the development of chronic diseases such as heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, and cancer.	<b>GSEM626</b>	<b>(2–3)</b>	<b><i>Contemporary Adventist Theological Issues</i></b> Study of contemporary theological issues and their impact on the message, life and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The content of the course may vary from year to year.
<b>GSEM530</b>	<b>(2–3)</b>	<b><i>Doctrine of the Sanctuary</i></b> A study of the earthly and heavenly sanctuaries with special emphasis on the books of Leviticus, Daniel, Hebrews, and Revelation. Team taught by members of various departments.	<b>GSEM627</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b><i>Issues in Daniel and Revelation</i></b> Hermeneutics and exegesis of Daniel and Revelation in the original languages, focusing on issues pertaining to use of these books in evangelistic preaching. Daniel 7–9 and Revelation 10–14 receive particular attention. Must have met the intermediate level Greek and Hebrew requirements.
<b>GSEM534</b>	<b>(2–3)</b>	<b><i>Issues in Ellen G. White Studies</i></b> Methods of research and interpretation of issues in the writings of E.G. White. Based on personal research in her published and unpublished works. A core requirement. Prerequisite: GSEM532 or CHIS504 Adventist Heritage or equivalent.	<b>GSEM648</b>	<b>(variable)</b>	<b><i>Workshop</i></b>
<b>GSEM539</b>	<b>(2–3)</b>	<b><i>Issues in Origins</i></b> A study of current creation and evolutionary models regarding the origin, age, and change of the earth and its life. Specific topics include the historical development of these models; their biblical, philosophical, and scientific foundations; and theological implications.	<b>GSEM660</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b><i>Portfolio</i></b> An MDiv graduation requirement. Using the approved guidelines, students document personal development; the integration of theory and practice; engagement in ministry within a local congregation; participation in evangelistic outreach; and community involvement.
			<b>GSEM670</b>	<b>(1–12)</b>	<b><i>Guided Study Tour of the Bible Lands</i></b> The principal sites of historical and archaeological interest in the countries of the Bible surrounding the eastern Mediterranean, including Egypt, Sinai, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, and Jordan. Weekly: 2 or 3 lectures.
			<b>GSEM678</b>	<b>(1–8)</b>	<b><i>Church History Study Tour</i></b> Provides a variety of guided study tours to places of interest in general Christian and denominational history. Repeatable with different sites or eras.
			<b>GSEM688</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b><i>Master's Degree Continuation</i></b>
			<b>GSEM680</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b><i>Master's Comprehensive Exam</i></b>
			<b>GSEM695</b>	<b>(2–3)</b>	<b><i>Research Project</i></b>

<b>GSEM697</b> <i>Thesis for MA Degree</i>	(3-9)
<b>GSEM698</b> <i>Thesis for Master of Divinity Degree</i>	(2-8)
<b>GSEM699</b> <i>Thesis for Master of Theology Degree</i>	(2-8)
<b>GSEM850</b> <i>Research Seminar</i> An introduction to research methods and tools.	(2)
<b>GSEM854</b> <i>PhD-ThD Dissertation Proposal Seminar</i> Advanced research techniques and tools, with preparation of a tentative proposal, or pre-proposal, for a dissertation in the field of religion.	(3)
<b>GSEM880</b> <i>Preparation for PhD-ThD Comprehensive Examinations</i> Qualifies for full-time status.	(0)
<b>GSEM888</b> <i>PhD-ThD Dissertation Continuation</i> Qualifies for full-time status.	(0)
<b>GSEM995</b> <i>PhD-ThD Dissertation</i> May take 1-12 credits to qualify for full-time status.	(1-12)

## CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

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### Courses

(Credits)

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#### CHMN508

(2-3)

##### *Tools for the Pastor's Spouse*

This course is designed to equip the pastor's spouse for life in the pastorate. Some of the areas explored are: components needed for success, devotional life, enhancing marriage, hospitality, preacher's kids, discovering mission, team ministry, challenges in the parsonage, women's/men's ministry, and available resources.

#### CHMN517

(2)

##### *Topics in Ministry*

This course introduces students to selected church ministry areas of great importance. Topics include finances, church planting, teaching, Christian education and chaplaincy, urban ministry, and health evangelism.

#### CHMN568

(1-8)

##### *Learning in Professional Experience*

Used to record credits granted for previous professional experience based on a learning portfolio and reflection paper in degree programs that provide for this option. Guidelines are available from the respective program directors.

#### CHMN585

(2-3)

##### *Cross-Cultural Communication*

A study of the impact of culture on communication and the ways cultures influence values and perceptions. Attention given to developing sensitivity when communicating with people of other cultures.

#### CHMN660

(1-6)

##### *Field Practicum*

Practical training in a variety of field activities. An individual contract is developed between the student and a seminary faculty member that includes field supervision of that work, and the writing of a final product or report. Guidelines are available. Repeatable to 6 credits.