

2020-2021 Southeastern University - Traditional Graduate and Post-Graduate Catalog

Southeastern University

Master of Divinity

The Southeastern University Master of Divinity degree provides a comprehensive level of understanding of the theological commitments and praxis of the church for the purpose of preparing students for ministry in professional settings. This includes, but is not limited to, pastoral work, missionary work, and chaplaincy in various fields. Students will receive a strong foundation in the various theological disciplines from a Pentecostal perspective, will learn to interact critically with affirming and opposing theoretical constructs, and will participate in engaged practice and reflection upon those commitments within various ministerial areas. The degree will also provide foundational preparation for students desiring to pursue doctoral education in a certain disciplines.

Through this program students will:

- Demonstrate collaborative problem-solving skills using multidisciplinary approaches, which deal with conflict management, building bonds, & facilitating teamwork & collaboration.
- Apply acquired multidisciplinary concepts, skills, & principles to actual leadership situations, which include accurate self-assessment, self-confidence, & the spiritual and emotional development of others.
- Gain comprehensive understanding of the systematic, historical, biblical, ethical, and practical theologies, preparing students for further doctoral level theological reflection and articulation and/or teaching.
- Demonstrate the ability to draw from various theologies from a Pentecostal perspective and to interact critically with affirming and opposing theoretical constructs.
- Study the development and expression of biblical exegesis and hermeneutics in relation to the social, cultural, family, and faith issues confronting Christians and the Church in the 21st century. Understand both Old Testament and New Testament theology in light of major themes found in biblical texts relevant to their historical backgrounds and social environments.

Career Options

Upon completion of the Master of Arts in Ministerial Leadership, career opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- Bible Teacher
- Military Chaplain
- Church Administrator
- Professor
- Pastor
- Parachurch Leader
- Overseas Missionary
- Church Planter
- Campus Pastor
- Pastoral Counselor

Program Sequence

Total Credits - 72 credit hours with seven components:

- Biblical Studies Courses (21 hours)

- Theological Studies Courses (12 hours)
- Church History Courses (6 hours)
- Philosophy and Ethics Courses (6 hours)
- Practical Theology/Ministry Courses (18 hours)
- Pastoral Counseling Courses (6 hours)
- Applied Focus (3 hours)

Program Length: 2-4 years

Full-time students (6 credit hours per term)

Part-time students (3 credit hours per term)

Program Delivery

- Fully Online
- Traditional Evening Courses - Courses meet on either Monday or Friday

Entrance Requirements

All of the components listed below are required and will be utilized by the Graduate Program Coordinator and School of Divinity Chair in making an admittance decision. However, failure to meet one of these standards may not immediately disqualify a candidate depending upon the strength of their other components. Applicants are considered on a case-by-case basis, and the decision of the School of Divinity Chair is final.

- Regionally accredited undergraduate degree with at least a 3.0 GPA
- One Academic or Professional Reference
- One Christian Character Reference
- Academic writing sample of at least five (5) pages indicative of writing and research ability to interact with scholarly sources in a critical manner.

Transfer Credit

Graduate level credits may be accepted if they were earned from an accredited university (Regional and/or Association of Theological Schools Accreditation), less than 8 years old, and relevant to coursework at SEU.

The School of Divinity Chair will evaluate and award transfer credit on a case-by-case basis. No transient credit (future courses taken at another university) will be allowed without prior approval.

Residency Requirement

- Online - No residency requirement
- Evening - Classes meet on Monday and Thursday evenings on Lakeland Campus

Satisfactory Progress

Students enrolled in the Master of Divinity must maintain a 3.0 GPA in order to successfully complete the program.

Thesis Option

Students enrolled in the Master of Divinity program have the option of writing a thesis that provides valuable experience engaging in an extended, rigorous writing project for those students who desire to pursue further doctoral studies.

Core Courses – 21 Hrs

Theological Studies Core

- [THEO 5533 - GRADUATE SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I](#) Credits: 3
- [THEO 5543 - GRADUATE SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II](#) Credits: 3

Biblical Studies Core

- [BIBL 5543 - INTRODUCTION TO THE BACKGROUND & THEOLOGICAL THEMES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT](#) Credits: 3

Practices of Ministry Core

- [BIBL 5053 - BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION AND PROCLAMATION](#) Credits: 3
- [PMIN 5353 - SPIRIT-EMPOWERED DISCIPLESHIP](#) Credits: 3
- [PMIN 5553 - PRACTICAL THEOLOGY](#) Credits: 3

Biblical Studies - 12 Hrs

- [BIOT 5063 - THE TORAH](#) Credits: 3
- [BIOT 5073 - THE PROPHETIC TRADITION](#) Credits: 3
- [BIOT 5083 - PSALMS AND WISDOM LITERATURE](#) Credits: 3
- [BINT 5033 - LUKE-ACTS](#) Credits: 3
- [BINT 5073 - JESUS AND THE GOSPELS](#) Credits: 3
- [BINT 5083 - NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLES](#) Credits: 3
- [BINT 5093 - REVELATION](#) Credits: 3
- [BIBL 5063 - BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY](#) Credits: 3
- [BINT 5013 - GREEK I](#) Credits: 3 (or Hebrew I)
- [BINT 5023 - GREEK II](#) Credits: 3 (or Hebrew II)
- [BINT 5063 - GREEK III](#) Credits: 3 (or Hebrew III)

Theological and Historical Studies- 18 hours

Ecclesial Heritage and Historical Studies

- [THEO 5313 - PENTECOSTAL THEOLOGY](#) Credits: 3
- [HITH 5113 - EARLY AND MEDIEVAL CHURCH THOUGHT](#) Credits: 3
- [HITH 5133 - REFORMATION THROUGH MODERN THOUGHT](#) Credits: 3

Theology, Ethics, and Philosophy- Choose 3

- [THEO 5143 - PHILOSOPHICAL THEOLOGY](#) Credits: 3
- [THEO 5503 - SHAPE OF PRACTICAL THEOLOGY](#) Credits: 3
- [THEO 5563 - CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGY](#) Credits: 3
- [THEO 5573 - THEOLOGICAL ETHICS](#) Credits: 3

Christian Formation- 6 Hours (Choose 2)

- [THEO 5113 - THEOLOGY OF WORSHIP](#) Credits: 3
- [PMIN 5583 - WORLD RELIGIONS AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES](#) Credits: 3
- [PMIN 5003 - INTRODUCTION TO CHAPLAIN MINISTRIES](#) Credits: 3.0

Leadership and Ministry Practices- 6 Hours (Choose 2)

- [PMIN 5063 - FAMILY MINISTRY LEADERSHIP](#) Credits: 3
- [PMIN 5073 - ADVANCED HOMILETICS](#) Credits: 3
- [PMIN 5083 - SPECIAL TOPICS IN LEADERSHIP](#) Credits: 3
- [PMIN 5093 - SHAPING A LEADERSHIP CULTURE](#) Credits: 3
- [PMIN 5153 - FOUNDATIONS OF CHAPLAINCY MINISTRY](#) Credits: 3
- [PMIN 5233 - MANAGING CHANGE AND CONFLICT](#) Credits: 3
- [PMIN 5343 - STRATEGIC MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP](#) Credits: 3

Counseling and Pastoral Care- 6 Hours

- [PMIN 5373 - PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING](#) Credits: 3

Choose one:

- [PMIN 5013 - FOUNDATIONS OF COUNSELING](#) Credits: 3
- [PMIN 5023 - FAMILY DYNAMICS AND MINISTRY](#) Credits: 3
- [PMIN 5043 - CRISIS INTERVENTION AND PASTORAL CARE](#) Credits: 3
- [PMIN 5123 - COUNSELING SPECIAL POPULATIONS AND GROUPS](#) Credits: 3
- [PMIN 5133 - PASTORAL CARE IN GRIEF, DEATH, AND DYING](#) Credits: 3
- [PMIN 5163 - COUNSELING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES OF ADDICTION](#) Credits: 3
- [PMIN 5173 - TOPICS IN CHRISTIAN COUNSELING](#) Credits: 3
- [PMIN 5253 - THEOLOGY OF COUNSELING](#) Credits: 3

Supervised Ministry Experience- 3 Hours

- [PMIN 5243 - GRADUATE PRACTICUM I](#) Credits: 3 (Pastoral or CPE)

Total Program Hours – 72 Hrs
