

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

- The Master of Divinity (M.Div.) is considered by many organizations to be the foundational degree for professional clergy. Students are prepared for ministry in a variety of vocational settings including churches, parachurch organizations, social services, hospitals, military chaplaincy, and hospices. Students who earn a M.Div. can seek licensing or ordination, which includes the ability to administer weddings and funerals. The M.Div. will prepare students for an effective ministry of servant-leadership with a program that organizes courses in four key categories of *Scriptural and Theological Development, Service in Context, Spiritual Formation, and Skills for Ministry.*



ONLINE LEARNING, ON-SITE APPLICATION

- This is a three-year degree for most students, but a student taking courses year-round may complete the program in as little as two years. The degree is 72 units. Students take 30 units including courses in scripture, theology, church history, and biblical languages; 9 units including leadership, evangelism, and intercultural studies; 9 units focusing on personal and spiritual formation; and 24 units focusing on ministry skills. Students may select 12 units for a single skills concentration.
- For students without prior biblical or theological training, an additional 6 units of Bible courses are required as prerequisites for most Bible and Theology courses. Students who currently hold a Master Arts in Ministry degree from HIU may apply up to 36 units of their degree toward the M.Div.
- Students may complete the program 100% online or through a combination of online courses (5-8 weeks in length) and short, on-ground residencies in Southern California with online follow-up.

ACCREDITATION

- The M.Div. program is regionally accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) and supplemented by the national accreditation from the Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE).

WHAT OUR STUDENTS AND ALUMNI SAY

"This process has truly transformed me. I not only have received an innumerable amount of tools for ministry and the work God has vocationally called me to, but I also received tools for personal growth, a structure and framework for study and communication, and most importantly, a renewed confidence in Christ."

– **Sean Stepleton, Church Planter**

"The coursework went beyond my expectations. I found that everything I studied was immediately applicable. Each class was structured to go beyond academics into the realm of living life, applying and integrating into current contexts. The classes felt like an extension of the body of Christ, supportive, and encouraging while spurring each other on to our best abilities."

– **Sharon Filbeck, Missionary, Lanna Theological Center**

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Senior Pastor
- Executive Pastor
- Children's Pastor
- Discipleship Pastor
- Pastoral Counseling
- Chaplain
- Missions
- Youth Pastor
- Worship Pastor
- Church Planter

CONCENTRATIONS

- Christian Min & Leadership
- Church Planting
- Pastoral Care
- Worship Ministry
- Children, Youth, & Family
- Intercultural Studies
- Spiritual Formation

SCRIPTURE AND THEOLOGY (30 Units)

Required Core Courses (3 courses):

BIB5115	Bible Study Methods and Tools
THE5103	Theological Survey: Christian Beliefs
THE5213	Church History

Required Biblical Languages Courses (choose 3 courses)

LAN5230	Greek Introduction
LAN5330	Greek Intermediate
LAN5430	Hebrew Introduction
LAN6253	Greek Exegesis

Required Bible Courses (choose 2 courses)

BIB5106	Romans and Right Relationships
BIB5303	Matthew
BIB5333	Psalms
BIB6273	Prophets
BIB6333	Johannine Epistles
BIB6463	Ephesians

Required Theology Course (choose 1 course)

ENG5225	C.S. Lewis and the Literature of Faith
ICS5203	World Religions
ICS5603	Worldview
THE5303	Holy Spirit
THE6313	Christian Ethics and Justice

Electives (pick 1 course of Bible/Theology)

_____ Elective Course

SERVICE IN CONTEXT (9 Units)

Servant Leadership Courses (choose 1 course)

CHM5203	Dynamics of Servant Leadership
CHM5213	Leadership Styles and Principles
CHM5803	Building Effective Teams
CHM6103	Vision Casting

Contextual Service Courses (choose 2 courses)

Pick one Evangelism Course:

EVG5103	Personal Evangelism
EVG5113	Developing a Culture of Evangelism

Pick one ICS Course:

ICS5113	Cross-cultural Communication
ICS5503	Theology of Mission
ICS6303	Contextualization

SPIRITUAL & PERSONAL FORMATION (9 Units)

SPT5103	Developing the Spiritual Disciplines
SPT5203	Balancing Ministry and Personal Life
SPT5503	Reading for Spiritual Formation
SPT5603	Managing Stress & Avoiding Burnout
SPT6303	The Spiritual Journey
SPT6403	Handling Personal Temptation
SPT6503	Leading Communal Spiritual Practices

SKILLS FOR MINISTRY (24 Units)

Required Courses (2 courses):

CHM5103	Ministry Practices for the Church
CDY6800	Ministry Practicum

Concentration (choose 4 courses from 1 concentration)

Concentration Option 1: Christian Ministry & Leadership

CHM5603	Preaching that Connects
CHM5703	Effective Small Groups
CHM5803	Building Effective Teams
CHM6203	Developing a Healthy Church
CHM6303	Transforming Conflict and Crisis

Concentration Option 2: Church Planting

EVG5103	Personal Evangelism
EVG5113	Developing a Culture of Evangelism
ECC5303	Traditional Church Planting
ECC5313	Church Multiplication Movement
ECC6203	Multi-Site Expansion
ECC6303	Strategies for Urban Mission

Concentration Option 3: Intercultural Studies

ICS5113	Cross-Cultural Communication
ICS5203	World Religions
ICS5503	Theology of Mission
ICS5603	Worldview
ICS6303	Contextualization
ICS6350	Cultural Anthropology for Ministry

Concentration Option 4: Pastoral Care

CNS5103	Introduction to Care Ministries
CNS5113	Pastoral Counseling
CNS5803	Ethics and Boundaries
CNS5813	Listening and Assessing
CNS6403	Family Crisis and Conflict
CNS6413	Couples Counseling

Concentration Option 5: Spiritual Formation

SPT5103	Developing the Spiritual Disciplines
SPT5203	Balancing Ministry and Personal Life
SPT5503	Reading for Spiritual Formation
SPT5603	Managing Stress & Avoiding Burnout
SPT6403	Handling Personal Temptation
SPT6503	Leading Communal Spiritual Practices

Concentration Option 6: Worship Ministry

MUS5103	Theology of Worship
MUS6103	Worship Leadership
MUS6113	Worship and Mission of the Church
MUS6503	Worship and the Arts
MUS6513	Worship Programming

Concentration Option 7: Children, Youth, & Family Ministry

CHM5403	Children & Family Ministry
CHM5503	Youth & Young Adult Ministry
CHM6403	Family Crisis & Conflict
CHM5703	Effective Small Groups
CNS5113	Pastoral Counseling

ELECTIVES (choose 2 courses from any concentration)

TOTAL UNITS **72**