

# MASTER OF DIVINITY PROGRAM

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## Description of the Master of Divinity Program

The Master of Divinity is a professional graduate degree beyond the Bachelor of Arts or equivalent. With emphases offered in apologetics, biblical counseling, Christian ministries, missiology and intercultural studies, or pastoral ministry, it is designed to equip students for effective ministry as a pastor, church educator, counselor, evangelist, or missionary.

- Master of Divinity/Apologetics (<http://catalog.mabts.edu/seminary/academic-programs/mdiv/mdiv-apologetics/>)
- Master of Divinity/Biblical Counseling (<http://catalog.mabts.edu/seminary/academic-programs/mdiv/mdiv-biblical-counseling/>)
- Master of Divinity/Christian Ministries (<http://catalog.mabts.edu/seminary/academic-programs/mdiv/mdiv-christian-ministries/>)
- Master of Divinity/Missiology and Intercultural Studies (<http://catalog.mabts.edu/seminary/academic-programs/mdiv/mdiv-intercultural-studies/>)
- Master of Divinity/Pastoral Ministry (<http://catalog.mabts.edu/seminary/academic-programs/mdiv/mdiv-pastoral-ministry/>)

## Educational Objectives of the Master of Divinity Program

The Master of Divinity program is designed to promote growth in students toward personal maturity and professional ministry competence. The objectives of the program are accomplished through classroom instruction, the modeling of professors, the practice of ministry through the Witness One:Seven program, chapel services, and student organizations.

### Foundational Studies

The Master of Divinity program seeks to guide students to develop the ability to understand and interpret the Christian faith in light of its biblical, theological, and historical dimensions and to utilize insights gained from these disciplines for the effective practice of ministry in the church, the community, and the world.

### Essential Skills for Ministry

The Master of Divinity program seeks to guide students to understand, develop, and utilize the essential skills for ministry in the effective performance of pastoral leadership roles, support staff roles, and missionary roles, including preaching, teaching, worship leadership, pastoral leadership, pastoral ministry, biblical counseling, and evangelism.

### Personal Growth and Professional Development

The Master of Divinity program seeks to guide students to develop lifelong patterns of continuing personal spiritual growth and professional development.