

## Master of Divinity (M.Div.) Degree

Upon completion of the Master of Divinity program, the graduate should be able to:

1. Develop a mastery of the Scriptures and Christian doctrine and apply this knowledge to ministries in the U.S. and global contexts;
2. Apply professional ministry skills, counseling techniques, and effective leadership in their concentration of study;
3. Promote and defend the church's worldwide mission of gospel proclamation, discipleship, and social change;
4. Formulate ministerial strategies and apply them to a practical research project/thesis.

The Master of Divinity is the basic professional degree for the ministry. It is an advanced program integrating the fields of biblical literature, theological/historical studies, and the practices of ministry. It prepares persons for effective ministry as pastors, church associates, evangelists, chaplains, and a broad variety of ministries. It consists of seventy-five credit hours of specific and independent studies. Students are expected to be involved in a ministry of a local church on a regular basis

### This is the breakdown of core curriculum for the Master of Divinity:

#### Bible/Theology Requirements:

NTS 5501	New Testament Literature and Theology	3 Credits
NTS 5507	Wealth and Poverty in the Bible	3 Credits
OTS 5501	Old Testament Literature and Theology	3 Credits
NTS 5523	Pastoral Epistles	3 Credits
THE 5561	Systematic Theology I	3 Credits
THE 5562	Systematic Theology II	3 Credits
THE 5571	Christian Apologetics	3 Credits
THE 6612	Christian Ethics	3 Credits
THE 6651	Biblical Hermeneutics	<u>3 Credits</u>
	Total	27 Credits

#### Ministry and Religion Requirements:

CED 5612	Writing Research Papers	
	Across the Curriculum	3 Credits
HIS 5501	Church History I	3 Credits
MIN 5501	Homiletics	3 Credits
MIN 5520	Evangelism and Community Outreach	3 Credits
MIN 6520	Global Christianity and Missiology	3 Credits
MIN 6602	Inter-cultural Relationships	3 Credits
MIN 6604	Christian Leadership and Ministry	3 Credits
MIN 6680	Ministry Practicum*	3 Credits
MIN 6685	Ministry Internship*	3 Credits
MIN 6690	Thesis/Practical Project	3 Credits
REL 5300	World Religions	3 Credits
THE 5406	Pastoral Counseling Theories	3 Credits
	Electives	<u>6 Credits</u>
	Total	42 Credits

#### Language Requirements:

*GRE 4220	<i>Biblical Greek I</i>	3 Credits
*GRE 4221	<i>Biblical Greek II</i>	3 Credits
		-OR-
*GRE 5220	<i>Biblical Greek Exegesis I</i>	3 Credits
*GRE 5221	<i>Biblical Greek Exegesis II</i>	3 Credits
		-OR-
*HBR 5220	<i>Beginning Hebrew I</i>	3 Credits
*HBR 5221	<i>Beginning Hebrew II</i>	<u>3 Credits</u>
	Total	6 Credits

## Policy for Evaluation of Ministry Experience for Seminary Programs

### Fast Track MDiv Degree

*Course delivery formats: Face-to-Face and Online*

South Florida Bible College & Theological Seminary (SFBC), in trend with other educational Institutions, has adopted the policy to consider ministry experience as fulfillment of required college credit at the graduate level. The use of life experience in ministry for advanced standing in your graduate degree program is a tedious process that requires a detailed application process that has a cost associated with it. SFBC now allows up to 15 of the 75 credit hours of this degree to be granted through ministry experience evaluation. The following tracks for students allow them to gain advanced standing in their Master of Divinity program\*.

<b>Experienced Minister</b>	<b>Accelerated MA to MDiv</b>
<p>If you have worked in ministry for an extended time and have been looking for a way to further your education, you're an ideal fit for this track. We understand that your years of experience in ministry have significant value, so we are offering you the opportunity to receive college credit based on that experience. This credit, coupled with a reduced number of credit hours, will allow you to earn your Master of Divinity degree in reduced time.</p>	<p>If you have an undergraduate degree in ministry or bible (from an accredited institution), have significant vocational ministry experience, and you are a SFBC MABS student or alumni, this path is for you. You can earn your MDiv by taking 24 credit hours in addition to your MABS work.</p>
<p>Undergraduate degree in ministry or bible (from an accredited institution)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p>15 potential credit hours earned based on ministry experience.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p>60 graduate credit hours taken via SFBC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">=</p> <p>Master of Divinity from SFBC</p>	<p>Undergraduate degree in ministry or bible (from an accredited institution)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p>15 potential credit hours earned based on ministry experience.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p>Current or past SFBC student earning a MABS (36 credits)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p>24 additional graduate credit hours taken via SFBC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">=</p> <p>Master of Divinity from SFBC</p>

\*Note: Chaplain positions require a full 75 credit hours of earned credit, in which ministry experience credits would not apply  
Costs:

- \$70 application fee
- \$100 per credit transfer fee

## Policy for Evaluation of Ministry Experience for DMin Admissions Criteria

Students must have an accredited Master of Divinity degree or its equivalency for entrance into the Doctor of Ministry Program. South Florida Bible College & Theological Seminary (SFBC), in trend with other educational Institutions, has adopted the policy to consider ministry experience as fulfillment of part of the MDiv prerequisite. The use of life experience in ministry for entrance into this degree program is a tedious process that requires a detailed application that has a small cost associated with it\*. For students without a Master of Divinity Degree, the following requirements must be met:

<b>Experienced Minister</b>	<b>Graduate Degree in Related Area</b>
<p>If you have worked in ministry for an extended time, but do not have a Master of Divinity degree, you're an ideal fit for this track. We understand that your years of experience in ministry have significant value, so we are offering you the opportunity to gain admission into the DMin based on that experience. This experience, coupled with an accredited degree in ministry or bible and at least 60 graduate credit hours in theology/ministry will allow you to enter the DMin program.</p>	<p>If you have a graduate degree in ministry or bible (from an accredited institution) and a graduate degree in another related area (from an accredited institution), you're an ideal fit for this track. These two degrees, coupled with at least 60 graduate credit hours in theology/ministry will allow you to enter the DMin program.</p>
<p>Graduate degree in ministry or bible (from an accredited institution)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p>60 graduate credit hours in theology/ministry (Can be a part of the above graduate degree)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p>75 graduate credit hours total (Can be a part of the above graduate degrees)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p>Significant ministry experience documented through the portfolio created.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">=</p> <p>Entrance into the DMin program at SFBC</p>	<p>Graduate degree in ministry or bible (from an accredited institution)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p>Graduate degree in a related area (from an accredited institution)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p>60 graduate credit hours in theology/ministry (Can be a part of the above graduate degrees)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p>75 graduate credit hours total (Can be a part of the above graduate degrees)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">=</p> <p>Entrance into the DMin program at SFBC</p>

\*150 Application Fee