

Master of Divinity

The Master of Divinity program prepares the student for full-time service or ministry in the kingdom of God. It allows the student to be trained either for the general pastorate of some local church or for a specialized ministry as a staff minister. It also enables the student to meet the general requirements for denominational ordination.

The program is designed to be completed within three to four years. Those who study on a part-time basis may extend their study over a longer period of time.

The curriculum is built upon a system of four core areas. These areas are Life Formation, Ministry, Biblical Studies, and Theology & History. The curriculum aims to equip students to be servant leaders for the 21st century Asian churches.

Students who are enrolled in full-time or part time online classes are required to attend at least one on-campus intensive course per year.

Students are required to successfully complete 96 semester hours for this program as follows:

Life Formation (23 Credits)

Spiritual Formation I, II (4)
Family of Origin (2)
Emotional Regulation (2)
Appreciation of ABC & OBC Cultures (2)
Leadership in ABC & OBC Cultures (2)
Small Group & Discipleship (5)
Pastoral Mentorship (1)
Mission Mentorship (1)
Internships (4)

Biblical Studies (27 Credits)

Biblical Interpretation (3)
Pentateuch (3)
Historical Books (3)
Wisdom Literature (3)
Major Prophets (3)
Gospels (3)
NT Epistles (3)
Language Electives/Book Study (4)
Israel Study Tour/Book Study (2)

Ministerial Studies (24 Credits)

Evangelism in Cultures (2)
Worship in Local Context (2)
Leading Bible Study I, II (4)
Expository Preaching (3)
Preaching Practicum (1)
Church Planting in NA (2)
Network Churches (2)
Intercultural Communications (2)
Resolving Conflicts in Cultures (2)
Non-Profit Organizations for Ministry (2)
Short Term Missions (2)

Theology & History (22 Credits)

Systematic Theology I, II, III, IV (8)
Old Testament Theology (2)
New Testament Theology (2)
Contemporary Culture & Apologetics (2)
Integration of Theology & Cultures (2)
World Church History I, II (4)
History of Chinese Churches in NA (2)

Master of Pastoral Studies

The Master of Pastoral Studies is a program designed to provide graduate theological education for women and men who are called to non-ordained teaching or leadership roles in the local churches, as well as para-church organizations. It seeks to develop lay servant leadership both pastorally and biblically. The program provides opportunities for both full-time and part-time workers to enhance their ministry skills and biblical expertise.

Students who are enrolled in full-time or part time online classes are required to attend at least one on-campus intensive course per year.

Students are required to successfully complete 64 credits for this program as follows:

Life Formation (12 credits)

Spiritual Formation I/II (2)
Family of Origin/Emotional Regulation (2)
Leadership in ABC & OBC cultures (2)
Small Group & Discipleship (3)
Pastoral Mentorship (1)
Internships (2)

Ministerial Studies (20 credits)

Evangelism in cultures (2)
Worship in Local Context (2)
Leading Bible Study I (2)
Expository Preaching (3)
Church Planting in NA (2)
Network Churches (2)
Intercultural Communications (2)
Resolving Conflicts in Cultures (2)
Non-Profit Organizations for Ministry (2)
Short Term Missions (1)

Biblical Studies (20 credits)

Biblical Interpretation (3)
Pentateuch/Historical Books (3)
Wisdom Literature (3)
Major Prophets (3)
Gospels (3)
NT Epistles (3)
Israel Study Tour/Book Study (2)

Theology & History (12 credits)

Systematic Theology II/III/IV (4)
Old/New Testament Theology (2)
Contemporary Culture & Apologetics (2)
Integration of Theology & Cultures (2)
History Electives (2)

Diploma of Pastoral Studies

ACE Seminary offers this flexible program for individuals with varying objectives. The program is designed for lay Christians who desire some advanced training in pastoral studies to equip them for ministry. These lay Christians include professionals who are still seeking to know God's calling for specific ministries.

This program by itself is not adequate preparation for vocational ministry. It may be taken as the first year of the master degree programs at ACES.

Students who are enrolled in full-time or part time online classes are required to attend at least one on-campus intensive course per year.

Students are required to successfully complete 32 credits for this program as follows:

Life Formation (5 credits)

Spiritual Formation I/II (2)
Family of Origin/Emotional Regulation (2)
Pastoral/Mission Mentorship (1)

Ministerial Studies (11 credits)

Evangelism in Cultures (2)
Leading Bible Study I (2)
Church Planting in NA (2)
Resolving Conflicts in Cultures (2)
Electives (2)
Short Term Missions (1)

Biblical Studies (10 credits)

Pentateuch/Historical Books (3)
Gospels/NT Epistles (3)
Israel Study Tour/Book Study (2)
Book Study (2)

Theology & History (6 credits)

Systematic Theology II/III/IV (2)
Old/New Testament Theology (2)
World Church History I/II (2)