

I. Four Year Program Master of Divinity Degree

The Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree is designed primarily for training spiritually gifted men for the pastorate and secondarily for training spiritually gifted men and women for a non-pastoral teaching ministry. For this degree, the curriculum is flexibly designed to permit Fulltime and Part-time Resident and **Distance Learning Online (DLO)**, (the latter **NEWLY ADDED TO THE CURRICULUM**). The Fulltime Resident and DLO M.Div. programs are both designed to be conducted over four calendar years in 12 credit-hour fall and spring semesters and four one-week January (J) courses (see the Schedule of Courses in Paragraph III below). Up to a total of 112 credit hours are available (a minimum of 96 are required) for the M.Div. degree. (See directly below for part-time M.Div. students and for 64 credit-hour Bachelor of Divinity and Bachelor of Theology degrees. The bachelor-level degrees are not only designed for young gift men and women, but especially for second-career spiritually gifted men and women.)

The fulltime Master of Divinity program is designed for a 12 credit-hours per semester. Regular fall and spring semester classes are each designed to be 15 calendar weeks in length. This includes 14 weeks of classes (including exams) and a one-week mid-semester break. The regular semester classes will be taught on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings (5:30-7:20 and 7:30-9:20 MST/MDT); also Wednesday evenings where necessary. The "J" courses are scheduled for one week in January each year.

Guideline for Full-time M.Div. Students

Completion of the M.Div. degree in four years is designed for single students or married students without small children and who may need to work for support (no more than 20 hours a week will be permitted unless an exception is granted by the Seminary). The board and faculty of Providence Theological Seminary place a high priority on the student's family time with spouse and children. The total classroom hours for a fulltime student taking 12 credit hours a semester is 12 hours a week. In addition the student should plan for a minimum of 3 hours of study for each credit hour or 36 hours outside the classroom each week. This means that at least a total of 48 hours a week is required for fulltime students. Therefore, fulltime students pursuing a M.Div. degree in four years must consider meeting these guidelines.

Guideline for Part-time M.Div. Students

With approval from the Seminary, it is permissible for part-time students to take up to six years to complete an M.Div. degree. However, this alternative will necessitate assuring that the courses required for graduation are offered within the two-year rotation cycle and that they can be scheduled when this course of study is undertaken. In principle, these guidelines also apply for those students who pursue the following courses of study.

II. Program Design Flexibility

Providence Theological Seminary's program of instruction is designed with flexibility to permit those students who do not pursue an M.Div. degree to attain recognition for tailored coursework as follows.

Diploma in Theological Studies

The Diploma in Theological Studies (DTS) is a special curriculum of 32 credit hours. It emphasizes a Christ-centered hermeneutic based upon the whole counsel of God, the teaching of the doctrines of grace and Baptist ecclesiology. Normally, this curriculum is to be completed in one and one-half years (three consecutive semesters), but not to exceed three years.

Bachelor of Theology Degree

The Bachelor of Theology Degree (B.Th.) is an incrementally planned program of instruction of 64 hours credit that integrates and expands the Diploma in Theological Studies into a bachelor-level degree. The design of this program is especially designed to enable non-M.Div. students, such as, missionaries and active and retired professional people, homemakers and others to take a theological and biblical tailored program of instruction to enhance their doctrinal understanding of the Bible and to teach sound doctrine for building up the body of Christ. Language courses are not required but are strongly encouraged, especially NT Greek, to be taken as electives. Fulltime, this curriculum can be completed in two and one-half consecutive years, but not to exceed four years.

Bachelor of Divinity Degree

The Bachelor of Divinity degree (B.Div.) is an incrementally planned program of instruction of 64 hours credit that integrates and expands the Diploma in Theological Studies into a bachelor-level degree. The design of this program is especially tailored to enable certain gifted, second-career men to pursue their call to a fulltime pastoral ministry. For example, this degree is especially for men who may have worked in the secular work place for many years and who have faithfully served in a local church ministry. The pastoral theology preaching courses and other pastoral theology courses are required for those men pursuing a B.Div. degree. Emphasis will be placed upon English exposition of the Scriptures. Expertise in the biblical languages is not required, but language courses are strongly encouraged, especially NT Greek, to be taken as electives. Fulltime, this curriculum can be completed in two and one-half consecutive years but not to exceed four years.

Note: Although bachelor-level courses will not require expertise in the biblical languages, certain courses in the B.Th. and B.Div. level degree programs will have flexibility to permit earning of graduate-level credit toward the Master of Divinity degree by completing additional Master level requirements as those courses are taken. This will enhance the ability of those students who initially were not pursuing an M.Div. degree to more easily transition and for spiritually gifted men to pursue pastoral training as well as both spiritually gifted men and women to pursue the graduate-level M.Div. degree.

Note: The frequency for offering certain courses and some scheduling adjustments may be required depending upon student enrollment.

Individual Courses

Individual courses may be taken for credit or audit.

III. Schedule of Courses

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	Fall Semester	January	Spring Semester
First Year*			
NT 201-A Greek I	4		
BT 301 Biblical Theology I	2		
ST 400 New Covenant Hermeneutics	2		
ST 401 Systematic Theology I	2		
HT 501 Historical Theology I	2		
ST 409-J Systematic Theology XI		2	
NT 200 New Testament Introduction			2
NT 201-B Greek I			4
ST 402 Systematic Theology II			2
ST 408 Systematic Theology VI			2
HT 502 Historical Theology II			2
Total First Year Course Hours: 26	12	2	12

*First year Hebrew I and Greek I (8 Hours Credit each) are available to be taught in Residence at the Seminary every other academic year, but are not currently available with Distance Learning Online (DLO). They may be taken from other sources and credit awarded upon successfully passing of biblical language placement tests.

Second Year

OT 102 Hebrew II	2		
NT 202 Greek II	2		
BT 303 Biblical Theology III	2		
ST 403 Systematic Theology III	2		
HT 503 Historical Theology III	2		
PT 601 Pastoral Theology I	2		
ST 410-J Systematic Theology X		2	
OT 103 Hebrew III			2
NT 204 Greek IV			2
BT 304 Biblical Theology IV			2
ST 404 Systematic Theology IV			2
HT 504 Historical Theology IV			2
PT 602 Pastoral Theology II			2
Total Second Year Course Hours: 26	12	2	12

Third Year

OT 104 Hebrew IV	2		
NT 203 Greek III	2		
BT 305 Biblical Theology V	2		
ST 405 Systematic Theology V	2		

HT 505	Historical Theology V	2		
PT 603	Pastoral Theology III	2		
ST 411-J	Systematic Theology XI		2	
OT 105	Hebrew V			2
NT 205	Greek V			2
BT 306	Biblical Theology VI			2
ST 406	Systematic Theology VI			2
HT 506	Historical Theology VI			2
PT 604	Pastoral Theology IV			2
Total Third Year Course Hours: 26		12	2	12

		Fall Semester	January	Spring Semester
Fourth Year				
HT 507	HT 507	2		
NT 206	Greek VI	2		
BT 307	Biblical Theology VII	2		
ST 407	Systematic Theology VII	2		
PT 605	Pastoral Theology V	2		
RES 700	Thesis Research or Pastoral Experience	2		
ST 413-J	Systematic Theology XIII		2	
TBD	Up to 4 Electives			8
NT 207	Greek VII			2
RES 702	Thesis			2
Total Fourth Year Course Hours: 26		12	2	12

UP TO A TOTAL OF 112 CREDIT HOURS PLANNED (96 REQUIRED) FOR THE M.DIV. DEGREE (64 credit hours required for a Bachelor of Theology-B.Th./Bachelor of Divinity-B.Div. Degree; 32 credit hours for a Diploma in Theological Studies).

The inaugural year for First Year Online courses begins with the Fall Semester 2013.