

Master of Divinity Degree Program

Africa Reformation Theological Seminary 2023

INTRODUCTION

The Master of Divinity (hereafter MDiv) degree program prepares graduates for pastoral ministry. The degree is offered particularly for ordained pastors and for students who plan to enter the ordained gospel ministry as a life calling. The MDiv equips in the functional areas of biblical knowledge, interpretation proficiency, application competence, and preaching and communication skills in order to understand and interpret the Scriptures so as to properly handle and preach the Word of God and to build up Christ's church. Each book of the Bible is studied in the curriculum, with some books considered in great depth. The program also entails significant study of Greek, Hebrew, systematic theology, historical theology, biblical counseling, world missions, practical theology, and preaching. The comprehensive and demanding curriculum also addresses and develops the church leadership and managerial skills necessary to be effective in a rapidly changing social and congregational environment. The degree is designed to prepare men for effective pastoral ministry in the local church and leadership in denominations, thus enabling the development and shepherding of healthy, God-centered, Christ-exalting, Bible-soaked, world missions-mobilizing, evangelism-passionate, and good-deed-zealous worshipping communities.

The MDiv degree prepares men for various ordained church ministries (pastor, associate pastor, church planter, evangelist, teacher, missionary) and both men and women for various spheres of service inside and outside the church (e.g., education, administration, counseling, government, business, industry, and development). The over-all goal of the program is to equip leaders for gospel-driven ministry. The degree is designed for students with an interest in entering or advancing their careers in pastoral ministry or church leadership.

The MDiv is offered worldwide as a three or four-year program for full-time students, ordinarily in the range of 100 to 120 credits. It is a professional degree program designed to train church leadership practitioners. The length of the program is dictated by the student's need to study all the books of the Bible, to learn the biblical languages of Greek and Hebrew as tools required to understand texts in the original languages, to develop skills in exegesis of biblical texts and communication competencies to preach texts, to study the history of the church and its theological developments, and to consider the wide range of the application of theology to the practice of ministry. The Africa Reformation Theological Seminary (hereafter ARTS) MDiv program meets these world standards, requiring 116 credits for completion of the degree. All but one ARTS course carries two credit hours (one course comprises 4 credits). Each course entails 600 to 1000 pages of reading and between 25 and 45 pages of written assignments. Many courses require formal research papers. The program entails a culminating project and paper that addresses the practice of biblical ministry in a concrete situation.

The MDiv degree is not an academic master's program in that it does not build on a specific undergraduate field of study. Applicants are encouraged to gain a wide exposure in the first degree in subjects such as history, philosophy, literature, anthropology, the humanities, geography and sociology. The ARTS program reflects the world-wide current standards for graduate-level professional (practitioner) theological education.

The MDiv degree and the Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling (MABC) degree may both be earned by the same student. ARTS does not grant any other combination of two degrees. Either the MABC or the MDiv degree may be earned first. The student desiring to earn both degrees will be advised to finish one degree before being admitted to the second degree program. Added 27.11.17

1.1 Rationale

The Need

ARTS seeks to address the ever-increasing need for training and equipping pastors and church leaders for the burgeoning African church. African pastors have a great need for formal biblical and theological education. Uganda and Africa need well-trained church pastors and leaders in order to protect the churches from being vulnerable to false teaching, false gospels, syncretism, and enslaving, confusing and Bible-distorting cults. The proliferation of pastors who mislead and use congregations for self-agendas and aggrandizement also results. The growth in Africa of western-generated cults and indigenous African cults stems almost exclusively from churches in which nominalism prevails and congregations have not been taught the truths of God's Word.

The Opportunity

Africa, the earth's second largest continent and second most populous, will grow from 1.216 billion (2016) to 2.39 billion by 2050 and will then be able to claim that 1 in 4 humans are African. Uganda, ranked the 65th largest nation in 1960 (6.7 million), will grow from 40.3 million in 2016 (35th global rank) to 61.9 million in 2030 (25th rank), to 101.8 million in 2050 (18th global rank), and then astoundingly to 205 million in 2100 and become the 10th largest country on earth.¹

Africa had 350 million Christians (all denominations) in 2000, and that number is projected to grow, at a rate of 20,000 per day, to 600 million by 2025, at which time Africa will have more professing Christians than any other continent.² However, the church in Africa is susceptible to legalism, moralism, syncretism, cultism, nominalism, antinomianism, and militant Islam. Where will the pastors and leaders be trained for biblical, gospel-driven, grace-saturated, Christ-exalting churches? Each new generation is an unreached people group. What a huge need, opportunity, and challenge the church faces in Africa.

ARTS is positioned to make a significant contribution and impact for the training of pastors and church leaders for Ugandan and Africa. ARTS will train a select group of highly qualified, motivated, and determined church leaders, many of whom are already seasoned pastors. After having been trained and equipped through the Seminary's MDiv curriculum that is Bible-soaked, theology-driven, and practitioner-oriented, these leaders will, in turn, teach and minister to hundreds and thousands of people over a lifetime. Some 99% of African pastors have no formal training and cannot afford it. ARTS brings affordable, Reformation-shaped seminary education to Africa in order to impact a needy Uganda and continent with pastors, church planters, evangelists, biblical counselors, and churches who are passionate for Scripture alone, Christ alone, grace alone, faith alone, and to God alone be the glory.

1.2 Programme objectives:

- Educate, train and form already-ordained pastors and future pastors for official ordained ministries of instruction and leadership in the church as pastors, preachers, teachers, evangelists, church planters, and missionaries;
- Educate, train, and equip men and women for various spheres of non-ordained service both inside and outside of the church in teaching, administration, spiritual leadership, and nurture;
- Train to interpret the whole Bible and individual portions of Scripture accurately;
- Impart a sound understanding of the main themes of Scripture in their systematic relations and the ability to articulate the Reformed system of faith and practice;
- Teach the student to apply Scripture's instruction and theology to the church and to individuals through preaching, worship, liturgy and sacraments, spiritual nurture, membership training, leadership recruitment and training, evangelism, and "discipleship" or developing people to be life-long learners and followers of Christ;
- Impart an understanding of various Christian traditions and non-Christian systems of thought and the ability to articulate the gospel and biblical positions with persuasiveness and compassion;
- Teach and model the character required for effective ministry including prayerfulness, humility, love for the triune God, his Word, his truth, and his church, love for the gospel of grace, Christ-like servant leadership, and love and self-denying service in relationships to all peoples;
- Equip pastors and leaders for gospel-driven ministry;
- Meet the church's academic requirements for ordination as teaching elders or ministers of the gospel.

1.3 Learning outcomes:

Upon graduation, the MDiv student will:

- Demonstrate ability to interpret Old Testament and New Testament individual portions of Scripture which requires an understanding of the original language, identifies the text's central theme and argument in light of its literary context, occasion, and purpose, and relates the text to its place in the covenantal history of redemption;
- Prepare and preach a sermon that appropriately uses the biblical languages, literary analysis, historical and covenantal settings to proclaim and apply the text's central theme and purpose in a manner that is appropriate to the church's present cultural context, is sensitive to the perspectives

¹http://www.ifs.du.edu/ifs/fm_CountryProfile.aspx?Country=UG; <http://www.worldometers.info/world-population/uganda-population/>.

²Lamin Sanneh 2003, *Whose Religion is Christianity?: The Gospel Beyond the West*, Grand Rapids, William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 41.

and needs of men, women, and children of diverse groups and is motivated and driven by gospel-proclamation;

- Demonstrate understanding of Reformed theology, the biblical worldview and gospel of grace it articulates, and the systematic interconnections of biblical doctrines;
- Demonstrate ability to articulate the system of doctrine contained in the Westminster Standards and the Three Forms of Unity (the confessional standards for ARTS) and the importance of this system for biblical, systematic, and practical theology; and further, how to integrate this system of doctrine into life, ministry, worship, church practice, and world missions;
- Demonstrate understanding of dogmatic development in the history of the church and the implications of theological ideas for personal, church, ministry and mission practice;
- Demonstrate understanding of the perspectives, practices, and rationales of various African churches and religions, both biblical and non-biblical, and how biblical truth and the gospel can be articulated to these groups;
- Demonstrate understanding of the knowledge and skills needed to provide leadership to a congregation in worship, sacraments, pastoral counseling, membership training, leadership and officer recruitment and training, reformation, revitalization, revival, evangelism, world missions, and mercy ministries;
- Exhibit a deep love for the triune God, his Word, his truth, his church, for the gospel of grace and exhibit the growing prayerfulness, humility, integrity, teachability, perseverance, self-discipline and self-denial that demonstrates the godly character and spiritual maturity required for ordained, servant leadership as a shepherd in Christ's church and for a minister of the gospel to society.
- Fulfill the church's academic requirements for ordination as a teaching elder or a minister of the gospel.

1.4 Career Prospects

Graduates may be employed as pastor, associate pastor, evangelist, church planter, trainer of church planters, director of cell groups and discipleship ministries, church director of children's ministries, church director of youth ministries, church director of men's ministries, church director of women's ministries, church director of specialized ministries (e.g., ministries to prisoners, the disabled, the hearing impaired, the blind, refugees, orphans, widows), school chaplains, school teachers at various levels, after receiving the proper educational credentials as required by the state, of subjects like Christian Religious Education or Divinity at various grade levels, undergraduate degree lecturer, university administrator, university consultant, NGO founder, NGO developer, NGO director, NGO consultant, and church consultant.

1.5 Admission Requirements

1. Students admitted to the MDiv degree program must submit proof of a first or bachelor's degree or its equivalent from a higher education institution recognized by NCHE. This degree may be in any relevant field;
2. Applicants must have a credible profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and a genuine desire and internal call to serve Christ and His church;
3. Applicants must have the endorsement of his or her church;
4. Applicants must submit two academic and two church references;
5. Applicants must demonstrate competence in general computer skills, Biblical Hebrew and New Testament Greek as the tools required for graduate level theological studies and research. The Seminary will facilitate courses for students who do not meet the computer and language requirements.

1.6 Assessment

Continuous Assessment

Students will be required to complete all course work assignments. Course work will consist of assignments such as reading and reading response papers, book reviews, research papers, exegetical papers, theological papers, historical-theological papers, practical theology papers, sermons, class presentations, quizzes and tests; and group projects. Together these will constitute 40% to 70% of the final assessment of the course.

Examinations

Students will also be required to write a course end-of-semester examination that will contribute 30% to 60% of the final assessment. To pass this exam for final grading, a candidate must attain a grade of 50% on this final exam.

The student's combined marks will constitute 40%-70% coursework and 30%-60% final examination. The student's performance will be indicated by the letter grades and grade points as given below:

Marks	Letter Grade	Grade Point	Interpretation
80-100	A	5	Excellent
75-79	B+	4.5	Very Good
70-74	B	4.0	Good
65-69	C+	3.5	Fair
60-64	C	3.0	Pass
55-59	D	2.5	Compensatory Pass
0-54	F	0	Fail

Credit shall be earned when a student has obtained at least the Pass Mark (60%) in each course in which he/she had been assessed. In other words, no credit shall be earned in a course in which a student has failed the Assessment.

The Master of Divinity Project

This project will be assessed in accordance with the NCHE guidelines for such and will include an oral defense.

1.7 Program Duration and Graduation requirements

Three years is required for the full-time student to complete the MDiv program and six years for the part-time student. Graduation requires 116 credits (including a Project and Project Paper) and four Mentored Internships. To qualify for the award of the Master of Divinity degree, a student must also have attained a CGPA of no less than 3.0.

1.9 Programme Structure

Bridging Module: New Testament Greek

Understanding the fundamentals of the Greek language is essential to the interpretation of the original New Testament biblical texts. MDiv students are therefore required to show a high level of competence in reading and translating the Greek NT text. The Seminary will provide a bridge module of New Testament Greek to students who do not have the required background. This module carries no credits towards the MDiv program. **The bridging module is expected to take 6 hours per day for nineteen (19) days of class and will be conducted before the beginning of the first semester.** Students with the required knowledge in Greek do not need to do this module but will be required to pass a Greek Competence Examination.

Bridging Module: Biblical Hebrew

Understanding the fundamentals of the Hebrew language is essential to the interpretation of the original Old Testament biblical texts. MDiv students are therefore required to show a high level of competence in reading and translating the Hebrew OT text. The Seminary will provide a bridge module of Biblical Hebrew to students who do not have the required background. This module carries no credits towards the MDiv program. **The bridging module is expected to take 6 hours per day for three weeks and will be conducted in the recess start after the end of the first semester.** Students with the required knowledge in Hebrew do not need to do this module but will be required to pass a Hebrew Competence Examination.

Computation of Credit Units

In the computation of the Credit Units in the curriculum matrix below, we use the following guide from the NCHE.

1. 1CH = 1LH = 2PH = 2TH
2. 1LH means one hour or 60 Mins of Classroom instruction.
3. 1CU = 15CH = 15LH = 30TH = 30PH

LH – Lecture Hour
 CU – Credit Unit
 TH – Tutorial Hour
 PH – Practical Hour
 CH – Contact Hour

Year 1 Semester 1

During this semester, the student will take the first portion of the foundational and prerequisite courses.

Course Code and Name	LH	PH/TH	CH	CU
CT1101 Computer Applications in Research	15	30	30	2
PT1101 Communications and Research Writing	30		30	2
OT1101 Introduction to the Bible and Bible Survey	30		30	2
NT1101 New Testament Survey	30		30	2
NT1104 Gospel of John	30		30	2
BC1101 Introduction to Biblical Counseling	30		30	2
ST1101 Bible Interpretation	30		30	2
ST1102 The Doctrine of Scripture and God	30		30	2
ST1103 The Doctrine of Man	30		30	2
Total				18

Year 1 Semester 2

During this semester, the student will take the remaining portion of the foundational and prerequisite courses.

Course Code and Name	LH	CH	CU
AP1201 Introduction to Apologetics	30	30	2
BC1202 Marriage and Family Counseling	30	30	2
NT1203 Unity of the Bible and Covenant Theology	30	30	2
ST1204 Introduction to Reformed Theology	30	30	2
OT1202 Genesis	30	30	2
OT1203 Exodus through Deuteronomy	30	30	2
PT1204 Biblical Principles of Christian Education and Discipleship	30	30	2
Elective (Optional)			
NT1202 Advanced Greek Exegesis	30	30	2
Total			14 or 16

Award of a Postgraduate Certificate (PGC) in Biblical Studies

Students who have successfully completed the first year courses and have gained at least 32 credit units and who for any reason wish to terminate their studies may be awarded a postgraduate certificate in biblical studies.

Year 2 Semester 1

The student will build on the year 1 foundational courses by taking more courses in the different fields of theology.

Course Code and Name	LH	PH/TH	CH	CU
MS2101 Introduction to World Missions	30		30	2

ST2105 The Doctrine of the Person and Work of Christ	30		30	2
ST2106 The Doctrine of Redemption and the Holy Spirit	30		30	2
PT2102 Preaching I	20	20	30	2
NT2105 Synoptic Gospels	30		30	2
NT2106 Lukan Writings	30		30	2
OT2104 Historical Books	30		30	2
BC2103 Premarital Counseling	30		30	2
BC2104 Advanced Marriage and Family Counseling	30		30	2
PT2109 Personal Evangelism	25	10	30	2
Total				20

Year 2 Semester 2

The student will continue to build on the foundational courses by taking more courses in the different fields of Theology.

Course Code and Name	LH	PH/TH	CH	CU
HT2201 Early & Medieval Church History	30		30	2
HT2202 Reformation & Modern Church History	30		30	2
PT2203 Preaching II	20	20	30	2
NT2207 Romans	30		30	2
MS2202 Introduction to Islam and African Islam	30		30	2
MS2252 Biblical Church Planting	30		30	2
PT2212 Church Growth, Revitalization and Revival	30		30	2
PT2213 Pastoral Ministry, Covenant Theology and the Sacraments	30		30	2
PT2215 Research Methodologies	30		30	2
PT3216 Master of Divinity Project				4
PT2214 Leadership and Administration in the Local Church	30		30	2
Total				24

Award of a Postgraduate Diploma (PGD) in Divinity

Students who have successfully completed the second year courses and have gained at least 72 credit units and who for any reason wish to terminate their studies may be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Divinity. Such students shall be required to undertake an industrial attachment in a church or Christian Ministry (or two mentored internships) approved by the Seminary for at least two months and write a report.

Year 3 Semester 1

Having completed approximately one-half of the courses in the MDiv degree, students will draw upon material learned during the first two years of study as a foundation to increase preparation, skill, and effectiveness in the mentored internship experience. Mentored internships may occur between semesters but may also be accomplished during the semester.

Course Code and Name	LH	CH	CU
ST3107 The Doctrine of the Church and the Means of Grace	30	30	2
ST3108 The Doctrine of Last Things	30	30	2

ST3109 Contemporary World and African Theology	30	30	2
PT3105 Church Government and Discipline	30	30	2
PT3106 Prayer and the Christian Worker's Personal Life	30	30	2
PT3107 Women, Children and Youth Ministry	30	30	2
OT3106 The Prophets	30	30	2
PT3111 Public Worship & Music	30	30	2
PT3110 Conflict Resolution and Peacemaking	30	30	2
Electives (Choose One)			
NT3108 Corinthians I and II	30	30	2
NT3109 Galatians	30	30	2
NT3110 Prison Letters	30	30	2
NT3111 Pastoral Letters	30	30	2
Total			20

PT3001-PT3020 Mentored Internships

Mentored Internships will be done in the following ministry areas: teaching, evangelism, campus ministry, cell group ministry, children's and youth ministry, preaching, the practice of church government, counseling, church planting, discipling and educational ministries, worship and music, women's ministry, mercy ministry, biblical worldview and justice ministry, and other areas as approved by the Dean.

Year 3 Semester 2

Students will continue with the semester courses and complete the mentored internships. At the end of the semester and upon receiving approval, students will work on the Independent Study course on Denominational Studies.

Course Code and Name	LH	PH/TH	CH	CU
OT3205 Poetry and Wisdom Literature	30		30	2
HT3204 The History of the Church and Missions in Africa)	30		30	2
HT3205 Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion	30		30	2
ST3210 The Westminster Confession and Catechisms	30		30	2
ST3211 Christian Ethics	30		30	2
PT3208 Preaching III	20	20	30	2
MS3203 Local Church Ministries and African Realities	30		30	2
AP3202 Contemporary African Cults and African Traditional Religion	30		30	2
PT3215 Denominational Studies				2
Electives (Choose One)				
NT3212 Hebrews	30		30	2
NT3213 General Letters	30		30	2
NT3214 Revelation	30		30	2
Total				20

PT3216 Master of Divinity Project (4 credits)

This course is the concluding and culminating course of the Master of Divinity programme. It is designed to help the student to prepare and to write the MDiv project and entails tutorials on writing a personal confession of faith and tutorials on research writing for the project. It also prepares the student for a defense of the project.

2.0. Summary of Courses According to Departments

The credits for the required courses for each department are in parentheses. All courses are 2 credit hours unless noted.

Genesis and Old Testament (12)

OT1101 Introduction to the Bible and Old Testament Survey

OT1202 Genesis

OT1203 Exodus through Deuteronomy

OT2104 Historical Books

OT3205 Poetry and Wisdom Literature

OT3106 Prophets

OT0101 Hebrew I (non-credit required course)

OT0102 Hebrew II (non-credit required course)

OT0103 Hebrew III (non-credit required course)

These three non-credit required courses are equivalent to 6 credits. Hebrew is offered to students who do not meet the Hebrew entry requirement. Note: A student has the option of “testing out” of **Hebrew I, II and III, i.e. passing a Hebrew competency examination in place of enrolling in and passing the three Hebrew courses.**

New Testament (18)

NT1101 New Testament Survey

NT1203 Unity of the Bible and Covenant Theology

NT1204 Gospel of John

NT2105 Synoptic Gospels

NT2106 Lukan Writings

NT2207 Romans

New Testament Elective Courses (additional required courses): Select three (3) courses or six (6) credits from the following):

NT3108 I and II Corinthians

NT3109 Galatians

NT3110 Prison Letters

NT3111 Pastoral Letters

NT3212 Hebrews

NT3213 General Letters

NT3214 Revelation

New Testament Greek (three non-credit required courses; equivalent to 6 credits; offered to students who do not meet the New Testament Greek entry requirements)

Note: The student has the option of “testing out” of Greek I, II and III, i.e. passing a Greek competency examination in place of enrolling in and passing the three Greek courses.

NT0101 Greek I (Introduction to NT Greek; **non-credit, required**)

NT0102 Greek II (Introduction to NT Greek, part 2; **non-credit, required**)

NT0103 Greek III (Basic Principles of Greek Exegesis through translation and exegetical study of the NT letter of I John; **non-credit, required**)

Note: NT0101, NT0102 and NT0103 are non-credit, required courses and prerequisites for all NT book courses with exegesis components—i.e., all NT courses except NT1203 and NT1101. A student excelling in NT0101, NT0102 and NT0103 may be invited by the Greek lecturer to enroll in NT1202 Advanced Greek Exegesis as a credit course.

NT1202 Advanced Greek Exegesis (an exegetical study of the NT letter of Ephesians); credit for one NT elective is granted for completion; **optional for qualified students recommended by the Greek lecturer.**

Systematic Theology (22)

ST1101 Bible Interpretation

ST1204 Introduction to Reformed Theology

ST1102 The Doctrine of Scripture, God

ST1103 The Doctrine of Man

ST2105 The Doctrine of the Person and Work of Christ

ST2106 The Doctrine of Redemption and the Holy Spirit

ST3107 The Doctrine of the Church and the Means of Grace

ST3108 The Doctrine of Last Things

ST3211 Christian Ethics

ST3109 Contemporary World and African Theology

ST3210 The Westminster Confession and Catechisms

Historical Theology (8)

HT2201 Early & Medieval Church History

HT2202 Reformation & Modern Church History

HT3204 Church and Missions History in Africa

HT3205 Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion

Practical Theology (28)

PT2102 Preaching I

PT2203 Preaching II

PT3208 Preaching III

PT1101 Communications and Research Writing

PT3106 Prayer and the Christian Worker's Personal Life

PT1204 Biblical Principles of Christian Education and Discipleship

PT2214 Leadership and Administration in the Local Church

PT2109 Personal Evangelism

PT3105 Biblical Church Government and Discipline

PT3107 Women's, Children's, and Youth Ministry

PT3110 Church Conflict Resolution and Biblical Peacemaking

PT3111 Public Worship & Music

PT2213 Pastoral Ministry, Covenant Theology, and the Sacraments

PT2212 Church Growth, Revitalization, and Revival

Missions (8)

MS2101 Introduction to World Missions

MS2252 Biblical Church Planting

MS3203 Local Church Ministries and African Realities

MS2202 Introduction to Islam and African Islam

Biblical Counseling (8)

BC1101 Introduction to Biblical Counseling

BC1202 Marriage and Family Counseling

BC2103 Premarital Counseling

BC2104 Advanced Marriage and Family Counseling

Apologetics (4)

AP1201 Introduction to Apologetics

AP3202 Contemporary African Cults and African Traditional Religion

CT0101 Computer Applications in Research (2)

(non-credit, required; equivalent to 2 credits) This course is offered to students who do not meet the computer technology entry requirement. Note: A student has the option of "testing out" of **CT0101 Computer Applications in Research i.e. passing a computer competency examination in place of enrolling in and passing CT010.**

PT3215 Denominational Studies (2)

Each student will select one course from the following:

PT3215 Denominational Studies (PCU) Presbyterian Church in Uganda: History, Polity, and

Ordination; under ordination, this course includes a section on the procedures and preparation for licensure and ordination in PCU presbyteries;

PT3215 Denominational Studies (RPCU) Reformed Presbyterian Church in Uganda: History, Polity, and Ordination; under ordination, this course includes a section on the procedures and preparation for licensure and ordination in RPCU presbyteries;

PT3215 Denominational Studies (AEPC) African Evangelical Presbyterian Church: History, Polity, and Ordination; under ordination this course includes a section on the procedures and preparation for licensure and ordination in AEPC presbyteries;

PT3215 Denominational Studies (COU) Church of Uganda (Anglican): History, Polity, and Ordination; under ordination this course includes a section on the procedures and preparation for licensure and ordination in the COU;

PT3215 Denominational Studies (PAG) Pentecostal Assembly of God Church: History, Polity, and Ordination; under ordination this course includes a section on the procedures and preparation for licensure and ordination in the PAG;

PT3215 Denominational Studies (Denomination or Church name of which the student is a member) A student from another church or denomination will study and write on the history, polity, and ordination procedures and preparation of their church.

PT2215 Research Methodology (2)

PT3216 Master of Divinity Project (4)

This course is designed as the concluding and culminating course of the MDiv program. This course does not require classroom lectures. In this course, the student is required to: (1) write a confession of faith stating the student's theological beliefs (6–12 pages); and (2) complete the "Project and Project Paper," which is a faculty-supervised independent study, reflection, and research project on a topic that addresses the practice of biblical ministry in a church-based or church-building setting. The topic is selected by the student and approved by the supervisor. See the course syllabus and assignments for details.

Ordination and non-ordination tracks

The above 64 courses (57 are for credit) comprise the ordination track for men pursuing pastoral ordination or for ordained pastors seeking further training. The non-ordination track substitutes three courses for the three preaching courses and one course for PT3215 Denominational Studies as approved by the Academic Dean.

PT3001–3020 Mentored Internships

Four (4) non-credit Mentored Internships (rated at 2 credits each) are required for the MDiv degree. Mentored Internships will be done in the following ministry areas: teaching, evangelism, campus ministry, cell group ministry, children's and youth ministry, preaching, the practice of church government, counseling, church planting, discipling and educational ministries, worship and music, women's ministry, mercy ministry, biblical worldview and justice ministry, and other areas as approved by the Dean.

Total required courses: 64 (57 are credit courses and 7 courses, Greek I, II, III, Hebrew I, II and III and CT010 Computer Applications in Research, are required, non-credit courses)

Total required credits: 116 (with the 7 non-credit required courses, Greek I, II and III, Hebrew I, II and III and CT0101, the total is 130 credits)

Note: A student has the option of "testing out" of Greek I, II, III, Hebrew I, II and III and CT010 Computer Applications in Research, by passing competency examinations.
