

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Purpose

The Master of Divinity (MDiv) program is intended to equip persons for ordained ministry in The United Church of Canada and other denominations as well as other forms of ministry such as pastoral care, pastoral counselling, careers in the non-profit sector, Christian education and chaplaincy. This program may also lead to advanced degree study and therefore MDiv students have the option of writing a thesis.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the MDiv, graduates will:

Religious Faith and Heritage

- Demonstrate knowledge of the Christian heritage, and articulate clearly their own theological positions.
- Interpret scripture and Christian texts using a variety of methods, sources, and norms.
- Identify and respect the diversity of theological viewpoints and practices within the Christian tradition.

Culture and Context

- Demonstrate critical understanding for ordered and lay ministries of the relationship between faith practices and cultural contexts.
- Employ diverse methods of contextual analysis.
- Give evidence of critical self-awareness with regard to their own and other faith perspectives and practices.

Spiritual/Vocational Formation

- Demonstrate understanding of the variety of callings and spiritual practices within the Christian tradition, and an ability to reflect critically on their own sense of call to leadership and service.
- Attend to the spiritual development and well-being of self and others.
- Display capacity for self-reflexive and spiritual practices within communities of faith.

Ministerial and Public Leadership

- Demonstrate initiative, responsibility, and accountability in personal relationships and group contexts.
- Demonstrate knowledge of theories and practices relevant to congregational and community leadership.
- Show ability to integrate theory and practice.

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Summary

10 courses in each of Levels I, II and III, for a total of 30 credits, with required Emmanuel College Core Courses, Electives and additional requirements in each Level. Electives may be used to develop professional or academic specialization in particular areas. The degree may be completed purely on a part-time basis and up to eight years are allowed for completion.

Preparation & Orientation

Preparatory work and entrance Orientation event are required for all entering students.

<u>Level I</u>	<u>Level II</u>	<u>Level III</u>
EMB 1003 Old Testament I EMB 1501 New Testament I --H1010 History of Christianity I EMP 1101 Worship I EMP 1601 Context & Ministry EMB 1506 New Testament II EMP 1431 Education & Faith Formation EMT 1101 Theology I ¹ EMP 1301 Homiletics I ¹ EMP 1741 Leadership in Church and Congregation ¹	EMF 3020 Contextual Education EMT 2902 Christian Ethics in Context ¹ EMP 2861 Songs of the Church ¹ Elective (Open or Designated) Elective (Open or Designated) EMF 3020 Contextual Education ² EMB 2004 Old Testament II ¹ --H2010 History of Christianity II ¹ EMT 2102 Theology II ¹ Elective (Open or Designated) Colloquium II ⁴	EMT 3451 Mission & Religious Pluralism ¹ Elective (Open or Designated) Elective (Open or Designated) Elective (Open or Designated) Elective (Open or Designated) EMF 3130 Ministry Seminar ^{1,3} Elective (Open or Designated) Elective (Open or Designated) Elective (Open or Designated) Elective (Open or Designated) Colloquium III ⁴
Colloquium I ⁴		

¹ Prerequisite(s) required, or permission of the instructor; see course descriptions and Glossary for specific requirements

² A year-long course to be taken at Level II only

³ Courses to be taken in Level III only

⁴ A seminar on a topic of relevance to contemporary contexts of theological education and ministry, offered once each semester and designed to facilitate curricular goals across basic degree programs. At least one colloquium must be completed/attended in every level of each program.

The first 5 courses will normally be offered in the fall session, and the last 5 in the winter session of each academic year. Where prerequisites permit, Level II courses may be taken before Level I courses. Of the 11 Electives, 5 are Open (or undesignated), 6 are Designated and must include courses in each of the following areas:

- Bible (can be Hebrew or Greek)
- History or Theology or Ethics
- Pastoral Care or Christian Education
- Worship or Homiletics
- Spirituality (at Emmanuel) – see entry of Spirituality in Glossary
- Elective (Denominational) – see entry of Denominational in Glossary

Students may use two electives from Level III to write a MDiv thesis. Those considering post-graduate studies may need to take extra courses.

Emmanuel College M.Div. Program Checklist

Name: _____ Student #: _____ Date Admitted: _____

Checklist Updated by: _____ Date Updated: _____

Course or Activity	Transfer or Advanced Standing Credit, or Approved Alternative	Term Completed
Required Courses and Activities		
Level 1		
Orientation		
EMB 1003 Old Testament 1		
EMB 1501 New Testament 1		
___ H 1010 History of Christianity 1		
EMP 1101 Worship 1		
EMP 1601 Context and Ministry		
EMB 1506 New Testament 2		
EMP 1431 Education and Faith Formation		
EMT 1101 Theology 1		
EMP 1301 Homiletics 1		
EMP 1741 Practical Theology for Church & Community		
Colloquium 1		
Level 2		
EMF 3020 Contextual Education (Fall)		
EMT 2902 Christian Ethics in Context		
EMP 2861 Songs of the Church		
EMF 3020 Contextual Education (Winter)		
EMB 2004 Old Testament 2		
___ H 2010 History of Christianity 2		
<input type="checkbox"/> EMT 2102 Theology 2 <i>or</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> KNT 3271 Doctrines of Reconciliation		
Colloquium 2		
Level 3		
EMF 3101 Ministry Seminar		
EMT 3451 Mission and Religious Pluralism		
Colloquium 3		
Designated Electives		
	Bible (OT, NT, or Hebrew or Greek)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> History, <input type="checkbox"/> Theology, or <input type="checkbox"/> Ethics	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Care or <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Education	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Worship or <input type="checkbox"/> Homiletics	
	Spirituality (at Emmanuel)	
	Denominational	
Open Electives		

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 Elective (Denominational) – see entry of Denominational in Glossary

MASTER OF DIVINITY: THESIS

There are two alternative kinds of MDiv thesis, each with a different goal. The first provides opportunity for a student to demonstrate the ability to complete a substantial research project by undertaking text-based research on a defined body of literature. This version of a thesis has a clearly stated research issue or problem; provides a careful description of the field; and offers a concise analysis that proposes a creative response to the issue or problem. The second provides opportunity for a student to concentrate on ministry practice by stating clearly the nature of an issue, problem or question; by integrating diverse parts of the program of study in order to understand and explain the subject of the thesis; and by suggesting an insightful pastoral response to it. The thesis should be clearly written, well organized and show evidence of good to excellent critical skills.

Ordinarily students will need to have a minimum overall average of 80% in courses taken to the time of the request to write a thesis, will have completed at least two courses in the area of the thesis with a minimum grade of 83% in each, and will have demonstrated research skills appropriate to the subject area of the thesis.

Standards

1. The thesis will be 10,000 - 15,000 words (40-60 pages) including the bibliography.
2. The proposal and thesis should follow standard academic form and style.
3. Grading will be according to the TST basic degree grading scale.
4. The submission date of the thesis is March 24.

Procedures to Register MDiv Thesis

The thesis counts as two credits in the MDiv program. It is to be completed over the period of the whole fall and winter sessions.

When registering for the last credit group of courses for the MDiv program the student registers the thesis using the course designator TSX3334YY.

Near the completion of twenty courses in the MDiv program the student chooses a subject area (Bible, History, Pastoral or Theology) for the thesis and finds a TST professor (normally from Emmanuel and is not an adjunct) who agrees to act as thesis advisor by April, i.e., a year ahead of completion. After due consultation with the thesis advisor, the student submits to the Basic Degree Committee, **no later than May 30**, a thesis proposal, signed by the student's proposed thesis advisor, of no more than five pages with a preliminary bibliography of approximately three pages. He/she includes with the proposal a recommendation for a second faculty advisor. Examples of thesis proposals are available in the Registrar's office.

The Basic Degree Committee, after examining the student's transcript and ascertaining that he/she has the background to undertake the thesis, appoints the thesis advisor, formally approves the thesis proposal and the second faculty reader.

The thesis advisor consults with the student through to completion of the thesis.

The thesis advisor and second reader evaluate the thesis, and each provides a written report to the student. Each submits a grade for the thesis to the Emmanuel College Registrar, who averages them for the final thesis grade.