



WEST FLORIDA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Master of Divinity

OVERVIEW

The Master of Divinity is considered the professional degree of ministry. It is often the requirement for ministerial employment, and it serves as the prerequisite for entrance into most doctorate programs. Our Master of Divinity consist of 96 credit hours in which 12 of those credit hours make up a concentration in either Biblical Exposition, Theology, Apologetics, Counseling, or Preaching. The student may customize their degree to fit their specific ministry needs by choosing a concentration. Our Master of Divinity is purposefully heavy in the area of Bible (48 credit hours), Theology (18 credit hours), and Apologetics (15 credit hours). We desire our graduates to have advanced knowledge and skills in the area of theology and biblical exposition combined with the ability to gracefully articulate and defend their biblical view. The capstone of the degree is the student's choice of a thesis, ministry project, or a comprehensive exam.

EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES

- Christlike character and spiritual maturity
- Develop a servant-hearted leadership
- Develop the ability to think critically and logically
- Employ a consistent literal-grammatical-historical hermeneutic for interpreting all of the Bible
- Understand the essential doctrines of orthodox Christianity
- Ability to articulate and defend the essential doctrines of the Christian faith
- A thorough understanding of the nature, structure, and narrative of the Bible
- An in-depth knowledge of context, purpose, argument, and theology of all 66 books in the Bible
- Identify basic biblical orthodoxy and orthopraxy and make proper application for the current reader
- Understanding of Biblical, Systematic, and Historical Theology
- Advanced understanding of Dispensational and Covenant Theology
- Communicate God's Word effectively through preaching or teaching

- Ability to evangelize culturally and cross-culturally
- Develop a complete Biblical Worldview with the ability to apply it to every area of life
- The ability to analyze, compare, and contrast worldviews that are antithetical to the Christian Worldview
- Be aware of the major contemporary social, cultural, and theological issues challenging Christianity today
- Develop the tools and skills necessary for further research and study so that you may cultivate a lifelong biblical learning process
- Enhance the ministerial skills needed for your calling such as, preaching, teaching, counseling, leadership, administration, education, evangelism, or spiritual formation

ADMISSION

Admission into the Master of Divinity requires a bachelor's degree. It, however, does not require a bachelor's degree in the area of Religion, Bible, or Theology. The remaining admission requirements are listed below.

- Complete online application
- Sign doctrinal agreement statement
- Provide a personal bio
- Supply two references (preferably one pastoral and one academic)
- Provide transcript(s)

TUITION

- 35.00 non-refundable application fee
- 150.00 per class
- 4835.00 total for classes
- Books are not included in price (est. 500.00)