

DENVER SEMINARY DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM

Master of Divinity Equivalency

The Association of Theological Schools requires a Master of Divinity or its equivalent to enter any accredited Doctor of Ministry program. A 3.0 GPA is required, but exceptions for extenuating circumstances may be granted by the D.Min Committee.

MDiv equivalency is defined as 72 graduate semester hours (or comparable graduate credits from other contexts) that represent broad-based work in theology, biblical studies, and the practice of ministry and that include a master's degree and significant ministerial leadership. Ministerial experience alone is not considered the equivalent of or a substitute for the master's degree.

The 72 semester hours of master's level work must include courses fulfilling the following content curriculum requirements:

<i>Content Areas</i>	<i>Semester Hrs</i>	<i>Course Curriculum Content</i>
Christian Doctrine	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding tasks, resources, and methods of theology. • Understanding the doctrines of revelation, Scripture, God, creation, providence, human person, sin, person and work of Christ, salvation, nature and mission of the church, major theological systems, and general and personal eschatology. • Application of the historical context and biblical foundation of these doctrines to life and ministry.
Apologetics and Ethics	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training in the practice of Christian apologetics and the skills involved in building a strong intellectual case for Christian theism. • Understanding and applying the tools used to discern non-Christian viewpoints, including naturalism, deism, pantheism, and postmodernism.
Biblical Interpretation	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the basic principles and methods for correct interpretation of Scripture and the essential methods for performing these tasks. • Understanding the history of interpretation and appropriate presuppositions, preunderstandings, and goals of interpretation. • Study of the different genres of both the Old and New Testaments.
Old Testament	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey of the historical background, key texts, and critical issues of the entire Old Testament from Genesis to Malachi. • Overview of God's plan as unveiled throughout the Old Testament, including what was required of His people throughout the history of the nation of Israel.
New Testament	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey of the historical background, key texts, and critical issues of the entire New Testament from Matthew to Revelation. • Overview of the life and work of Christ, including His essential teachings, the theology of evangelism, and the creation of the early church.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application of New Testament teachings to contemporary life and a theology of evangelism. • Coursework should include preparation of an inductive Bible study focused on a New Testament passage of choice.
Homiletics	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the basics of sermon preparation and delivery. • Preparation and delivery of at least two biblically grounded sermons.
Intercultural Ministry	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of the Biblical foundations, historical development, and socio-cultural context of the church's mission task and the methodological implementation issues involved, both overseas and in North America. • Overview of an effective program of mission in the local church.

Pastoral Skills – Additional Requirement

Greek Exegesis <u>either 6</u>	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two survey courses in Greek exegesis, such as a course in the Greek exegesis of selected portions of Romans and a course in the Greek exegesis of the book of James, will meet the curriculum content of this content area.
<u>or 3</u>	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This curriculum content can also be met through a survey course introducing the essential elements of Greek grammar, including an introduction to tools used in Greek language and exegesis. This survey course would include experience in the Greek exegesis of a portion of the New Testament and identify and demonstrate use of the best tools for Greek exegesis, including computer-based resources. An overview of how to avoid common pitfalls and fallacies in the use of the Greek language would also be included.

Equivalency work may be completed at any properly accredited school.

Below are Denver Seminary courses that correspond with the course curriculum content above.

* Also available online.

<i>Content Areas</i>	<i>Semester Hrs</i>	<i>Denver Seminary Course Codes</i>
Christian Doctrine (8)	3	TH 501 Survey of Christian Doctrine I *
	3	TH 502 Survey of Christian Doctrine II *
	2	Elective
Apologetics and Ethics	3	AE 501 Defending the Christian Faith <u>or</u> AE 601 Christian Ethics and Modern Culture*
Biblical Interpretation	2	BI 501 Effective Biblical Interpretation *
Old Testament (6)	3	OT 511 Understanding Early Israel & Its Wisdom Literature *
	3	OT 512 Understanding the Kingdom of Israel & Its Prophets *
New Testament (6)	3	NT 511 Understanding the Gospels & Acts *
	3	NT 512 Understanding the Epistles & Revelation *
Homiletics	3	HOM 612 Expository Preaching of New Testament Texts
Intercultural Ministry	2	IM 501 Introduction to Ministry in Intercultural Contexts

Pastoral Skills – Additional Requirement

Greek Exegesis (<u>either 6</u>)	3	NT 611 Using Greek in NT Exegesis
	3	NT 612 Greek Exegesis of James
(<u>or 3</u>)	3	NT 579 Using the Greek New Testament in Ministry (one-week intensive offered in July)