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Master of Divinity Degree

The Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree at AGTS is a leading edge program designed to enable:

- A deep grasp of God's mission in the world and its development throughout history to the present
- Skills for interpreting the Scriptures
- Appreciation for and experience of the empowering of God's Spirit in transformation and ministry
- Rigorous reflection on Christian truths
- Holistic leadership for engaging contemporary challenges
- Effective evangelism, disciple-making and meeting of community needs
- Practical competencies needed for ministry in a pluralistic society

The MDiv degree requires 78 credits of study. Students with a strong undergraduate background in religion who have successfully completed introductory courses in Bible, Theology, and Ministry may choose advanced courses instead (up to 30 credits). Course options enable students to adapt their program to fit their needs and interests while fulfilling requirements. The program prepares students for vocational ministries in the Church, teaching/writing vocations, and for further graduate studies in Bible and Theology, and Ministry.

In view of the competitive nature for entering military and hospital chaplaincies, students interested in these ministries are strongly encouraged to complete at least 90 credits.

OVERVIEW OF CURRICULUM

Mission of God & World Christianity	12
Bible & Theology	30
Practical Theology	24
Electives*	9
Field Education Research Project	3
Total	78

**Those with limited experience in ministry leadership must take one practicum as part of their electives.*

MDiv Degree Components and Requirements

1. The AGTS MDiv identifies courses as Foundation Courses and Advanced Courses. All Foundation Courses are required.
2. If a Foundation Course has been successfully completed with a grade of C or higher as an undergraduate, the student may take one of the Advanced Course options. (Several Foundation Courses define the AGTS educational vision and do not have alternatives.)
3. Students who have not taken 6 credits of pre-seminary or basic Greek at the undergraduate level must take it during their first year at AGTS (BGR 530 Greek 1A and BGR 531 Greek 1B in the AGTS curriculum, with a minimum grade of B in each) in addition to the 78 required credits. If the student is unable to take Greek IA and IB through regular seated classes, the courses are also offered through student to student and faculty to student mediated Distance Learning courses.
4. All AGTS Master's programs must be completed within a 10-year time limit, inclusive of any graduate courses transferred in from other schools. See the AGTS Office of Seminary Registration and Degree Audit for more information.

MISSION OF GOD AND WORLD CHRISTIANITY (12 CREDITS)

<u>Foundation Courses</u>	<u>Advanced Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>
BTH/MHT 501 Mission of God in Biblical & Contemporary Contexts		3
HIS/MHT 556 World Christianity I	PHI 633 Ethical Issues in Contemporary Society PHI 631/THE 628 Apologetics MCC/PTH 654 Pentecostal Perspectives on Justice, the Church & Society HIS 642 Sp. Stu. in Church History/Theology	3
HIS/MHT 557 World Christianity II	PHI 633 Ethical Issues in Contemporary Society PHI 631/THE 628 Apologetics MCC/PTH 654 Pentecostal Perspectives on Justice, the Church & Society HIS 642 Sp. Stu. in Church History/Theology	3
MCC/MHT 643 Anthropology & Communication in Theological Perspective		3

BIBLE AND THEOLOGY (30 CREDITS)

<u>Foundation Courses</u>	<u>Advanced Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>
BIB 532 Hermeneutics	BIB 637 Current Issues in Biblical Interpretation BNT 623, 624 Expository Preaching in the New Testament BOT 621, 622 Expository Preaching in the Old Testament BOT, BNT, BGR and BHE Book Study	3
BNT 530 New Testament Introduction	BIB 638 Bible Lands Studies BIB 640 Specialized Themes (NT) in Biblical Studies BNT 641 Specialized Exegetical Studies in NT BNT 533, 540, 541, 542 or BGR Book Study BTH 532 NT Theology BTH 640 Specialized Studies in Biblical Theology (NT)	3
BOT 530 Old Testament Introduction	BIB 638 Bible Lands Studies BIB 640 Specialized Themes in Biblical Studies (Old Testament) BOT 531, 538, 539, 540 or BHE Book Study BOT 641 Specialized Exegetical Studies in the Old Testament BTH 530 OT Theology BTH 640 Specialized Studies in Biblical Theology (OT)	3
HIS 532 History & Polity of AG	HIS 528 Pentecostal & Charismatic Movements HIS 642 History & Polity of Selected Denomination	3
<u>Foundation Courses</u>	<u>Advanced Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>
RES 531 Theological Research & Writing		3

THE 531 Systematic Theology I	THE 623 God, Revelation & Truth THE 624 Christ, Humanity in the Plan of God THE 628 Apologetics THE 639 Specialized Studies in Theology	3
THE 532 Systematic Theology II	BTH 635 Theology & Practice of Spiritual Gifts PHI 633 Ethical Issues in Contemporary Society THE 621 Person & Work of the Holy Spirit THE 625 Church, End Times & Eternity THE 639 Specialized Studies in Theology	
Two Biblical language courses beyond Greek IA and IB (BGR 530 and BGR 531)	BAR 630 Biblical Aramaic*** BGR 611 Inductive Studies in Greek NT I* BGR 612 Inductive Studies in Greek NT II* BGR 624, 625, 626 and 627** BGR 630 Specialized Readings in Greek NT and/or Hellenistic Greek** BHE 530 Hebrew 1A and BHE 531 Hebrew 1B BHE 633, 634, 635 and 637*** BHE 639 Specialized Studies in Hebrew OT*** BHE 640 Advanced Hebrew Exegesis***	6
One Bible or Theology Course	Any BIB, BNT, BOT BTH, THE, PHI course Any BGR, BHE Bible Book Study Any PCS course with Bible or Theology cross-listing (Excludes history cross-listing)	3

* Prerequisite: BGR 530 Greek IA and BGR 531 Greek IB

** Prerequisite: BGR 530 and 531 and BGR 611 and 612.

*** Prerequisite: BHE 530 Hebrew IA and BHE 531 Hebrew IB

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY (24 CREDITS)

<u>Foundation Courses</u>	<u>Advanced Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>
HOM 529 Communicating the Message I	HOM 633 Communicating the Message II Any Expository Preaching Course	3
HOM 633 Communicating the Message II		3
PTH 551 Effective Evangelism and Assimilation	PTH 530 Establishing New Churches (Church Planting Course)	3
PTH 557 Spiritual Formation of the Minister		3
PTH 522 Identity and Calling of the Spiritual Leader		3
PTH 559 Relational Dynamics in Ministry	A Leadership Elective Course	3
PTH 650 Building a Disciple-Making Ministry		3
PTH 653 Leading Christian Ministries		3

ELECTIVES (9 CREDITS)

Electives in Bible/Theology, Global Missions and/or Practical Theology

FIELD EDUCATION RESEARCH PROJECT (3 CREDITS)

PTH 556 Field Education Research Project¹

This summative course should be taken during the last year of study.

**See Biblical Language Requirements.*

1 See Field Education Research Manual.

Concentrations

Concentrations are not required. Students may pursue electives of their choice instead. If students desire a concentration, they will assume responsibility for taking the needed courses through their requirements and electives. These concentrations will not appear on the student degree audit since students often change them during the course of their studies. If the needed courses have been taken and brought to the attention of the Coordinator of Seminary Registration and Degree Audit, at graduation the concentration will appear on a student's transcript. Depending on the concentration, four or five courses are needed.

Expository Preaching
Military and Institutional Chaplaincy
Islamic Studies

EXPOSITORY PREACHING CONCENTRATION (12 OR 15 CREDITS)

For more information please visit www.agts.edu/center_for_expository_preaching. The Center for Biblical Preaching offers various non-traditional opportunities for the development of expositional skills.

HOM/BOT 621	Expository Preaching in Prophets & Apocalypse	3
HOM/BOT 622	Expository Preaching in Psalms & Wisdom Literature	3
HOM/BNT 624	Expository Preaching in the Epistles	3
<i>Choose one or both of the following:</i>		
HOM/BOT 620	Expository Preaching in Pentateuch/Historical Books	3
HOM/BNT 623	Expository Preaching in Gospels & Acts	3

MILITARY/INSTITUTIONAL CHAPLAINCY CONCENTRATION (12 OR 15 CREDITS)

The training of chaplains for service in military and other institutional settings has been a high priority for AGTS since its founding in 1972. As a result, AGTS has a very large number of graduates serving in chaplaincy positions. The large group of chaplaincy candidates at AGTS creates a unique community of learners that is ideal for creating a network of relationships that will persist for decades of future ministry. This track provides a course of studies specifically designed to prepare chaplains with skills for the wide range of duties required in military/institutional ministry.

<i>Choose one of the following:</i>		3
PTH 540	Military Chaplaincy	
PTH 541	Industrial and Institutional Chaplaincy	
<i>Choose from among the following:</i>		
PTH 561	Foundations for Family Ministries and Soul Care	3
PTH 565	Interpersonal Helping Techniques with Diverse Populations	3
PTH 610	Psychological Disorders and Addictive Behaviors	3
PTH 617	Human Sexuality and Marriage Counseling	3
PTH 618	Ministry in Trauma, Crisis and Grief Contexts	3

The Assemblies of God Chaplaincy Department strongly recommends taking an additional 12 credits to create a 90-credit M.Div. This will improve the opportunity for initial placement and enhance the possibility of promotions as a chaplain.

ISLAMIC STUDIES CONCENTRATION

MCC 545	Engaging Islam	3
MHT 649	Christian-Muslim Theological Issues	3
MSS 643	Church Planting in Muslim Contexts	3
<i>Choose one of the following:</i>		3
MCC 552	Women in Islam	
MCC 553	Islam in the United States	
MCC 554	Folk Islam and Power Encounter	
MSS 641	Practicum in Intercultural Ministry (<i>Practicum must be completed in a Muslim context</i>)	

Distance Learning

A limited number of courses may be taken through directed research or distance learning.

Biblical Language Requirements

Six credits of introductory Greek (two courses each with a minimum grade of B) are prerequisite for the MDiv program and do not count toward the 78 credits needed for the degree. Students who have not taken 6 credits of pre-seminary or basic Greek at the undergraduate level must take it during their first year at AGTS (BGR 530 Greek 1A and BGR 531 Greek 1B in the AGTS curriculum, earning a B or better in each). If the student is unable to take Greek IA and IB through regular seated classes, the courses are also offered through Distance Learning courses.

Six additional credits of biblical languages (either Greek or Hebrew) are required for the MDiv degree.