

# DIVINITY (MDIV)

## Program Description

The Master of Divinity (<http://spu.edu/academics/seattle-pacific-seminary/programs/ma-divinity/>) (MDiv) program is the degree that prepares you for ordained ministry and for general pastoral leadership responsibilities in congregations and other settings. It is also the recommended first theological degree for admission to advanced doctoral programs oriented to theological research and teaching.

The MDiv degree at Seattle Pacific University supports SPU's mission and vision to engage the culture and change the world with the transforming gospel of Jesus Christ. The degree is built on the classical theological disciplines of Scripture, church history, theology, and ethics. The learning obtained from these fields of study is applied to the pressing needs of the contemporary church and the postmodern world.

The MDiv degree incorporates knowledge of Christian heritage (Scripture, church history, and theology), understanding of cultural context, growth in spiritual depth and moral integrity, and capacity for ministerial and public leadership. In addition, the MDiv degree provides a breadth of exposure to the various theological fields of study, educating students for a comprehensive range of pastoral responsibilities and skills.

The Seattle Pacific Seminary Faculty (<http://spu.edu/academics/seattle-pacific-seminary/about/seminary-faculty/>) are a collegium of scholars and pastors who are committed to growing together in wonder, love, and praise.

Learn more about the various programs offered at SPS on the Seattle Pacific Seminary Website (<http://spu.edu/academics/seattle-pacific-seminary/>)

## Admission Requirements

To enroll in Seattle Pacific University's Master of Divinity (MDiv) program, you must submit:

- A graduate online application (<http://admissions.spu.edu/apply/>) for admission.
- A \$50 processing fee.
- Official transcripts from all undergraduate institutions.
- Two letters of recommendation:
  1. one from a clergyperson, church staff person, or parachurch professional who will attest to the your emotional, spiritual, and academic readiness for graduate theological study; and
  2. one academic reference from a former professor who knows your academic work well.
- A typed personal statement. Statements should be three to four pages in length (double spaced). The statement should address your career objectives, a narrative of your personal Christian experience, rationale for seeking the degree and choosing to attend SPU, and other insights you deem appropriate.

## International Students

- Applicants who are not citizens or permanent U.S. residents must provide an official confidential affidavit of financial support covering the first year of intended enrollment. Without this document, SPU cannot issue an I-20 immigration form.

- Students holding undergraduate or graduate degrees from colleges, universities and/or seminaries located outside the U.S. are expected to have their transcripts evaluated by a professional credential agency. Such an evaluation is required before an application for admission to SPS can be granted and before any graduate credits taken elsewhere can be applied to an SPS degree.
- If you earned an undergraduate degree in a country other than the United States, or your degree is in progress, an official course-by-course credential evaluation must be submitted from a NACES member (<http://www.naces.org/>)-recognized credential service. Acceptable credential services include, but are not limited to, World Education Services (<http://www.wes.org/>) (WES) and Foundation for International Services (<http://www.fis-web.com/>) (FIS).

In addition to the evaluation report, we also require official transcripts and diplomas to be submitted, in English.

- English language proficiency: If you do not speak English as your first language, you must also submit scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (<http://www.ets.org/portal/site/ets/menuitem.fab2360b1645a1de9b3a0779f1751509/?vgnextoid=69c0197a484f4010VgnVCM10000022f95190RCRD&WT.ac=Redirect>) (TOEFL). A minimum score of 600 on the TOFEL paper or 250 on the TOEFL-CBT, or 100 on the TOEFL-iBT is required. ACE scores will not be accepted.

## Transfer Credits

If you wish to apply graduate-level coursework completed at a regionally accredited university or an ATS-accredited divinity school or seminary toward your MDiv, you must provide official transcripts and, in some cases, course syllabi. You may transfer up to 36 quarter credits from other graduate programs.

- To receive transfer credit, each course must be at least 3 graduate-quarter credits and be equivalent to courses taught in the School of Theology at SPU.
- Each course will be considered on a case-by-case basis as to the fulfillment of specific curricular requirements.
- A minimum grade of B will be needed for transferred work.
- All courses applied toward the graduate degree must be taken within seven years of admission.
- In all cases, the final 36 MDiv credits must be taken at SPU.

## Credit for Prior Coursework

You will have your transcripts evaluated during the admissions process for the following:

- If you have been granted a master's degree from another regionally accredited university
- If you have taken graduate-level coursework in theology or a field related to the cross-disciplinary courses offered in the student ministry and culture or business and applied theology tracks
- If you have taken coursework related to the MDiv degree

## Application Deadline

Students can apply to Seattle Pacific Seminary to begin Autumn, Winter, and Spring quarters, and to begin during Summer Sessions, though most students choose to begin their program in Autumn Quarter.

- Autumn Quarter: July 31
- Winter Quarter: November 15
- Spring Quarter: February 15
- Summer Sessions: May 1

## Contact

- Graduate Admissions (<http://spu.edu/graduate-admissions/>)
- gradadmissions@spu.edu
- 206-281-2091 or 800-601-0603

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108 Credits Minimum

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Courses</b>		
THEO 6001	Christian Formation in Discipleship: Acts of Piety	2
THEO 6002	Christian Formation in Mission: Acts of Mercy and Justice	2
THEO 6003	Integrating Academy, Abbey, and Apostolate	2
THEO 6010	Bible I: Interpreting and Teaching Christian Scripture	3
THEO 6020	Global Christian Heritage I: AD 100-1453	3
THEO 6030	Theology/Ethics I: Doctrine of God and Environmental Stewardship	3
THEO 6040	Bible II: Introduction to the Old Testament	3
THEO 6050	Global Christian Heritage II: AD 1454-1900	3
THEO 6060	Theology/Ethics II: Doctrine of Christ and Holistic Discipleship	3
THEO 6070	Bible III: Introduction to the New Testament	3
THEO 6080	Global Christian Heritage III: AD 1900-Present	3
THEO 6090	Theology/Ethics III: Doctrine of the Holy Spirit and the Global Church	3
Section Credits Required		33
<b>Basic Courses</b> <sup>1</sup>		
THEO 6403	Theology of Christian Worship	3
THEO 6412	Leading and Designing Congregational Worship	3
THEO 6510	Theology, Race, and Culture	3
Select one of the following:		3
THEO 6512	Reconciliation and Intercultural Studies: Foundations for Leadership	
THEO 6513	Reconciliation and Intercultural Studies: Embodiment and Praxis	
THEO 6980	Cross Cultural Immersion Experience	
THEO 6610	Encounter of Christian Faith with Other Faiths	3
THEO 6720	Vocational Discernment and Discipleship	3
THEO 6740	Preaching I: From Scripture to Sermon	3
THEO 6540	Preaching II: Prophetic Proclamation	3
THEO 6743	Pastoral Care and Counseling	3
Select one of the following:		3
THEO 6742	Church Administration	
THEO 6744	Ministerial Leadership	
ORG 6300	Leadership and Team Development	
Section Credits Required		30
<b>Basic Course Electives</b>		

Select two of the following:		6
THEO 6710	Introduction to Practical Theology	
THEO 6730	Foundations of Student and Family Ministry	
THEO 6735	The Teaching Ministry of the Church	
THEO 6741	Evangelism and Mission	
THEO 6745	Christian Social Entrepreneurship and Church Planting	
Section Credits Required		6
<b>Contextual Education</b> <sup>2</sup>		
THEO 6940	Contextual Education Internship <sup>2</sup>	6
or THEO 6941	Contextual Education Intensive Internship	
Section Credits Required		6
<b>Post-Core Scripture Electives</b>		
Select two of the following:		6
THEO 6250	Old Testament Exegesis	
THEO 6260	New Testament Exegesis	
THEO 6270	Biblical Exegesis	
THEO 6280	Scripture in Context	
Section Credits Required		6
<b>Approved Electives</b> <sup>3</sup>		
Select 24 credits of the following:		24
THEO 6101	Koine Greek I	
THEO 6102	Koine Greek II	
THEO 6103	Koine Greek III	
THEO 6201	Hebrew I	
THEO 6202	Hebrew II	
THEO 6203	Hebrew III	
THEO 6401	Wesleyan/Methodist Doctrine	
THEO 6404	Theological Explorations	
THEO 6405	Theology Praxis in Geographical/Historical Context	
THEO 6500	Theology, Disability, and the Church	
THEO 6511	Gender and Christianity	
THEO 6540	Preaching II: Prophetic Proclamation	
THEO 6750	Denominational Polity	
THEO 6751	Denominational History	
THEO 6752	Methodist History <sup>[edited]</sup>	
THEO 6900	Independent Study	
THEO 6950	Contemporary Topics	
THEO 6952	Burning Issues	
Section Credits Required		24
<b>Interdisciplinary Electives</b>		
Approved Interdisciplinary Electives <sup>3</sup>		3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>108</b>

<sup>1</sup> THEO 6512 Reconciliation and Intercultural Studies: Foundations for Leadership/THEO 6513 Reconciliation and Intercultural Studies: Embodiment and Praxis counts for Basic or Electives Section.

<sup>2</sup> Must be repeated to meet credit requirement

<sup>3</sup> Approved Interdisciplinary Electives available in SPS Student handbook.