# Degree Details
## Center for Graduate Studies

NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

ADULT EDUCATION YOU CAN HAVE FAITH IN.

## MASTER OF DIVINITY

The Master of Divinity (M.Div.) program is designed for individuals who desire a comprehensive program combining Bible exposition and theology with Christian ministry, preparing students for pastoral and chaplaincy positions. The program combines the core and theology courses of the Master of Arts of Theological Studies (MATS) with the Bible Exposition or Biblical Studies concentrations of the MATS program, plus courses in Christian ministry. This program provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful pastors, ministers, church planters, or missionaries.

Through M.Div. core courses (36 credits), students will develop biblical principles for spiritual formation and discipleship, learn advanced principles of biblical interpretation, study the socio-historical worlds that gave rise to the Old and New Testaments, survey the history of Christianity, and construct a personal theology of leadership. In-depth theological courses round out the core M.Div. curriculum.

Upon completion of the M.Div. core courses, students choose from one of two concentrations (20 credits) in Bible Exposition or Biblical Studies. The final component of the M.Div. program includes courses in ministry (20 credits). The Master of Divinity will be granted upon the completion of 76 credits.

### Program Cost

**Academic year 2011–12**

- Tuition: $440 per credit
- Books: $1,500 (est.)

**Academic year 2012–13**

- Tuition: $465 per credit
- Books: $1,500 (est.)

### Program Delivery

- On site, one night a week
- Online

### Timeframe

Master of Divinity coursework can be completed in approximately 36 months.

### M.Div. Core Courses (36 credits)

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| BIA5011 | Spiritual Formation | 2 |
| MIN5110 | Self-awareness in Leadership | 2 |
| BIA5015 | Biblical Hermeneutics | 4 |
| BIA5017 | Bible in Its World | 4 |
| BIA5019 | History of Christianity | 4 |
| BIB6311 | Theological Prolegomena | 2 |
| BIB6312 | Biblical Theology | 4 |
| BIB6313 | Systematic Theology I | 4 |
| BIB6314 | Systematic Theology II | 4 |
| BIB6315 | Contemporary Issues in Theology | 2 |
| PHI6316 | Apologetics & Ethics | 4 |

### Biblical Studies Concentration (20 credits)

***Prerequisite for Biblical Studies Concentration: Completion of Greek qualifying exam with a score of 140 or above.***

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| BIA6111 | New Testament Exegetical Methods | 2 |
| BIB6112 | New Testament Exposition: Ephesians | 4 |
| ACL6113 | Beginning Hebrew I | 4 |
| ACL6114 | Beginning Hebrew II | 4 |
| BIA6115 | Old Testament Exegetical Methods | 2 |
| BIB6116 | Old Testament Exposition: Jeremiah | 4 |

***OR***

### Bible Exposition Concentration (20 credits)

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| BIB6211 | Pentateuch | 4 |
| BIB6212 | Old Testament Prophets | 4 |
| BIB6213 | Old Testament Writings | 4 |
| BIB6214 | Gospels | 2 |
| BIB6215 | Acts of the Apostles | 2 |
| BIB6216 | Pauline Epistles | 2 |
| BIB6217 | Hebrews to Revelation | 2 |

### Ministry Courses (20 credits)

***Prerequisite for Ministry courses: Successful completion of core courses (includes Theology Concentration) and one additional concentration.***

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| MIN5995 | Graduate Internship Assessment I | 2 |
| MIN5210 | Leading and Organizing Ministry | 4 |
| MIN5310 | Pastoral Ministries | 4 |
| MIN5410 | Ministries of Word and Worship | 4 |
| MIN5510 | Ministry Relationships | 2 |
| MIN5610 | Ministry Culturally and Globally | 2 |
| MIN5996 | Graduate Internship Assessment ll | 2 |

*Courses subject to change. Consult current catalog at nwc.edu/catalog for complete course descriptions.*
*Contact your Center for Graduate Studies admission counselor at 651-631-5200 for more information. Rev. 09/2011*

**BIA5011 Spiritual Formation 2 cr**
A study of biblical principles for the spiritual growth of self and others. This course includes the study of worldviews, Christianity and culture, and the life of the mind.

**MIN5110 Self-awareness in Leadership 2 cr**
This course is designed to help students become more aware of their calling, strengths, and growth areas. Personality, spiritual gifts, and general biblical knowledge, spiritual growth and family of origin issues will be assessed.

**BIA5015 Biblical Hermeneutics 4 cr**
An advanced course in hermeneutics in which students will learn about the formation of the Bible, the history of biblical interpretation, modern critical methods, and current challenges to biblical interpretation.

**BIA5017 Bible in Its World 4 cr**
An introduction to the history and thought-world of the Old and New Testaments. Emphasis is on the study of primary sources, principally the literature of the surrounding world, and the intersection of the ideas of those writings with those of the Bible.

**BIA5019 History of Christianity 4 cr**
In this course, students will survey the history of the church from its birth in the first century A.D. to its current manifestations in the 21st century. Attention will be given to the people and events that contributed to the growth and development of Christianity.

**BIB6311 Theological Prolegomena 2 cr**
A study of the methods used in systematic theology, especially the use of the Bible for the development of theological systems. Students will also be introduced to theological approaches of covenant theology and dispensationalism.

**BIB6312 Biblical Theology 4 cr**
A study of current methods and issues in the field of Biblical Theology, with emphasis on application to Old and New Testament books. Students will develop theological categories from the text and identify the variety and unity of theological themes.

**BIB6313 Systematic Theology I 4 cr**
The advanced study of the doctrines of bibliology, theology (proper), angelology, anthropology, and hamartiology.

**BIB6314 Systematic Theology II 4 cr**
Course Description. The advanced study of the doctrines of Christology, soteriology, pneumatology, ecclesiology, and eschatology.

**BIB6315 Contemporary Issues in Theology 2 cr**
A study of a contemporary theological issue relevant to Evangelical theology, with a focus on analysis and assessment.

**BIB6316 Apologetics & Ethics 4 cr**
A study of apologetics, the defense of the Christian faith, with emphasis on critical thinking, theistic arguments, and the problem of evil. Students will also be introduced to Christian approaches to ethics and ethical issues.

**BIA6111 New Testament Exegetical Methods 2 cr**
*(PQ: Greek Qualifying Exam score of 140 or above or equivalent transfer course)* A study of the methods of New Testament exegesis, including textual criticism, grammatical analysis, and word studies.

**BIB6112 New Testament Exposition: Ephesians 4 cr**
***(PQ:** BIA6111)* In this course, students will apply the skills learned in New Testament Exegetical Methods to Ephesians. This will include a study of the socio-historical context of Ephesians and the logical flow of thought in this Pauline epistle.

**ACL6113 Beginning Hebrew I 4 cr**
This course is part one in a two-part sequence that introduces students to elements of Classical (Biblical) Hebrew including morphology, syntax, and vocabulary.

**ACL6114 Beginning Hebrew II 4 cr**
***(PQ:** ACL6113)* This is the second course in the sequence that introduces students to elements of Classical (Biblical) Hebrew including morphology, syntax, and vocabulary.

**BIA6115 Old Testament Exegetical Methods 2 cr**
A study of the methods of Old Testament exegesis, including textual criticism, grammatical analysis, and word studies.

**BIB6116 Old Testament Exposition: Jeremiah 4 cr**
***(PQ:** BIA6115)* In this course, students will apply the skills learned in Old Testament Exegetical Methods to Jeremiah. This will include a study of the socio-historical context of Jeremiah and the logical flow of thought in this important book.

**BIB6211 Pentateuch 4 cr**
An exposition of the first five books of the Old Testament, emphasizing the historical setting and theological message.

**BIB6212 Old Testament Prophets 4 cr**
An exposition of Old Testament former and latter prophetic writings, emphasizing the historical setting and theological message.

**BIB6213 Old Testament Writings 4 cr**
An exposition of the Old Testament writings, including the poetic books and wisdom literature. Emphasis will be on the historical setting and theological message of these writings.

**BIB6214 Gospels 2 cr**
An exposition of the four gospels which emphasizes the theological message as discovered in the unfolding of the narrative within its historical context.

**BIB6215 Acts of the Apostles 2 cr**
An exposition of Acts which emphasizes the historical setting and theological message.

**BIB6216 Pauline Letters 2 cr**
An exposition of Paul's letters which emphasizes the historical setting and theological message.

**BIB6217 Hebrews to Revelation 2 cr**
An exposition of Hebrews, the General Epistles, and Revelation. Emphasis will be on the historical setting and theological message of these writings.

**MIN5995 Graduate Internship Assessment I 2 cr**
*PQ: Successful completion of 200 hours of supervised internship experience.*

**MIN5210 Leading and Organizing Ministry 4 cr**
Building on Theology of Leadership, this course considers the development of the whole person—knowledge, character, and skills. Practice of leadership and management for the church and for Christian non-profit organizations will be studied. Students will examine God's vision for their lives, leading and organizing a ministry to accomplish a mission, and how to develop leaders who equip other leaders.

**MIN5310 Pastoral Ministries 4 cr**
This course examines the theological foundations and practice of pastoral ministry. Consideration is given to personal discipleship, pastoral care, biblical counseling, the ordinances, relational skills and leading a healthy church.

**MIN5410 Ministries of Word and Worship 4 cr**
This course will focus on the public delivery of God's Word and on the creation and leadership of corporate worship.

**MIN5510 Ministry Relationships 2 cr**
This course examines the servant leader's relationship with God, self, family, and others. Special attention is given to issues of personal accountability, life margins, practicing the presence of God, balancing family and ministry.

**MIN5610 Ministering Culturally and Globally 2 cr**
This course provides a brief overview of the biblical and philosophical principles on which Christian ministry in other cultural settings (both in the U.S. and abroad) is based, and the practices by which those principles are carried out.

**MIN5996 Graduate Internship Assessment II 2cr**
*PQ: C or better in MN5995 and successful completion of an additional 200 hours of supervised internship experience.*

*M.Div. students will need to register for MIN5990 Graduate Internship Lab (0credits) every semester, following the 1st semester of courses until completion of the program.