



Master of Divinity (MDiv) 2025-2026 Curriculum Guide

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary's Master of Divinity program prepares students to become servant leaders who minister through radical theological imagination. Students take an active part in exploring and defining their strengths, background, gifts of ministry, and vocational calling. The MDiv curriculum prepares students for a wide variety of congregational and non-congregational ministry settings.

MDiv Requirements Overview

Total Graduation Credits: 76

Minimum GPA: 2.5 or higher

Must complete the following:

- Plagiarism Tutorial
- First-year Evaluation
- Sexual Boundaries and Ethics training

Integrative Requirements

Course #	Course Title	Credits
FE 600	Field Education 1	3
FE 610	Field Education 2	3
INT 690	Senior Colloquy and Project	2
INT 691	Senior Colloquy and Project	2
Total Credits: 10		

Foundational Requirements

Course #	Course Title	Credits
BIBHB 500	Introduction to Hebrew Bible	3
BIBNT 500	Introduction to New Testament	3
HIST 501	History of Christian Thought/Practice I	3
HIST 502	History of Christian Thought/Practice II	3
THEO 540	Global Christianity in Interfaith World	3
THEO 500	Introduction to Theology*	3
Total Credits: 18		

General Elective Requirements

Course #	Course Title	Credits
		3
		3
		3
		3
		3
Additional Electives as Needed		
		3
		3
		3
Total Credits: 15 (up to 24)		

Distribution Requirements

Course #	Course Title	Credits
ETH 500	Introduction to Christian Ethics*	3
LTRGY 500 or 502	Preaching and Proclamation OR Preaching in African American Context*	3
LTRGY 510 or 511	UM Worship OR Worship in Ecumenical Perspective**	3
PCC 500	Introduction to Pastoral Care	3
CL 510 or 611	Theology of Evangelism OR Empowering Congregations/Evangelism	3
SP 650	Spirituality elective	3
CE 510 or 563 or 820	Mobilizing for Justice OR Spiritual Practices OR Emancipatory Pedagogy	3
Varies	Bible elective*	3
Varies	History elective*	3
Varies	Bible or History elective*	3
Varies	Theology elective*	3
*Courses with prerequisites; see Course Schedules for more.		
**Can also be satisfied with denominational ACTS course.		
Total Credits: 33		

General Elective Curriculum Notes

Minimum credits

- 15 general elective credit hours are required to complete the MDiv program

Additional credits

- Students can take up to nine (9) additional general elective credits to satisfy concentration or ordination requirements.

United Methodist ordination

- All courses required for United Methodist ordination are included in the MDiv program, except for DENOM 603 (UM Studies: Wesley and the 19th Century) and DENOM 604 (UM Studies: 20th Century to the Present). These can be taken as general electives.
- A course in evangelism also is required for United Methodist ordination and may count as a congregational leadership requirement or as a general elective.

Fall 1		
Course #	Course Title	Cr.
BIBNT 500 or BIBHB 500	Introduction to New Testament OR Introduction to Hebrew Bible	3
THEO 540	Global Christianity in an Interfaith World	3
Varies	General, denominational OR concentration elective	3
PCC 500, CL 510/611, SP 650 or CE 511/563/820	Introduction to Pastoral Care OR evangelism, spirituality, or Christian ed course	3
Reminders • Plagiarism Tutorial • Ask your advisor about J-term options Note • Four courses must be taken in year one to prepare for field education: one Bible course, one history course, Introduction to Theology, and Introduction to Pastoral Care		12

Spring 1		
Course #	Course Title	Cr.
BIBNT 500 or BIBHB 500	Introduction to Hebrew Bible OR Introduction to New Testament	3
HIST 501 or HIST 502	History of Christian Thought and Practice I OR II	3
THEO 500	Introduction to Theology	3
PCC 500, CL 510/611, SP 650 or CE 511/563/820	Introduction to Pastoral Care OR evangelism, spirituality, or Christian ed course	3
Reminders • Sexual Boundaries and Ethics training • Graduation/completion planning • Consider taking a summer course Note • January and summer intensives are optional, but courses taken in those terms may lighten your courseload in other semesters.		12

Fall 2		
Course #	Course Title	Cr.
FE 600	Field Education 1 (<i>Prerequisite: complete required courses and Sexual Boundaries/Ethics training</i>)	3
ETH 500	Introduction to Christian Ethics	3
HIST 501 or HIST 502	History of Christian Thought and Practice I OR II	3
LTRGY 500/502 or LTRGY 510/511	Worship OR preaching course	3
Reminders • First-year Evaluation • Ask your advisor about J-term options		12

Spring 2		
Course #	Course Title	Cr.
FE 610	Field Education 2	3
Varies	General, denominational OR concentration elective	3
CL 510/611, SP 650 or CE 511/563/820	Evangelism, spirituality, OR Christian ed course	3
LTRGY 500/502 or LTRGY 510/511	Worship OR preaching course	3
Reminder • Consider taking a summer course		12

Fall 3		
Course #	Course Title	Cr.
INT 690	Senior Colloquy and Project	2
CL 510/611, SP 650 or CE 511/563/820	Evangelism, spirituality, OR Christian ed course	3
Varies	Bible, history, OR theology elective	3
Varies	Bible, history, OR theology elective	3
General elective	General, denominational OR concentration elective	3
Reminders • Graduation check • Ask your advisor about J-term options		14

Spring 3		
Course #	Course Title	Cr.
INT 691	Senior Colloquy and Project	2
Varies	Bible, history, OR theology elective	3
Varies	Bible, history, OR theology elective	3
General elective	General, denominational OR concentration elective	3
General elective	General, denominational OR concentration elective	3
Reminder • RSVP to Commencement!		14