

ASSOCIATE OF DIVINITY (A.Div.) DEGREE PROGRAM

Purpose

The Associate of Divinity degree is designed to prepare students with introductory skill needed for service in local church ministries, evangelism, international or North American missions, or denominational service.

Associate Degree Objectives

Students graduating with an Associate of Divinity or Associate of Arts degree will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an introductory understanding of the Christian worldview in relation to the natural and social world.
2. Demonstrate an introductory understanding of the theological foundations of Christian ministry.
3. Demonstrate introductory competence in practical skills of Christian ministry, such as information management, strategic decision-making, and communication.
4. Demonstrate a basic foundation for subsequent formal and informal education.

A.Div. Degree Objectives

Students graduating with the Associate of Divinity degree will be able to:

5. Communicate Biblical truth according to basic hermeneutical principles.
6. Formulate theological beliefs based upon Biblical and historical perspectives.
7. Demonstrate basic leadership skills in Christian ministry.
8. Demonstrate a Great Commission perspective in evangelism, discipleship, ministry, and worship.

CURRICULUM

Biblical/Theological Studies	15 hours
BS101 Survey of Old Testament Literature	3 hrs
BS102 Survey of New Testament Literature	3 hrs
HT350 Christian Doctrine I	3 hrs
MN201 Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
MS201 Global Missions and Evangelism	3 hrs
General Education	22 hours
GE101-102 English Composition I & II	6 hrs
GE201 Introduction to Computers	3 hrs
GE235 Marriage and Family	3 hrs
GS100 Freshman Experience ¹	1 hr
HT101 Christianity and the Western World	3 hrs
HT401 Worldviews	3 hrs
MU301 Introduction to Music in the Church	3 hrs
ADiv Emphasis	28 hours
BS Old Testament Elective	3 hrs
BS New Testament Elective	3 hrs
BS201 Biblical Interpretation	2 hrs
CE308 Leading Church Ministries	3 hrs
HT110 Baptist History	2 hrs
HT351 Christian Doctrine II	3 hrs
HT410 Christian Ethics	3 hrs
MN310 Sermon Preparation ²	3 hrs
MN311 Sermon Delivery ²	3 hrs
MN410 Pastoral Care and Ministry	3 hrs
TOTAL	65 hours

1. Required for first-time, first-year students; waived for upperclassmen, with only 64 hours being required for the ADiv degree or 68 hours for the ADiv plus the Church Planting concentration.
2. Female students take CE304 Teaching Ministry of the Church in place of MN310 Sermon Preparation and CE401 Principles of Christian Teaching in place of MN311 Sermon Delivery.

Adding a Church Planting (CP) Concentration

A.Div. students may choose to add a church planting concentration by (a) substituting MS310 Introduction to Church Planting and Church Growth for HT410 Christian Ethics, (b) substituting MS315 Strategies and Methods for Church Planting for MS201 Global Missions and Evangelism, and (c) adding MS410 Church Planting Practicum (4 hrs). The total hours required is then 69 hours.

Purpose

In addition to the A.Div. degree purpose, the church planting concentration is designed to prepare the student with the basic skills needed for service as a church planter in a North American context.

Church Planting Concentration Objectives

Students graduating with the Associate of Divinity degree and also completing the Church Planting concentration will be able to:

9. Identify models and philosophies of church planting and their strengths and weaknesses.
10. Identify the resources available for church planting in the North American context.

CURRICULUM

A.Div. Emphasis plus the CP Concentration	35 hours
BS Old Testament Elective	3 hrs
BS New Testament Elective	3 hrs
BS201 Biblical Interpretation	2 hrs
CE308 Leading Church Ministries	3 hrs
HT110 Baptist History	2 hrs
HT351 Christian Doctrine II	3 hrs
MN310 Sermon Preparation ¹	3 hrs
MN311 Sermon Delivery ¹	3 hrs
MN410 Pastoral Care and Ministry	3 hrs
MS310 Intro to Church Planting & Church Growth ²	3 hrs
MS315 Strategies & Methods for Church Planting ²	3 hrs
MS410 Church Planting Practicum ²	4 hrs
TOTAL for the degree	72 hours

1. Female students take CE304 Teaching Ministry of the Church in place of MN310 Sermon Preparation and CE401 Principles of Christian Teaching in place of MN311 Sermon Delivery.
2. Church Planting Concentration Courses.