

# Master of Divinity, M.Div.

Deepen your understanding of the Bible and theology and sharpen your skills in communication, conflict resolution and strategic leadership.

Address the challenges of modern ministry and lead your church or non-profit organization toward sustainable growth. Whether called to be a pastor, chaplain or executive director, this program equips you to make a profound impact in the church.



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# A Master of Divinity Degree

This program deepens your theological expertise while expanding your leadership skills. You'll gain a robust understanding of biblical texts, ministry frameworks and culturally appropriate management practices.

Here's why this degree could be a powerful next step in your ministry career:

- ▶ **Theological Training:** Deepen your understanding of the Bible, theology, and church history, providing a solid foundation for informed teaching and pastoral shepherding.
- ▶ **Leadership Skills:** Develop essential leadership and administrative skills for organizational management and growth within various church and non-profit contexts.
- ▶ **Pastoral Proficiency:** Grow practical skills in preaching, pastoral care and evangelism, which are essential for day-to-day ministry effectiveness.
- ▶ **Community Engagement:** Acquire the knowledge and tools to implement outreach programs, provide services to the poor and hurting and lead community development projects.
- ▶ **Conflict Resolution:** Master strategies to foster reconciliation and unity between various individuals and groups.
- ▶ **Global Perspectives:** Internalize tools and insights for effective ministry and mission work globally, including cross-cultural communication.



# FPU Program Highlights

Unit Count of Program: 72

- ▶ **Practical leadership skills** under experienced mentors.
- ▶ Gain **new perspectives** from credentialed guest faculty mentors.
- ▶ **Fully accredited** by the Association of Theological Schools ([www.ats.org](http://www.ats.org)) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges ([www.acswasc.org](http://www.acswasc.org)).
- ▶ **Dual degree option** to combine this program with a M.A. of Marriage and Family Therapy.
- ▶ Option to complete a chaplaincy certificate alongside M.Div. or to add to an already completed M.Div.
- ▶ Option to complete a Presbyterian Certificate is available.
- ▶ **Offered fully online.**

# Shaping the Heart and Soul

The curriculum for the Master of Divinity degree was designed with input from 30 local pastors from 17 denominations. Learn from published faculty and local pastors to complete one of the most respected and comprehensive degrees for leadership within a church, parachurch or faith-based non-profit organization.

## Master of Divinity (72 units)

Course Prefix	Required Courses	Units
<b>Biblical and Theological Reflection (33 units)</b>		
BIB 709	Bible Knowledge Requirement Seminar	0
BIB 720	The Church and God's Mission in the World **	3
BIB 725	Understanding, Interpreting and Teaching Scripture	3
BIB 750	Old Testament Theology **	3
BIB 752	New Testament Theology **	3
THEO 712	The Story of the Church and Its Theology	3
THEO 730	Discipleship and Ethics **	3
	Journeying Deep Into Scripture – Any Bible elective	3
	Engaging the Tradition – Any History or Theology elective	3
<b>Biblical Languages – choose either Greek OR Hebrew (9 units total from same track)*</b>		
BIB 710	Elementary Greek I	3
BIB 711	Elementary Greek II	3
BIB 712	Intermediate Greek Exegesis	3
BIB 715	Elementary Hebrew I	3
BIB 716	Elementary Hebrew II	3
BIB 717	Intermediate Hebrew Exegesis	3
<b>Personal and Holistic Formation (6 units)</b>		
COUN 724	Interpersonal Communication and Family Systems	2 - 3
MIN 704	Discerning Vocation and Calling	1
MIN 712	The Charismatic Experience	1.5
MIN 714	Spirit, Character, and Transformation	1.5
<b>Missional and Practical Application (19.5 units)</b>		
MIN 718	Effective Contemporary Public Communication	3
THEO 719	Exploring Secular Culture & Connecting with Secular People	3
MIN 750D	Cross-Cultural Encounter: San Francisco	1.5
MIN 753	Leading Organizations and Volunteers for Mission	3
MIN 762	Exegeting and Serving Your Neighborhood	1.5
MIN 768	Serving Resiliently Through Crises and Trauma	1.5
MIN 793A	The Practice of Ministry I **	1.5
MIN 793B	The Practice of Ministry II **	1.5
MIN 793C	The Practice of Ministry III **	1.5
MIN 793D	The Practice of Ministry IV **	1.5
<b>Intergration and Specialization (13.5 units)</b>		
	Specialization elective units	7.5 - 10.5
BIB 790 CM	Senior Seminar – MDiv	3
MIN 770 CM or MIN 799 DV	Ministry Discernment – MDiv  Thesis	3  3 - 6

\* Student may petition to substitute biblical language requirements (9 units) with BIB 712 – Biblical Language Tools (3) and (6) units of Bible content courses

\*\* Must be taken at Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary (FPBS)

The courses listed above provide a sample overview of our program. Please meet with your academic advisor or visit [fpu.edu/catalog](http://fpu.edu/catalog) to finalize your course registration and sequence.

# Application and Admission Information

To be considered for admission to the Master of Divinity program, please submit the following:

- ❑ **Completed Application for Admission** and \$45 non-refundable application fee.  
[fpu.edu/applysem](http://fpu.edu/applysem).
- ❑ **Official college/university transcript(s)** verifying receipt of a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution and any post-baccalaureate work.
  - If you are currently finishing up your degree, please submit current transcripts.
  - A final transcript must be submitted before you enroll in classes.
  - Transcripts can be sent electronically by your institution to [trans.evaluator@fresno.edu](mailto:trans.evaluator@fresno.edu) or via mail in an envelope sealed by your institution to:  
  

Fresno Pacific University  
Office of Registrar  
1717 S. Chestnut Ave  
Fresno, CA 93702
- ❑ **If your cumulative GPA** for your bachelor's degree is below a 2.5 GPA (4.0 scale), a letter of explanation is required.
- ❑ **Reference Forms:** Two references are required for the Master of Divinity program. One spiritual reference from a pastor or other ministry leader (not a family member), and one academic reference.
  - Form can be found at [fpu.edu/sem-ref](http://fpu.edu/sem-ref)
- ❑ **Short Answer Questions:** During the application submission process, you will be asked to respond to some short answer questions in your application portal. These questions will help us get to know your character and career goals. Your file will not be reviewed for admission until your responses are received.
- ❑ **Writing Sample:** Submit three or more pages of original writing that you would consider some of your best work.
- ❑ **Program Interview:** After submitting your application materials including transcripts, a representative will contact you to schedule an interview.
- ❑ International applicants must submit additional documentation including English Proficiency Score (TOEFL=minimum of 550 PBT or 79 iBT, IELTS=6.5), certified transcripts through an FPU approved service, copy of passport, visa information and a statement of financial support.

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