

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY: MASTER OF DIVINITY (M.Div.)

The Master of Divinity is designed to train ministers who will serve as senior pastors, teaching pastors, youth pastors, missionaries, chaplains, church planters, worship leaders, teachers, evangelists, community leaders and other similar vocations. The degree has a total of 85 credits and consists of a Bible/theology and broad ministry core (64 credits) and a choice of two concentrations (21 credits): Church Ministry or Biblical Languages.

The Master of Divinity provides depth of study in Bible and theology as well as the additional training in cross-cultural awareness, counseling and ministry philosophy. The church ministry track provides the educational base to pursue a Doctor of Ministry degree. The biblical language track provides the educational base to pursue a Doctor of Philosophy degree.

The Master of Divinity equips students to be leaders in worldwide mission efforts through evangelizing, preaching, teaching and shepherding ministries. Every effort is made to send out well-balanced individuals who are capable of communicating the Word of God with conviction and clarity, and of ministering to people with love and effectiveness.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Students will be able to understand and accurately interpret the Bible within its historical, cultural and geographical background.
- Students will be able to explain, defend and consistently apply Christian theology and biblical worldview within any cultural context.
- Students will be able to articulate and live out a biblical theology of spiritual transformation.
- Students will design and convey a philosophy of ministry that is informed by Scripture and culture.
- Students will be able to communicate Scripture clearly and accurately in both public and private ministry settings.
- Students will be able to communicate the gospel and its relevance effectively to those in their culture as well as to those of other cultures.
- Students will be able to locate, evaluate and synthesize information from a wide variety of sources to improve their biblical and theological thinking and ministry practice.

COURSEWORK

CORE COURSES (64 CREDITS)

THE501 God and His Word: Theological Foundations	3 credits
THE502 Christ's Redemption: Christ and Humanity	3 credits
THE503 God's People: The Spirit, the Church, and the Future	3 credits
THE511 Practicing Effective Research	1 credit
THE521 Understanding Church History	3 credits
THE601 Engaging Worldviews	3 credits
THE660 Grappling with Theological Issue	6 credits
(Two 3 credit courses required)	
BIB511 Interpreting Scripture	3 credits
BIB512 Learning and Living OT History	3 credits
BIB513 Learning and Living OT Poets and Prophets	3 credits
BIB522 Learning and Living Gospels and Acts	3 credits
BIB523 Learning and Living Epistles and Revelation	3 credits
BIB600 Learning and Living Bible Book Study	6 credits
(Two 3 credit courses required)	
CML531 Teaching Scripture	3 credits
CML511 Preaching Scripture I	3 credits
CML521 Preaching Scripture II	3 credits
CML501 Growing in the Lord	3 credits
CML541 Building a Christ-centered Home	3 credits
CML551 Becoming a Servant Leader	2 credits
CML561 Supervised Experience	4 credits
(1 credit for four semesters – 4)	

CHURCH MINISTRY CONCENTRATION (21 CREDITS)

CML641 Leading Ministries	3 credits
CML651 Fulfilling the Church's Purpose	3 credits
CML661 Ministering in the Church	3 credits
CML671 Ministering Cross-culturally	3 credits
CML611 Counseling in Ministry	3 credits
Open Electives	6 credits

OR

BIBLICAL LANGUAGES CONCENTRATION (21 CREDITS)

GRK511 Grasping Greek I	3 credits
GRK522 Grasping Greek II	3 credits
HEB511 Grasping Hebrew I	3 credits
HEB522 Grasping Hebrew II	3 credits
GRK614 Developing Greek Exegesis Skills	3 credits
HB614 Developing Hebrew Exegesis Skills	3 credits
GRK/HEB625 Practicing G/H Exegesis: Books	3 credits
Open electives may be chosen in place of the six units of Bible book electives.	

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

BIB511 INTERPRETING SCRIPTURE (3)

An introduction to valid methodology in determining the original meaning of biblical texts and applying their modern significance. Special attention is given to the structure and underlying presuppositions of the original text and the problem of prior understanding on the part of the interpreter. Building upon the foundation of sound hermeneutical and exegetical principles, the student will gain skill in doing exegesis through observation of good exegetical models and through practice in personally applying the principles to selected texts. The examples and exercises in this course are based upon the English Bible, but are designed to prepare the student for effective biblical study, whether in translation or in the original languages.

BIB512 LEARNING AND LIVING OT HISTORY (3)

A study of the Old Testament books of Genesis through Esther with an emphasis on their content, integrity, and theology within their historical, cultural, and, geographical backgrounds. The biblical meaning will also be related to contemporary Christian living, thinking and ministry.

BIB513 LEARNING AND LIVING OT POETS AND PROPHETS (3)

A study of the Old Testament books of Job through Malachi with an emphasis on their content, integrity, and theology within their historical, cultural, and, geographical backgrounds. The biblical meaning will also be related to contemporary Christian living, thinking and ministry.

BIB522 LEARNING AND LIVING GOSPELS AND ACTS (3)

A study of the four New Testament gospels and Acts with an emphasis on their content, integrity, and theology within their historical, cultural, and, geographical backgrounds. The biblical meaning will also be related to contemporary Christian living, thinking and ministry.

BIB523 LEARNING AND LIVING EPISTLES AND REVELATION (3)

A study of the New Testament epistles and Revelation with an emphasis on their content, integrity, and theology within their historical, cultural, and, geographical backgrounds. The biblical meaning will also be related to contemporary Christian living, thinking and ministry.

CML501 GROWING IN THE LORD (3)

An introductory study of the nature and practice of Christian/spiritual formation. The theological foundations for spiritual formation will be explored as it pertains to man's sinful condition (original sin), the transforming power of the cross, and the New Covenant ministry of the Spirit working in conjunction with the God-ordained means of grace. Biblical principles are identified and applied that will lead students to evaluate their own relationship with God amidst the struggles faced in ministry, and to discern and cultivate realistic and personal strategies that will nurture their love for God and others. Special attention is devoted to the dangers of moral formation and the importance of community as the context for Christian formation.

CML511 PREACHING SCRIPTURE I (3)

An introduction to the basic elements of sermon preparation and delivery for developing exegetical and homiletical skill in biblical preaching. These elements include the process of expository preaching, sermon structure and organization and effective communication skills so that sermons are true to Scripture and relevant to today's audiences. Students will practice sermon delivery in supervised preaching experiences.

CML521 PREACHING SCRIPTURE II (3)

A development of CMI 511 designed to prepare the student to preach from the wide variety of biblical literary genres and in a variety of ministry settings. Attention will also be given to long-range sermon planning and advanced communication skills for preaching. Prerequisite: CMI 511.

CML531 TEACHING SCRIPTURE (3)

A study of the essentials for effective Bible teaching and key principles of learning and teaching. Students will practice using creative classroom methods in supervised teaching experiences.

CML541 BUILDING A CHRIST-CENTERED HOME (3)

A study designed to provide a biblical understanding of the issues, responsibilities, and problems in developing and maintaining Christ-centered families.

CML551 BECOMING A SERVANT LEADER (2)

A core course designed to help students gain an accurate knowledge of themselves in how they have been shaped and prepared by God for an optimal role in furthering His purposes. Using a variety of inventories, life-mapping, personal reflection, interviews, and direction from the instructor, students will be assisted in assessing how their gifting, natural abilities, experience, personality and passion contribute to their development in leadership. (Course Fee).

CML561/562 SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE (1-2)

Supervised field-based experience in the student's intended vocational context, under the supervision and encouragement of an experienced mentor.

THE501 GOD AND HIS WORD: THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS (3)

A thoughtful overview of Christian theology in the areas of bibliology, theology proper and angelology. The student will be encouraged to develop his or her theological grid and gain exposure to theological terminology, scriptural support for doctrines, theologians and historical developments which have played a major role in Christian theology. Student will develop their own doctrinal statement reflecting their understanding of biblical teaching in the focus area of Christian theology.

THE502 CHRIST'S REDEMPTION: CHRIST AND HUMANITY (3)

A thoughtful overview of Christian theology in the areas of anthropology, hamartiology and Christology. The student will be encouraged to develop his or her theological grid and gain exposure to theological terminology, scriptural support for doctrines, theologians and historical developments which have played a major role in Christian theology. Student will develop their own doctrinal statement reflecting their understanding of biblical teaching in the focus area of Christian theology.

THE503 GOD'S PEOPLE: THE SPIRIT, THE CHURCH, AND THE FUTURE (3)

A thoughtful overview of Christian theology in the areas of soteriology, pneumatology, ecclesiology, and eschatology. The student will be encouraged to develop his or her theological grid and gain exposure to theological terminology, scriptural support for doctrines, theologians and historical developments which have played a major role in Christian theology. Student will develop their own doctrinal statement reflecting their understanding of biblical teaching in each area of Christian theology.

THE511 THEOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND WRITING (1)

A practical introduction to systematic and progressive methodology for doing comprehensive research in theological and biblical studies. The student also learns the procedure for developing a standardized written style and format.

THE521 UNDERSTANDING CHURCH HISTORY (3)

An analysis of those events, movements, and ideas that characterized the church from its inception through the controversies at Nicea, the rise and growth of the state church until its full expression in the period ending with Boniface VIII, the movements and ideas that culminated in the Protestant Reformation, and a survey of developments since the Reformation with specific stress on the emergence of contemporary denominationalism and theological thought in the controversies centered in modern rationalism and humanism.

THE601 ENGAGING WORLDVIEWS (3)

A study of the biblical and theological principles which delineate truly Christian thinking and conduct within culture. Emphasis is placed upon evaluation of current worldview systems and techniques for developing and communicating a Christian worldview across cultures.

THE660 GRAPPLING WITH THEOLOGICAL ISSUES (3)

An intensive study of a specific issue within theology. Particular focus will be on issues making significant impact on culture and ministry today. Content of course will vary. Students may enroll in course twice.

TUITION AND FEES

TUITION	COST PER CREDIT	CREDITS	TOTAL COST
Master of Divinity	\$450	85	\$38,250
FEES			
Tuition Deposit	\$200		
Technology Fee	\$40 each semester		
Graduation Fee	\$150		
Course Fees	Varies (some courses may have fees to cover the cost of provided materials)		

APPLICATION AND ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Complete and submit the following items in order for your application packet to be reviewed for acceptance.

- ❑ **APPLICATION**
Begin your application at corban.edu/apply
- ❑ **ESSAYS**
Answer the following questions thoroughly with an essay for each.
 1. Explain how you came to know Jesus Christ as your Savior, including the scriptural basis for your salvation and what in your life indicates that you are walking with the Lord.
 2. What do you believe are the characteristics of an effective Christian minister/leader?
 3. Relate your educational and vocational goals and indicate what you expect to gain from participation in Corban’s School of Ministry.
 4. Relate any professional and/or lay ministry experience you have undertaken in a local church and/or parachurch organization.
- ❑ **PASTOR REFERENCE FORM**
To be filled out by a pastor/elder in the church you are currently attending. Form is to be submitted to Graduate Admissions at Corban University.
- ❑ **INSTRUCTOR OR EMPLOYER REFERENCE FORM**
To be filled out by current or former instructor/employer. Form is to be submitted to Graduate Admissions at Corban University.
- ❑ **FRIEND REFERENCE FORM**
To be filled out by a close/family friend who has known you longer than one year. Form is to be submitted to Graduate Admissions at Corban University.
- ❑ **AGREEMENT OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINES**
To be signed and submitted to Graduate Admissions at Corban University.
- ❑ **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS**
To be requested from the institution where your bachelor’s degree was awarded and any schools where graduate coursework was taken. Official transcripts should be sent to Graduate Admissions at Corban University.
- ❑ **RESUME**

AFTER ACCEPTANCE

- **PAY ENROLLMENT DEPOSIT (\$200)**
The enrollment deposit reserves your place in class and is applied toward your tuition. Your student account cannot be created until the enrollment deposit has been received.
- **COMPLETE “WALK TO CLASS”**
Your Admissions counselor will create your account and send you information on how to use our online learning platform, Populi, before classes start.