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 3 year degree has a total of 72 credits and consists of a Bible, theology, and leadership core (54 credits) and concentration in Church Ministry (18 credits).

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 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.

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COURSEWORK

THEOLOGY CORE (15 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

BIBLE CORE (18 CREDITS)

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 Elective	3 credits

LEADERSHIP CORE (21 CREDITS)

CML531	Teaching Scripture	3 credits
CML501	Growing in the Lord	3 credits
CML541	Building a Christ-centered Home	3 credits
CML553	Becoming a Servant Leader	3 credits
CML671	Ministering Cross-culturally	3 credits
CML561	Supervised Experience (2 credits for three semesters)	6 credits

CHURCH MINISTRY CONCENTRATION (18 CREDITS)

CML641	Leading Ministries	3 credits
CML651	Fulfilling the Church's Purpose	3 credits
CML661	Ministering in the Church	3 credits
CML611	Counseling in Ministry	3 credits
CML511	Preaching Scripture I	3 credits
CML521	Preaching Scripture II	3 credits

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.

CML553 BECOMING A SERVANT LEADER (3)
A core course designed to help students gain an accurate knowledge of themselves and 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 SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE (2)
Supervised field-based experience in the student's intended vocational context, under the supervision and encouragement of an experienced mentor.

CML611 COUNSELING IN MINISTRY (3)
This course is a study of biblical principles of counseling, together with a review of major counseling theories and practices, legal issues, and special problems encountered in ministry counseling.

CML641 LEADING MINISTRIES (3)
A core course designed to help those in Christian ministry develop a biblical theology of leadership and discern how that applies to today's diverse ministry contexts. In doing so, the Bible will be examined against the background of current leadership thinking in order to build a foundation for leadership that is biblically based and culturally informed. Special focus will be given to studying the principles of

leadership that apply to both individuals and institutions as they relate to the character, values, skills, tasks, and context of leadership. Finally, students will have the opportunity to discover and explore their own particular style of, and capacity for, leadership.

CML651 FULFILLING THE CHURCH'S PURPOSE (3)
This course is a study of the biblical directives concerning church ministry, allowing for needed adaptation to current cultures, and directing student s in analyzing competing methodologies and perspectives of church ministry from a biblically-based foundation.

CML661 MINISTERING IN THE CHURCH (3)
This course is an examination of the nature of leading ministries with emphasis on the person and role of the pastor in conjunction with his ministry opportunities in the church. Principles of leadership and administration of the church are examined in light of Scripture and general managerial practice, along with practical training in the various areas of pastoral ministry.

CML671 MINISTERING CROSS-CULTURALLY (3)
This course is a study of the elements and expressions of Corban University Catalog 2023-2024 265 culture as they influence ministry, with special attention given to specific skills for exegeting a cultural setting for ministry.

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 Nicaea, 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.

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TUITION AND FEES

TUITION (2026-27)	COST PER CREDIT	CREDITS	TOTAL COST
Master of Divinity	$600	72	$43,200

FEES	COST
Tuition Deposit	$200
Technology Fee	$75 each semester
Graduation Fee	$200
Course Fees	Varies (some courses may have fees for 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 minster/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.