Master of Divinity Degree

The Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree at AGTS is a leading-edge program designed to enable:

- A deep grasp of God's mission in the world and its development throughout history to the present
- Skills for interpreting the Scriptures
- Appreciation for and experience of the empowering of God's Spirit in transformation and ministry
- Rigorous reflection on Christian truths
- Holistic leadership for engaging contemporary challenges
- Effective evangelism, disciple-making and meeting of community needs
- Practical competencies needed for ministry in a pluralistic society

The MDiv degree requires 78 credits of study. Students with a strong undergraduate background in religion who have successfully completed introductory courses in Bible, Theology, and Ministry may choose advanced courses instead (up to 30 credits). Course options enable students to adapt their program to fit their needs and interests while fulfilling requirements. The program prepares students for vocational ministries in the Church, teaching/writing vocations, and for further graduate studies in Bible and Theology and ministry.

In view of the competitive nature for entering military and hospital chaplaincies, students interested in these ministries are strongly encouraged to complete at least 90 credits.

Overview of Curriculum

Section of Courses	Credits Per Section
Mission of God & World Christianity	12
Bible & Theology	30
Practical Theology	24
Electives*	9
Field Education Research Project *(Take during last year of study)*	3
TOTAL:	**78 Credits**

* Electives in Bible/Theology, Global Missions and/or Practical Theology. *Those with limited experience in ministry leadership must take one practice as part of their electives.*

Master of Divinity Components and Requirements

1. The MDiv identifies courses as Foundation Courses and Advanced Courses. All Foundation Courses are required.
2. If a Foundation Course has been successfully completed with a minimum grade of C as an undergraduate, the student may take one of the Advanced Course options. (Several Foundation Courses define the AGTS educational vision and do not have alternatives.)
3. Students who have not taken 6 credits of pre-seminary or basic Greek at the undergraduate level must take it during their first year at AGTS (BGR 530 Greek 1A and BGR 531 Greek 1B in the AGTS curriculum, with a minimum grade of B in each) in addition to the 78 required credits. If the student is unable to take Greek IA and IB through regular seated classes, the courses are also offered through student to student and faculty to student mediated Distance Learning courses.
4. All AGTS Master's programs must be completed within a 10-year time limit,

inclusive of any graduate courses transferred in from other schools. See the AGTS Office of Seminary Registration and Degree Audit for more information.

Curriculum Breakdown

Mission of God and World Christianity Courses (12 Credits)

Foundation	Advanced	Credits
BTH/MHT 501		3
HIS/MHT 556	PHI 633, 631/THE 628; MCC/PTH 654; HIS 642	3
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MCC/MHT 643		3

Bible and Theology Courses (30 Credits)

Foundation	Advanced	Credits
BIB 532	BIB 637; BNT 623, 624; BOT 621, 622; BOT/BNT/BGR and BHE Book Study.	3
BNT 530	BIB 638, 640; BNT 641, 533, 540, 541, 542 or BGR Book Study; BTH 532, 640	3
BOT 530	BIB 638, 640; BOT 531, 538, 539, 540 or BHE Book	3
	Study; BOT 641; BTH 530, 640	
HIS 532	HIS 528, 642.	3
RES 531		3
THE 531	THE 623, 624, 628, 639	3
THE 532	BTH 635: PHI 633; THE 621, 625, 639	3
Two Biblical Language courses beyond BGR 530 and 531.	BAR 630*; BGR 611*, 612, 624, 625, 626, 627**, 630**; BHE 530, 531, 633, 634, 635, 637, 639***, 640 ***	6
One Bible or Theology Course	Any BIB, BNT, BOT, BTH, THE, PHI course; Any BGR/BHE Bible Book Study; Any PCS course with Bible or Theology cross-listing except history.	3

* Prerequisites: BGR 530 & 531.
**Prerequisites: BGR 530, 531, 611, and 612
*** Prerequisites: BHE 530, 531.

Practical Theology (24 Credits)

Foundation	Advanced	Credits
HOM 529	HOM 633 or any expository preaching course	3
HOM 633		3
PTH 551	PTH 530	3

PTH 557		3
PTH 522		3
PTH 559	Leadership elective course	3
PTH 650		3
PTH 653		3

Electives (9 Credits)
Electives in Bible/Theology, Global Missions and/or Practical Theology (3 courses, 3 credits each).

Field Education Research Project (3 Credits)
PTH 556 (Take during last year of study)

Biblical Language Requirements
Six credits of introductory Greek (two courses each with a minimum grade of B) are prerequisite for the MDiv program and do not count toward the 78 credits needed for the degree. Students who have not taken 6 credits of pre-seminary or basic Greek at the undergraduate level must take it during their first year at AGTS (BGR 530 Greek IA and BGR 531 Greek IB in the AGTS curriculum, earning a minimum grade of B in each). If the student is unable to take Greek IA and IB through regular seated classes, the courses are also offered through Distance Learning courses.

Six additional credits of biblical languages (either Greek or Hebrew) are required for the MDiv degree.

Concentrations

Concentrations are not required.
Students may pursue electives of their choice instead. If students desire a concentration, they will assume responsibility for taking the needed courses through their requirements and electives. These concentrations will not appear on the student degree audit since students often change them during their studies. If the needed courses have been taken and brought to the attention of the Assistant Registrar, Seminary, at graduation the concentration will appear on a student's transcript. Depending on the concentration, four or five courses are needed.

Expository Preaching Concentration
For more information, please visit the [Cordas C. Burnett Center for Biblical Preaching](). The Center offers various non-traditional opportunities for the development of expositional skills.

HOM/BOT 621	3 credits
HOM/BOT 622	3 credits
HOM/BNT 624	3 credits

Choose one or both of the following: HOM/BOT 620; HOM/BNT 623, 3 credits each.

Military/Institutional Chaplaincy Concentration (12 or 15 Credits)
The training of chaplains for service in military and other institutional settings has been a high priority for AGTS since its founding in 1972. As a result, AGTS has a very large number of graduates serving in chaplaincy positions. The large group of chaplaincy candidates at AGTS creates a unique community of learners that is ideal for creating a network of relationships that will persist for decades of future ministry. This track provides a course of studies specifically designed to prepare chaplains with skills for the wide range of duties required in military/institutional ministry.

The Assemblies of God Chaplaincy Department strongly recommends taking an additional 12 credits to create a 90-credit MDiv. This will improve the opportunity for initial placement and enhance the possibility of promotions as a chaplain

Choose one of the following (3 credits):
PTH 540, 541

Choose from among the following (each course 3 credits each):
PTH 561, 565, 610, 617, 618.

Islamic Studies Concentration (12 Credits)

Course	Credits
MCC 545	3
MHT 649	3
MSS 643	3
Choose among MCC 552, 553, 554; MSS 641	3

Distance Learning and Online Options. The AGTS Master of Divinity is offered three ways as:

- **Residential** program. (To meet residency requirements 27 credits must be taken as seated coursework at the main campus. Military chaplain candidates should check with their service branch to determine residency requirements.)
- **Hybrid** program (through a variety of venues and modalities)
- **Fully online**.

No more than 39 credits can be transferred into the MDiv program. There is a 10-year time limit on program completion, including transfer credit.

AGTS offers online learning experiences that provide students the opportunity to earn credits toward their degree programs without traveling to any of the course locations. All online courses provide faculty to student and student to student interaction through the Course Commons (Canvas) learning management system.