master of divinity
Developing Christian leaders for participation in the kingdom mission and in various forms of ministry is the primary function of the Master of Divinity program. The four-year course of study prepares persons for pastoral leadership and ordination in most denominations. Bible, theology, and ministry are at the core of the program. Students develop personal resources as well as the knowledge and skills necessary to become spiritual leaders. Graduates are equipped for a variety of pastoral ministries: chaplaincy, military chaplaincy, church planting, missions, youth ministry, and other church staff ministries as well as for participation in the kingdom mission. The program also prepares capable persons for doctoral studies.

program outcomes
- Articulate how their life in Christ exhibits the fruits and gifts Holy Spirit as formed in their Christian community and devoted to the glory of God the Father;
- Demonstrate skillful exegesis through in-depth biblical study and awareness of methodological frameworks;
- Demonstrate effective cultural exegesis and awareness of cultural frameworks, empowering them for effective, faithful, dynamic, and culturally appropriate communication of the gospel;
- Demonstrate a coherent Christian theological understanding and awareness of theological frameworks, informing their life and ministry, including corporate worship of the Triune God;
- Demonstrate appreciative and critical awareness of their own and other Christian traditions as implemented in strategies for ministry;
- Articulate their understanding of Christian ethics and demonstrate how it informs daily living and their philosophy of leadership;
- Demonstrate competent care and collaborative leadership informed by integrative reflection, an understanding of human and organizational systems, and emotional-relational intelligence;
- Demonstrate a competence in the integration of knowledge, character, and ability specific to their ministry context;
- Articulate and engage their vocation in a mentored life, intentional Christian community, and whole-life stewardship.

requirements for graduation
- Demonstrated competency in all program outcomes with master assessment scores of 8 or higher with no score of 1 in any category
- Recommendation of mentor team

the kairos philosophy
Through the Kairos philosophy of education and the Kairos Project track, students at Sioux Falls Seminary define the path through which they pursue their program—whether immersed in context near Sioux Falls or around the globe or taking a more classic route through on campus and online course modules.

Flexible learning is facilitated through contextually integrated educational moments and adaptable assignments. Students move toward outcome based Christian maturity under the supervision of a mentor team, by the direction of faculty, and through participation in a cohort-based community of learning.

Students and mentor teams to customize course work in light of needs, ministry context, and prior learning or experiences. With the exception of intensive gatherings on the main campus each October and April, course work is typically completed in context.
The flat monthly tuition fee gives students access to nearly every learning module, event, and resource provided by Sioux Falls Seminary.

**Program Options**

Students who wish to focus on a specific type of ministry or area of study may work with their mentor team to adapt assignments and/or concentrate studies in a particular area of emphasis through partnerships or specializations. By doing so, students are able to customize their program to meet their specific ministry development needs.

Partnerships - The seminary partners with a number of different ministry organizations, providing the opportunity to enhance and customize learning while progressing toward achievement of program outcomes. Ministry partners offer concentration in areas such as spiritual direction or transformation, discipleship, missional church leadership, worship leadership, and more.

Specialization in Pastoral Care and Counseling - The Specialization in Pastoral Care and Counseling is ideal for those whose ultimate career goal is chaplaincy or ministering in pastoral care. It gives the opportunity for enough Clinical Pastoral Education to be eligible for membership in the Association of Professional Chaplains. Students pursuing this specialization will need to take more than the program’s required hours. Some of those additional hours will be taken as part of Clinical Pastoral Education.

Clinical Pastoral Education - Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is available as a regular part of the curriculum at Sioux Falls Seminary. CPE fosters personal and professional development under the supervision of a nationally-certified clinical supervisor. One unit of CPE consists of 300 hours of clinical practice plus 100 hours of structured group and individual education. The training may be completed throughout the year as whole units, half units, or extended units. One unit equals six semester hours of credit. Stipend internships of one year are available throughout the United States and Canada for students and graduates who have completed at least one unit of training. Credits earned through Clinical Pastoral Education do not count toward the program’s required 77 credit hours.

Biblical Languages - Students desiring or required to take Greek and/or Hebrew may substitute Biblical language courses in place of Introduction to Bible Interpretation.

**Outcome 1**

- **Identity and the Triune God**
- Spiritual Formation

**Outcome 2**

- **Skillful Biblical Exegesis**
  - Old Testament Literature
  - New Testament Literature
  - Intro to Bible Interpretation
  - BI____ Bible Exegesis Course

**Outcome 3**

- **Effective Cultural Exegesis**
  - Mission of the Church
  - Ethnohermeneutics
  - Preparing to Communicate in Context
  - Communicating in Context

**Outcome 4**

- **Coherent Theology**
  - God, Christ, and Humanity
  - Creation, Spirit, and Church
  - Christian Worship

**Outcome 5**

- **Streams of Tradition**
  - Christian Heritage I
  - Christian Heritage II
  - CH____ Denominational Heritage

**Outcome 6**

- **Standards and Service**
  - Christian Ethics
  - Christian Leadership (1 of 3)

**Outcome 7**

- **Caring Leadership**
  - Care and Counseling
  - Christian Leadership (2 of 3)

**Outcome 8**

- **Gatherings: High-Level Integration**
  - Supervised/Integrated Studies I-VI (3)

**Outcome 9**

- **The Mentored Life**
  - Christian Discipleship

**Outcome Next**

- Readiness for Ministry

**Total Credit Hours**

- 77

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