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Dear Brothers and Sisters, Co-Laborers in Christ's Kingdom,

We are excited to announce that our accreditors have approved two new degree options for Christian leaders, *the Master of Divinity* in English and *Maestría de divinidad en español*.

The 84-credit MDIV builds on the 52-credit Master of Arts in Christian Studies. Thirdmill Seminary continues its unique partnership between our credentialed faculty in the global classroom and local ministry coaches. Though the MDIV is designed for those who are called to lead local congregations as pastors or church planters, we remain focused on training missionary leaders for missionary churches.

You may have noticed we have a new logo and a new website (launching soon): [thirdmillseminary.edu](http://thirdmillseminary.edu). The shield communicates our strong commitment to Scripture and the apostolic faith. The bridge with its three columns signals our mission to span barriers to a high value theological education that focuses on three primary tasks of ministry: interpreting Scripture together; doing theology in context; and forming disciples in community.

The new MDIV degree programs launch with the new academic year beginning August 11. Remember that you can apply anytime to be considered for the next term. To schedule a “discovery call” to ask questions or to start the application process, [click HERE](#).

We are humbled by this new opportunity to serve those who serve Christ's Church and we look forward to seeing you in the new academic year. For more information on the details of the MDIV program, see below or visit our website.

Gregory R. Perry, PhD.  
President



## The Master of Divinity

Thirdmill Seminary offers a high value theological education that focuses on three primary tasks of ministry: interpreting Scripture together; doing theology in context; and forming disciples in community. Our Graduate Certificate program (18 credits) offers an introduction to biblical studies and underscores interpreting Scripture together. Our Master of Arts and Master of Divinity programs build on this foundation, offering a deeper and wider engagement with Scripture. Our Master of Arts in Christian Studies (52 credits) emphasizes the apostolic faith and doing theology in context.

*The Master of Divinity* program (84 credits) is designed for those who are called to plant and lead local churches and offers a balance of courses in all three tasks of ministry. In addition to core requirements in the Bible, theology, and ministry practices, the MDIV allows students to choose elective courses in areas of interest and/or requirements of their ecclesiastical bodies.

### *Interpreting Scripture Together – 35 Credits*

BIB501	Kingdom, Covenants, and Canon of the Old Testament	2	
BIB502	Kingdom and Covenant in the New Testament	2	
BIB503	Pentateuch - Part 1	3	
BIB517	Pentateuch - Part 2 *	3	
BIB504	The Book of Acts	2	
BIB505	Gospels	3	
BIB513	He Gave Us Prophets	3	
BIB514	Heart of Paul's Theology	2	
BIB515	He Gave Us Scripture - Part 1	3	
BIB516	He Gave Us Scripture - Part 2 *	3	
<u><i>Choose 9 BIB credits from the following electives</i></u>			
BIB518	General Epistles	3	
BIB519	Historical Books	3	
BIB520	Wisdom Literature	3	
BIB525	Greek for Exegesis *	3	
BIB530	Hebrew for Exegesis *	3	
<b>Total Bible Requirements [26 Core + 9 Electives = 35]</b>			<b>35</b>

\*Prerequisites must be met before enrollment.

*Doing Theology in Context – 31 Credits*

HIS501	Church History 1: The Early Church and the Middle Ages	3	
HIS502	Church History 2: The Reformation to the Present	3	
THE501	Building Your Theology	2	
THE502	The Apostles' Creed	3	
THE505	We Believe in the Holy Spirit	2	
THE507	We Believe in Salvation: Soteriology	2	
THE508	We Believe in God	2	
THE509	We Believe in Jesus	3	
THE510	What is Man?	3	
THE511	Your Kingdom Come: Eschatology	2	
THE512	We Believe in the Church	3	
THE513	Making Biblical Decisions **	3	
<b>Total Theology Requirements [31 Core]</b>			<b>31</b>

*Forming Disciples in Community – 18 Credits*

MIS512	Global Christianity	3	
MIS515	Ministry Leadership and Design	3	
MIS603	Capstone Portfolio & Presentation *	3	
	<u><a href="#">Choose 9 MIS credits from the following electives</a></u>		
MIS501	Worship Practicum	1	
MIS502	Nurture Practicum	1	
MIS503	Outreach Practicum	1	
MIS504	Christian Counseling	3	
MIS505	Defending the Faith *	3	
MIS507	Teaching and Preaching *	3	
MIS509	Evangelism and Church Planting	2	
MIS510	Vocational Discipleship	2	
<b>Total Ministry Practice Requirements [9 core + 9 electives = 18 Total]</b>			<b>18</b>

\*Prerequisites must be met before enrollment.

The Master of Divinity requires 35 credits in Interpreting Scripture Together, 31 credits in Doing Theology in Context and 18 credits in Forming Disciples in Community, for a total of 84 credits.

Most of our students are co-vocational and take only one or two courses per term. Since we have five 8-week terms each academic year, it takes co-vocational students approximately 4 years to complete the MACS and 6 years to complete the MDIV. Students who can devote more time, taking 2 or 3 courses per term, can complete an MACS in 2 years and an MDIV in 3 years.