

ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE

Master of Divinity (MDiv)

&

Dual Degree (BTh + MDiv)



Student Academic Handbook

Includes International Student information

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Welcome!

Welcome—or welcome back—to classes at St. Andrew's College. Whether you are studying at a distance or coming to campus to take classes face to face, we are looking forward to exploring our faith and ministry together with you. A large part of this exploration is done in an academic setting.

Our degree and diploma programs are designed to provide theological education through a cohesive program with course-based, self-directed, and integrative components. The curriculum focuses on integration of:

- Theory and practice
- Church and society
- Theological disciplines
- Self and vocation
- United Church of Canada identity and ecumenical cooperation

Our goal of making theological education as widely accessible as possible is met through a variety of modes of course delivery: on-site, live streaming, on-line, or a combination of these. We also offer intensive courses and semester long courses.

Another goal of the curriculum is to respect your individual learning needs and styles as an adult student and your life circumstances. Whether you are a part-time or a full-time student, distance or intramural, you will work with a Faculty Advisor throughout your program to enable the best possible learning.

This specific handbook outlines the current MDiv and Dual Degree (BTh + MDiv) academic policies and procedures. Please refer to the Resources and Policies handbook for additional College policies and procedures. All members of the Faculty and the Registrar are available for consultation on these matters; your first contact should be with your Faculty Advisor. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need to discuss any issue outlined here. A full list of useful contacts is available in Section Four.

In March 2009, St. Andrew's College became an Affirming Ministry – a network of United Church congregations that publicly affirm and support people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Affirming Ministries provide information, acceptance, support and justice making for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. They declare in words and actions, that God loves and accepts people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender. And they call upon the rest of the church and society to do the same.

SECTION ONE: Admission Requirements and Program Information

1. General Admission Information

In addition to academic requirements for admission to any program, an applicant's personal qualifications, references, etc. will be considered in the admission procedure. For a student to be admitted to St. Andrew's College, the College must be satisfied of their academic, vocational and psychological fitness, and that their financial means are adequate. The College may place a student on probation or, if warranted, may discontinue a student for any of these reasons. In the case of students in the candidacy process for ministry, such actions will be taken only in full consultation with appropriate courts of the church.

Application forms and the process regarding submission for the MDiv and Dual Degree Program (BTh + MDiv) are available on our website www.standrews.ca in the "Programs" tab.

Application Fee: \$75 (non-refundable)

Application Due Date: Applications are accepted on an on-going basis, but in order to begin studies at the beginning of the academic year in September, the application and all supporting documents must be received by St. Andrew's College by April 1. If the application and supporting documents arrive after April, there is not a guarantee that the application will be reviewed in time to admit the student for the fall term.

Transcripts: Official transcripts must be sent directly from the institution to St. Andrew's College. They cannot be copies of the official transcripts.

2. Dual Degree Program (Bachelor of Theology & Master of Divinity)

Program Goals and Admission Requirements

The purpose of this degree is to offer a program of study in Christian faith and formation for ordained ministry that integrates undergraduate preparation, post-graduate study and experience in ministry.

Program Goals:

At the end of the Bachelor of Theology-Master of Divinity degree program, students should be able to:

- 1) Express faith through practice and critical reflection on one's self in ministry and the world
- 2) Demonstrate competence in justice-oriented ministry leadership in congregational life, the church, community and the world
- 3) Critically analyze and engage contemporary moral issues and ethical stances in our diverse, complex, and globalized society
- 4) Articulate the contexts of production and reception (including in modern faith communities) of biblical texts
- 5) Articulate and interpret key Christian theological concepts accessibly
- 6) Critically interpret and appropriate the history of Christianity (including The United Church of Canada)

Admission Requirements:

- Applicants who have completed Grade 12 and have not completed a post-secondary education program are invited to apply for admission to the Bachelor of Theology-Master of Divinity dual degree program. Such applicants must apply to and be accepted in a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree program at a recognized university, normally the University of Saskatchewan, and then apply for admission to the dual degree BTh-MDiv program. Successful applicants will be admitted to the BTh program with provisional acceptance into the MDiv program.
- Students will take the first two years (60 credit hours) of the BA/BSc degree concurrently with the first year of the MDiv program (30 credit hours) for a total of three years of study. This program may be taken over a longer period of time, if desired.
- Upon completion of 90 credit hours, students are granted the degree of Bachelor of Theology by St. Andrew's College and are admitted to the Master of Divinity program with 30 credit hours of advanced standing, and complete the Master of Divinity degree according to the usual requirements – an additional 60 credit hours – for a total of 150 credit hours. Students are granted the degree of Master of Divinity, upon completion of the additional 60 credit hours and all program requirements.

Students wishing to complete a university Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree would normally complete an additional 30 credit hours of courses at the university and fulfill all program requirements of the university, possibly including the renouncing of the BTh degree. Students must consult with the relevant university about those requirements: St. Andrew's College does not have a cooperative agreement with any university for this program, although the college expects students will normally enrol at the University of Saskatchewan.

Applicants with significant life experience

Applicants with significant life experience and/or some previous post-secondary education are welcome to apply to this dual degree program. However, applicants to this program will not be eligible for Prior Learning Assessment or Advanced Standing with Credit additional to what is already built into the program. Students may apply for up to 15 credit hours of previous undergraduate courses to be transferred into the BTh portion of the program, and up to 9 credit hours of graduate courses in theology to be transferred into the dually-credited and/or MDiv portion of the program from outside the Saskatoon Theological Union consortium. The length of time to program completion will not be shortened.

Ordination and denominational requirements

Applicants to the BTh-MDiv program intending to seek ordination in The United Church of Canada are encouraged to learn the church's requirements for candidacy and ordination. Students must be candidates for ordination by April 1 of the year in which the student intends to begin their Ministry Residency.

Applicants to the BTh-MDiv program intending to seek ordination in another denomination must present documentation from their denominational body supporting admission and outlining denominational courses to be taken in place of United Church denominational courses (PA 110; HA/SA 382). These denominational courses will normally be taken at another institution. The student and their denominational body will work with the Ministry Residency Coordinator to locate a Ministry Practicum and structure a Ministry Residency.

2a) Program Requirements:

This structure is based on the requirements for a Three-Year degree in Arts or Science at the University of Saskatchewan. In exceptional cases, students seeking to study at a different university will work with their St. Andrew's faculty advisor and the relevant university to develop an equivalent program.

BTh Year 1 (30 cr: 24 cr BTh and 6 cr dual-credit BTh-MDiv)

6 cr Basic requirement for University Major: this becomes the BTh Minor

3 cr University English

15 cr University Humanities, Sciences, Social Sciences, Fine Arts: a total of 6 cr in each must be taken over the course of the program

6 cr from the following list of St. Andrew's BTh courses:

BA 010 Introduction to Hebrew Scriptures (3 cr)

BA 061 Introduction to New Testament (3 cr)

SA 013 Introduction to Christian Theology (3 cr)

SA 014 Christology (3 cr)

HA 011 Christian History: Early and Medieval (3 cr)

HA 012 Christian History: Reformation and Modern (3 cr)

SA 052 Introduction to Christian Ethics (3 cr)

BTh Year 2 (30 cr: 18 cr BTh and 12 cr dual-credit BTh-MDiv)

9 cr University Major (BTh Minor)

6 cr Languages (may be Greek or Hebrew through the Saskatoon Theological Union)

3 cr University Humanities, Sciences, Social Sciences, Fine Arts: a total of 6 cr in each must be taken over the course of the program

12 cr from the remaining courses on the following list of St. Andrew's BTh courses:

BA 010 Introduction to Hebrew Scriptures (3 cr)

BA 061 Introduction to New Testament (3 cr)

SA 013 Introduction to Christian Theology (3 cr)

SA 014 Christology (3 cr)

HA 011 Christian History: Early and Medieval (3 cr)

HA 012 Christian History: Reformation and Modern (3 cr)

SA 052 Introduction to Christian Ethics (3 cr)

BTh Year 3 (30 cr: 18 cr BTh and 12 cr dual-credit BTh-MDiv)

12 cr University Major (BTh Minor)

6 cr University Humanities, Sciences, Social Sciences, Fine Arts: a total of 6 cr in each must be taken over the course of the program

6 cr to complete the remaining courses on the following list of St. Andrew's BTh courses:

BA 010 Introduction to Hebrew Scriptures (3 cr)

BA 061 Introduction to New Testament (3 cr)

SA 013 Introduction to Christian Theology (3 cr)

SA 014 Christology (3 cr)

HA 011 Christian History: Early and Medieval (3 cr)

HA 012 Christian History: Reformation and Modern (3 cr)

SA 052 Introduction to Christian Ethics (3 cr)

6 cr: Two of the following St. Andrew's MDiv courses:

BA 221, BA 226, BA 229, SA 262, SA 282, An upper-level Christian Scriptures course

3 cr One of the following St. Andrew's BTh courses:

PA 010 Introduction to Christian Worship (3 cr)*

PA 062 Introduction to Christian Education (3 cr)*

*Admission to PA 010 and PA 0262 prior to Year 3 is by instructor's permission only.

MDiv Year 2 (30 cr: all MDiv)

PA 235 Clinical Pastoral Education (6 cr): taken either the summer before or after the other Year 2 courses

6 cr from the remaining courses on the following list:

BA 22x Upper-level Hebrew Scriptures: Exegesis (3 cr)

SA 2xx/3xx Upper-level Ethics/Church & Society (3 cr)

PA 110 Introduction to Worship (3 cr)

PA 160 Introduction to Christian Education (3 cr)

PA 230 Theological Foundations for Pastoral Care in Congregations (3 cr)

PA 212 Preaching: The Word in Worship (3 cr)

SA 370 Integration Seminar (3 cr)

Three Electives (9 cr)

MDiv Ministry Residency (30 cr over 20 months: all MDiv)

PA 380 Ministry Practicum (15 cr)

PA 381 Learning Circle 1: Skills and Reflection in Pastoral Ministry (3 cr)

HA/SA 382 Learning Circle 2: UCC History, Theology, Polity (4 cr)

SA 383 Learning Circle 3: Learning and Reflection in Aboriginal Ministry contexts (3 cr)

PA 384 Learning Circle 4: Mission and Administration (2 cr)

PA 385 Learning Circle 5: Vocation and Identity in Pastoral Ministry (3 cr)

Additional MDiv Program Requirements (non-credit) Beginning at the start of MDiv Year 2

PA100: Program Based Requirements MDiv (0 credits, assessed at 3 credit rate)

- Entry Colloquium at beginning of MDiv Year 2
- Welcome Week each year of full time study on campus
- Core Group each year of full-time study on campus
- Committee work each year of full-time study on campus
- Chapel leadership each year of full-time study on campus
- Inclusive Language Workshop each year of full-time study on campus
- Boundaries Workshop once during MDiv program
- STU Learning Event attendance and participation (2x)
- Ministry Residency Preparation Session (winter semester prior to Residency)
- "Residents' Return" during Ministry Residency
- Entering and Graduating Students' Survey

2b) Program Notes

- An overall average of 60% in St. Andrew's BTh and MDiv courses must be maintained in order to

remain in good standing, and the student must remain in good standing at the University.

- BTh Year 1, 2, 3 and MDiv Year 2 may be completed through either full or part-time studies
- MDiv Ministry Residency must be completed through full-time registration.
- During BTh Years 1-3, students will normally participate in Welcome Week and the Inclusive Language Workshop each year, as far as their schedule permits. Students are also strongly encouraged to participate in the BTh Student Group organized by the Dual Degree Program Director, and to participate as much as possible in the life of the College.
- All courses except Learning Circles (PA 381, HA/SA 382, SA 383, PA 384, PA 385) are normally completed before beginning Ministry Residency. In exceptional cases, students with 24-29 MDiv credit hours may be permitted to begin Ministry Residency, but must make a proposal prior to registration demonstrating how the remaining credit hours will be completed. Students admitted to the Honours program begin Ministry Residency with 24 MDiv credit hours, and complete the Honours Thesis (6 cr) during the Residency.
- Students retain their status as students (for student loans, book bursaries, etc.) during Ministry Residency.
- No more than 15 credit hours of the BTh credits may be transferred from an institution other than the University of admission (normally the University of Saskatchewan). No more than 9 credit hours of the dual-credit and/or MDiv credits may be transferred from an institution outside the Saskatoon Theological Union consortium. **Students admitted to this dual degree program are not eligible for Prior Learning Assessment** or further Advanced Standing with Credit.
- No more than 12 credit hours in introductory biblical languages may be counted towards the dual degree program.
- All requirements for the degrees must be completed within ten (10) years of admission.
- Students who do not move to Saskatoon must complete the Core Group & Committee Work requirement as follows:
 1. Set up a circle of support within their congregation/community. This will be made up of 3-4 people who will commit to meeting with the student for a total of 15 hours over one or two years, to talk about what the student is learning, what they are experiencing as a student, how they might need support and care.
 2. Volunteer to work on a congregational/community committee for a period of at least one year. Committees such as Outreach, Education, Mission or Fellowship are good choices, as these committees of the College mirror these **OR** Volunteer and be elected to serve as a student representative on the Board of Academic Committee of St. Andrew's College for a period of one year.

At the end of the mandated time of the circle of support and the congregational/community committee service, St. Andrew's College must receive a letter that details the work done, signed by an appropriate member of the congregation/community. This letter shall be sent to the Registrar.

2c) Distance Education

In the exceptional case of a student in the dual BTh-MDiv program studying at a university other than the University of Saskatchewan, that student will complete the St. Andrew's Year 1 BTh courses through the online program. MDiv Year 2 must be taken on campus in Saskatoon. Ministry Residency is taken full-time, as a combination of half-time supervised ministry experience with half-time study; the courses are all offered as intensive courses in Saskatoon. SA 383 is offered as a two-part intensive course at various First Nations institutions/locations.

2d) Honours Option

Students can enter the Honours program during the MDiv portion of the program. See page 11 for further details.

2e) Ministry Practicum component of Ministry Residency – see page 12

Dual Degree students follow the same Ministry Residency guidelines as MDiv students. Please see page 12 for more information.

3. Master of Divinity (MDiv)

Program Goals and Admission Requirements

The purpose of the St. Andrew's MDiv program is to make theological education and ministry training accessible to as many persons as possible, and to provide excellent integration of academic and field-based training. The Master of Divinity degree represents the equivalent of four years of full-time theological study. The option of doing an Honours MDiv is available.

Program Goals

At the end of the Master of Divinity degree program, students should be able to:

1. Express faith through practice and critical reflection on one's self in ministry and the world
2. Demonstrate competence in justice-oriented ministry leadership in congregational life, the church, community and the world
3. Critically analyze and engage contemporary moral issues and ethical stances in our diverse, complex, and globalized society
4. Articulate the contexts of production and reception (including in modern faith communities) of biblical texts
5. Articulate and interpret key Christian theological concepts accessibly
6. Critically interpret and appropriate the history of Christianity (including The United Church of Canada)

Admission Requirements:

The usual requirement for admission for applicants to the MDiv program is a baccalaureate degree from a recognized university, or its education equivalent. Applicants who are currently enrolled in a bachelor's program, and who are one or two courses (up to 6 credit hours) short of completing a baccalaureate degree, may be admitted to the MDiv program, and may begin courses, on the condition that plan be put in place for the completion of the baccalaureate degree within the first year of enrollment at St. Andrew's College.

Applicants with significant life experience

While a baccalaureate degree is preferred, we recognize that many students have taken other educational tracks prior to seeking admission to St. Andrew's College. Applicants without a completed baccalaureate degree are required to have completed five full year courses (ten one-semester courses or 30 credit hours) at either: 1. A recognized university; or 2. A recognized university-transfer program. Their other post-secondary education will be assessed to determine if they have the educational

equivalent to a baccalaureate degree.

St. Andrew's College affirms the value of a broad education in the liberal arts prior to theological study. Exposure to the depth and breadth of the human experience is an essential part of the preparation for ministry. Courses in literature, history, psychology, sociology, fine arts, languages, philosophy, and the natural sciences are part of this preparation. As well, the education undertaken in such courses in critical analysis, reading, and writing is integral to the study of theology. It is for these reasons that the college insists on one year of university study prior to admission.

Ordination and denominational requirements

Applicants to the MDiv program intending to seek ordination in The United Church of Canada are encouraged to learn the church's requirements for candidacy and ordination. Students must be candidates for ordination by April 1 of the year in which the student intends to begin their Ministry Residency.

Applicants to the MDiv program intending to seek ordination in another denomination must present documentation from their denominational body supporting admission and outlining denominational courses to be taken in place of United Church denominational courses (PA 110; HA/SA 382). These denominational courses will normally be taken at another institution. The student and their denominational body will work with the Ministry Residency Coordinator to locate a Ministry Practicum and structure a Ministry Residency.

3a) Program Requirements

Years 1-2 (45 credit hours)

- BA 110 Introduction to Hebrew Scriptures (3 cr)
- BA 2xx/3xx Upper-level Hebrew Scriptures: Exegesis (3 cr)
- BE 161 Introduction to New Testament (3 cr)
- BE/BL 2xx/3xx Upper-level Christian Scriptures: Exegesis (3 cr)
- SA 113 Introduction to Christian Theology (3 cr)
- SA 214 Christology (3 cr)
- HA/HL 111 Christian History: Early and Medieval (3 cr)
- HA/HL 112 Christian History: Reformation and Modern (3 cr)
- SA 152 Introduction to Christian Ethics (3 cr)
- SA 2xx/3xx Upper-level Ethics/Church & Society (3 cr)
- PA 110 Introduction to Worship (3 cr)
- PA 212 Preaching: The Word in Worship (3 cr)
- PA 160 Introduction to Christian Education (3 cr)
- PA 235 Clinical Pastoral Education (6 cr)

Year 2 (15 credit hours) (courses to be taken in Year 2 except in exceptional circumstances)

- PA 230 Theological Foundations for Pastoral Care in Congregations (3 cr)
- SA 370 Integration Seminar (3 cr)
- Three Electives (9 cr)

Ministry Residency (30 credit hours over 20 months)

PA 380 Ministry Practicum (15 cr)

PA 381 Learning Circle 1: Skills and Reflection in Pastoral Ministry (3 cr)

HA/SA 382 Learning Circle 2: UCC History, Theology, Polity (4 cr)

SA 383 Learning Circle 3: Learning and Reflection in Aboriginal Ministry Contexts (3 cr)

PA 384 Learning Circle 4: Mission and Administration (2 cr)

PA 385 Learning Circle 5: Vocation and Identity in Pastoral Ministry (3 cr)

MDiv Program Based Requirements: PA100 - MDiv (0 credits, assessed at 3 credit rate)

- Entry Colloquium at beginning of program
- Welcome Week each year of full time study on campus
- Core Group each year of full-time study on campus
- Committee work each year of full-time study on campus
- Chapel leadership each year of full-time study on campus
- Inclusive Language Workshop each year of full-time study on campus
- Boundaries Workshop once during program
- STU Learning Event attendance and participation (3x)
- Ministry Residency Preparation Session (winter semester prior to Residency)
- “Residents’ Return” during Ministry Residency
- Graduating Students’ Survey

3b) Program Notes

- An overall average of 60% must be maintained in order to remain in good standing
- Years 1 and 2 may be completed through either full- or part-time studies
- Ministry Residency must be completed through full-time registration
- Students retain their status as students (for student loans, book bursaries, etc.) during Ministry Residency.
- All courses except Learning Circles (PA 381, HA/SA 382, SA 383, PA 384, PA 385) are normally completed before beginning Ministry Residency. In exceptional cases, students with 54-59 credit hours may be permitted to begin Ministry Residency, but must make a proposal prior to registration demonstrating how the remaining credit hours will be completed. Students admitted to the Honours program begin Ministry Residency with 54 credit hours, and complete the Honours Thesis during the Residency.
- Students retain their status as students (for student loans, book bursaries, etc.) during Ministry Residency.
- No more than 45 credit hours may be any combination of online, transfer or Prior Learning Assessment credits. Students admitted without an undergraduate degree or its educational equivalent are not eligible for Prior Learning Assessment.
- No more than 6 credit hours in introductory biblical languages may be counted towards the degree
- All requirements for the degree must be completed within ten (10) years
- Students who do not move to Saskatoon must complete the Core Group & Committee Work requirement as follows:
 - Set up a circle of support within their congregation/community. This will be made up of 3-4 people who will commit to meeting with the student for a total of 15 hours over one

- or two years, to talk about what the student is learning, what they are experiencing as a student, how they might need support and care.
- Volunteer to work on a congregational/community committee for a period of at least one year. Committees such as Outreach, Education, Mission or Fellowship are good choices, as these committees of the College mirror these **OR** Volunteer and be elected to serve as a student representative on the Board of Academic Committee of St. Andrew's College for a period of one year.

At the end of the mandated time of the circle of support and the congregational/community committee service, St. Andrew's College must receive a letter that details the work done, signed by an appropriate member of the congregation/community. This letter shall be sent to the Registrar.

3c) Distance Education

Year 1 may be completed either on campus in Saskatoon or through online and/or transfer courses and Clinical Pastoral Education. Year 2 must be taken on campus in Saskatoon. Ministry Residency is taken full-time, as a combination of half-time supervised ministry experience with half-time study; the courses are all offered as intensive courses in Saskatoon. SA 383 is offered as a two-part intensive course at various First Nations institutions/locations.

3d) Honours Option (for more details, see resources and policy handbook)

The Honours program requires:

- A grade average of 75% throughout the academic program;
- Demonstrated competence in either a second language (biblical or modern) or special preparation in the area of the thesis research;
- The presentation of an acceptable thesis (50-60 pages, 12,000-15,000 words) with a 200-word abstract. Competency in the second language must be demonstrated by the end of the second week of the term in which the thesis is to be presented. Two bound copies of the thesis are to be provided to the College Library at the student's expense. If a student successfully completes all of the course credits but does not successfully complete the thesis, the student may be given the degree without the Honours designation. The student must declare intention to pursue the Honours program before completing 54 credit hours of the MDiv program, i.e., before beginning Ministry Residency.

3e) Ministry Practicum Component

For more detailed information about the Ministry Residency, please see the Ministry Residency Guidelines handbook, available through the Registrar's office. As well, an abundance of information, including Ministry Residency Frequently Asked Questions, Evaluations Forms, United Church of Canada Supervised Ministry Handbooks, etc, is available at:

<https://standrews.ca/current-students/ministry-residency/>

The Ministry Practicum (PA 380; 15 cr) consists of half-time supervised ministry while resident at one learning site for 20 months. Once students are approved as Candidates by their Candidacy Board, they gain access to 'Church Hub'. Students will use 'Church Hub' to find a suitable learning site.

Students who wish to do their Ministry Practicum outside of the Prairie Regions of The United Church of Canada must get authorization and seek cooperation from the Candidacy Board (of the UCC) or judicatory where they want to do their Ministry Practicum.

United Church students are appointed as Candidates at half-time to a community of faith, and are afforded the salary and benefits of such an appointment. Students who wish an appointment of more than half-time must apply to faculty for approval, which is not guaranteed. The College depends on the policies of The United Church of Canada for the Ministry Residency program. If the United Church changes its authorization, requirements or funding, the St. Andrew's program will change accordingly.

The United Church of Canada contributes financially to the Ministry Practicum for United Church candidates for ministry. Communities of faith can apply for learning site Salary Support grants and Moving Grants to help off-set costs. The committees of the church work to develop Ministry Practicum placements, but **cannot guarantee** such placement in a given year. Learning sites volunteer to take on oversight and much of the cost of this community-based learning. The ability to find learning sites is further challenged by individual student needs.

Students who wish to undertake an alternate Ministry Practicum must make a proposal to the faculty prior to October 1 for the following year; there is no guarantee of approval. Students who wish to undertake such a practicum are responsible for making all arrangements to the satisfaction of the Ministry Residency Coordinator; the Coordinator will assist in making arrangements for one pastoral ministry site within The United Church of Canada, but all other arrangements are the responsibility of the student. Students are responsible for attending all Learning Circles as scheduled.

Students have the option of applying for a Global Partner Overseas Placement through The United Church of Canada for up to half of the Ministry Practicum credit. Further details on this program are available from the Registrar. Participating in an Overseas Placement may extend the length of the program.

4) Application Procedures (Dual Degree and MDiv)

Applications for the MDiv or Dual Degree program are available through the Registrar's Office or online at <https://standrews.ca/master-of-divinity/> and <https://standrews.ca/academics/programs/dual-degree-bth-mdiv/>

The following documentation is required: personal information, post-secondary background, recent employment background, an autobiography, a sample of academic writing, references, official transcripts and a non-refundable (\$75) application fee.

MDiv applicants must also indicate where they are in the Candidacy Pathway of the United Church of Canada and also include a financial statement of how your studies will be funded. Students are welcome to begin their MDiv studies prior to being named a candidate, but, as noted above, students must be candidates for ordination by April 1 of the year in which they intend to begin their Ministry Residency.

Once all requirements documentation and application fee have been received by the Registrar's office, the application will be shared with faculty for review. For a student to be admitted to St. Andrew's College, the college must be satisfied of their academic, vocational, and psychological fitness, and that their financial means are adequate. The Registrar will promptly notify the applicant of the decision regarding their application. Upon success, the student will receive a faculty advisor, course information and be eligible to register for courses.

Applications are welcome at any time and students can begin their studies during a fall or winter term. It is most beneficial to begin your studies at the beginning of an academic year (September start date) so

we encourage all applications to be submitted prior to April 1. If you are submitting an application after this date, the application may not be approved until August.

**** International students need to provide the following additional requirement**

A: Meeting the English Language Requirement: *(see below)*

B: Ability to Finance Studies: *International Students must indicate on the application how they will be able to finance studies, including tuition, books, supplies, travel, transportation, living accommodation, meals and other daily expenses.*

5) English Language Requirement (International Students)

Conditional Admission

If you do not yet meet the English proficiency requirements (page 16) of St. Andrew's College at the time of application, and have met all other requirements for admission, you *may* be eligible for conditional admission to a degree program at St. Andrew's College and to receive a 'Conditional Letter of Acceptance'. This letter indicates that you have been accepted into a program at St. Andrew's College but cannot register for courses until you have either: achieved the required scores on an English Language program through the University of Saskatchewan Language Centre - (<http://learnenglish.usask.ca> phone-306-966-4351), achieved the TOEFL (or equivalent) test scores described below or an approved equivalent program specifically designed for academic study. Please be aware that applicants may also study to raise their English language scores to meet the minimum requirements before coming to Canada.

All International students need to meet one of the three following requirements as evidence of English Language Proficiency before beginning studies:

1. Completion of a degree with English as the language of instruction.

If you have successfully completed a degree, for a minimum of three consecutive years, in an English speaking country, or in an institution where the language of instruction was English, your English requirement will be considered fulfilled. Each student's education history will be assessed individually to ensure this requirement is met.

2. Achievement of required scores on an English Proficiency Test

St. Andrew's College sets the minimum requirements for admission. These are the minimum English proficiency requirements for admission set by St. Andrew's College for the most common test types. English language requirements are uniform for admission to all St. Andrew's College programs.

A. Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet Based Test (TOEFL IBT)

Minimum in each area	20
Overall Score	80
Remedial Minimum	18

B. International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

Minimum in each area	6.5
Overall Score	6.5
Remedial Minimum	6.0

C. Pearson Test of English (PTE)

Minimum in each area	59
Overall Score	59
Remedial Minimum	54

Applicants with an overall score that meets the requirements, **but with a remedial minimum in only one area** (reading, writing, speaking or listening) may be admitted and register for courses. This requires the recommendation of the faculty. The student will be required to take a remedial part-time English class during their first term. Normally, this class will be taken at the University of Saskatchewan Language Centre. <http://ptesl.usask.ca>, 306-966-4351

The following tests are also accepted for proof of English proficiency. There are no remedial levels for these tests. All tests are valid for two years after the testing date.

Test	Minimum Score
TOEFL (computer based)	80
TOEFL (paper based)	550
U-Prep 2 from U of S Language Center	75%

3. Successful Completion of the English as a Second Language program at the U of S

The University of Saskatchewan's Language Centre provides courses in English that are specifically designed for advanced academic study. Successful completion of the advanced level courses for university preparation at the University of Saskatchewan (or an approved equivalent program specifically designed for academic study) may be accepted as evidence of proficiency. A certificate of achievement from the university must be provided.

6) Bursaries for MDiv & Dual Degree Students

St. Andrew's College provides student financial aid through a variety of bursary and other funds. Some support is provided by interest on designated bursary endowments and some by donations from individuals, pastoral charges, and units of United Church Women (UCW). Other funds are funds administered by the United Church's Faith Formation and Education Unit, and still others by bequests administered elsewhere.

Funds for counselling for Candidates and their families are available through the Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

In addition, **the College provides money that is allocated on the basis of student financial need.** Students should apply to the College's Financial Aid Officers at the beginning of the fall semester for any anticipated financial aid required for the following academic year. Students are also encouraged to contact their home pastoral charges, regions and service organizations for supplemental financial assistance.

Once awarded, all College bursaries will be applied directly to a student's account.

Master of Divinity Tuition Bursary

One full year of tuition will be provided to all full time students seeking ordination in The United Church of Canada and accepted into the MDiv program (beginning September 2011). Students may opt to utilize the tuition benefit in their first year, in their second year or extended for learning circle tuition during their residency. Tuition Relief forms for this bursary are available on the St. Andrew's College web-site or from the Registrar's Office. MDiv students accepted into their Year 3 and 4 residency placement will have their residency tuition (PA380: 15cr) fully rebated.

Book Bursary

Each student enrolled in a degree program may claim a matching grant up to \$200.00 per semester to assist in the purchase of books that are essential tools for ministry and theological study. Eligibility for the book bursary is for up to eight semesters for students in the MDiv and BTh-MDiv program. This bursary is given on a 50/50 shared basis for books purchased for use in theological education. Each claim will show receipts marked paid and be approved by the student's Faculty Advisor. Forms are available on the St. Andrew's College web-site or from the Registrar's Office.

Other Bursaries

A list of bursaries outside of the College bursaries is available on the St. Andrew's College web-site or from the Registrar's Office.

7) Formation Program

It is expected that the time that our students spend pursuing the on-campus component of their program will be enriched by their being part of a community of face-to-face learners, engaged in integration of academic disciplines, vocational and denominational formation, and community-building opportunities. Students in their residential semesters are expected to participate in the worship life of the College and the STU as part of their United Church and ecumenical formation. There are a number of opportunities for this.

7a) Welcome Week and Entry Colloquium

All students registering for a degree or diploma program at St. Andrew's College for the first time are to participate in the Entry Colloquium. The Entry Colloquium is offered in conjunction with Welcome Week events for students beginning their residential experience. Welcome Week and Entry Colloquium address such subjects as

- What is theological education?
- What is St. Andrew's College and what is its ethos?
- What do the programs look like?
- Who are the participants (Faculty, staff, students, etc.)?
- Orientation to library and its use for distance and intramural students.
- Study skills for various course models.
- Candidacy issues and relationships of programs to the church.
- Experiences of community building and worship.

The College may assess a small fee to cover the cost of meals and refreshment breaks; students are

responsible for arrangement and payment of their own travel and accommodation. Students participating in the Colloquium may apply for bursary assistance to help defray costs.

7b) College Communities

Much of the life of the College revolves around work done by committees of College Council. Committees meet once a month; see the 2021-2022 calendar of dates in this handbook. Participation by students in the committee work will be considered a program requirement.

7c) Core Group

The purpose of Core Group is to provide opportunities for students to develop participatory and leadership skills for theological studies and for creating Christian community.

Core Group is a non-credit program requirement for all students; it is required for graduation, and attendance is mandatory. Each MDiv student requires at least two semesters of on-campus Core Group participation (during Year Two), and is required to participate for four semesters if Year One is taken in Saskatoon. Each BTh student is required to participate in on-campus Core Group every semester of full-time enrolment. Core Group facilitators are usually retired clergy and/or the Pastor-in-Residence. All work within Core Group remains confidential, unless all parties agree that an issue needs to be brought to Faculty or the Principal.

For 2021-22 on-campus Core Group will consist of a planning meeting in the fall, plus three-to-four group meetings per semester. The group meetings will be held once a month in a time slot set aside for Core Group.

7d) Retreat

During most fall terms, students, staff, faculty attend a Retreat and Community-Building day or weekend; often this event is held in conjunction with the other STU Colleges. Costs are partially subsidized by the College; students may be responsible for the remainder of the costs. Attendance at this event is expected as part of the students' commitment to an intramural year.

7e) STU Learning Event

All program students are required to attend the STU Learning Event as part of their Program Based Requirements. Students are responsible for registration and payment for the event through the General Office.

SECTION TWO: COURSE OFFERINGS AND DESCRIPTIONS

These are the approved Dual Degree and Master of Divinity courses. Not all courses are offered every year. Please check the most recent course listing on the St. Andrew's College website. Elective courses available through the Lutheran Theological Seminary and the College of Emmanuel & St. Chad are not included in this list of courses; please check with the colleges for their course offerings.

1. Program Based Requirements

PA100 MDiv: Program Based Requirements (0 credit for: MDiv)

A tuition fee equivalent to a 3 credit course will be assessed for this requirement. Dual Degree students register for this course once they begin the MDiv part of their program. MDiv students register for PA100 during their first semester of study.

2. Biblical Studies Courses

BA 101-102 Introductory Hebrew Grammar

Comprehensive introduction to the grammar of biblical Hebrew. Translation from Hebrew into English of selected Hebrew Bible passages.

BA 110 Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures

A study of the whole Jewish Bible from the perspective of its formation as a canon of scripture in postexilic Judaism.

BE 161: Introduction to New Testament

The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the earliest Christian literature. Through a careful reading of the New Testament, the student will gain a knowledge of its content as well as the context in which it was written. This course has been designed for access online, so the course materials and resources will reflect the nature of online study.

BA 221 The Pentateuch

Prerequisite: BA 110 or equivalent

A study of Israel's identifying story, its development, and the formation of the books of Genesis through Deuteronomy. The issues of pentateuchal criticism will be considered. The bulk of the time will be given to close consideration of an extended section. Topic may change from year to year.

BA 226 The Prophetic Books of the Hebrew Scriptures

Prerequisite: BA 110 or equivalent

The origin and development of prophetic texts, and the formation of the prophetic canon(s). The bulk of the time will be given to close consideration of a part of the prophetic canon. Topic may change each year.

BA 229 Feminist Exegesis of the Hebrew Scriptures

Prerequisite: BA 110 or equivalent

The concerns of feminist critique, and the development of feminist biblical criticism. The bulk of the time will be given to a close consideration of a book or extended section, using the tools of exegesis and the lens of feminist concerns. Topic may change from year to year.

BA 301-302 Continuing Reading in the Hebrew Bible

Prerequisite: BA 101-102 or its equivalent

Reading of biblical Hebrew prose to improve speed and comprehension. Normally a two-semester sequence but may be taken for one semester by arrangement with the instructor.

BA 329 Inner-Biblical Interpretation

Prerequisites: BA 110, or equivalent; and either a 200-level course in Hebrew Scriptures or BL 150, or equivalent

An examination of the interrelationships between texts in the Hebrew Bible. Various theories and models will be studied, followed by an in-depth analysis of a particular biblical book (or part of a book) and its relationships to other biblical texts.

BA 340 Reading and Research: Hebrew Scriptures

Prerequisite: One 200 level course in Hebrew Scriptures

Special tutorials designated for senior students in consultation with their professor.

BA 349 Thesis Writing: Hebrew Scriptures

BA 399 Thesis Writing: Christian Scriptures

BU 400 Graduate Seminar: Method In Biblical Studies

Prerequisite: Introductory courses in Hebrew Bible and New Testament, at least one 200-level and one 300-level Bible course, or approved equivalents to these, at least one introductory level biblical language.

This course is designed to give the graduate student an adequate understanding of current methodological discussion in biblical studies. The emphasis will be on methods which have been developed recently, or which have undergone major change in recent times. More traditional methods, which the student should already have encountered in exegesis courses, will also be reviewed.

3. Church History Courses

HA/HL 111 Christian History: Early and Medieval Eras

This course introduces the world of the early and medieval Christians: their changing social, political and economic climate, their developing theologies, their worship and faith practices, and the ways they shaped their ecclesial structures. It offers an opportunity to begin to integrate the issues that emerge in the study of Christian history with the participant's experience and identity.

HA/HL 112 Christian History: Reformation and Modern Eras

Prerequisite: HA/HL 111 or equivalent

This course picks up the story of Christianity in the late medieval period and carries it through to the end of the second millennium. The first part of the course focuses on the European reformation movements of the 16th century; the second part surveys the many facets of Christianity that shaped its modern expressions throughout the world. Participants will engage critical tools for reading contemporary Christian communities in light of this five hundred years of history.

HA 323 The Protestant Spiritual Heritage

Prerequisite: HA/HL 111/112

Church life in the denominations that arose from the reformations of the Sixteenth Century (and later) required new ways of exploring and expressing personal and collective faith. This course will examine the various spiritual paths that developed within Protestant churches, linking them to contemporary spiritual movements. Special attention will be given to the Canadian context.

HA 335 Reading Congregations: Historical Portraits of Parish Life

Prerequisite: HA/HL 111/112

This course combines contemporary approaches to congregational studies with explorations of works of fiction that have unfolded congregational settings in a variety of places and historical eras. The goal is to understand the theology that underlies life and practice in the Christian congregation, through analyzing the riches of the past, the possibilities of literary “truth” in studying the faith, and the challenges of present parish contexts.

HA 352 Christians in Conversation: Aspects of Ecumenism

Prerequisite: HA/HL 111/112

This course will examine the ways Christians have sought to end their divisions with one another through cooperation and dialogue, particularly since the advent of the modern ecumenical movement in the late nineteenth century. It will look at both the forms and the content of ecumenical conversations, including the developing world of interfaith relations.

HA 356 Preparing for Ecumenical Ministries

Prerequisite: HA/HL 111/ 112

Increasing numbers of Christian communities are working in close ecumenical ways to facilitate mission and ministry, especially in areas of depopulation or other financial struggle. Many of these become formally linked as “ecumenical shared ministry” congregations or clusters. This course will explore the dynamics particular to developing and sustaining ecumenical ministry initiatives in congregational settings. It will introduce participants to the structures, theologies, and ethos of the major denominations involved, and consider issues that are unique to ecumenical relationships. Participants will identify and strengthen their gifts for these ministries, in the context of the wider discussions of contemporary ecumenism.

HA 390 Reading and Research: Church History

HA 399 Thesis Writing

HA 423 The Wesleys: Susanna, Charles and John

Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of the instructor

Of the many religious societies that arose in England in the Eighteenth Century, that initiated by the Wesley family has had the greatest impact on global Christianity. This course will examine the lives and theologies of Susanna Wesley and two of her sons, Charles and John, in the context of their time and place. Each student will do a research project on an area of interest within the history and theology of the Wesleys.

4. Theology, Ethics, Church & Society Courses

SA 113 Introduction to Christian Theology

An introduction to major themes of Christian theology: God, creation, human nature, Christ, salvation, the community of faith, and the goal of salvation history. These themes are studied in the

context of issues such as the irruption of difference in terms of race, gender, sexual orientation, the impact of globalization, the ecological crises and the changing places of churches in Western societies. The overarching goal of the course is to help students interpret the Christian faith in relation to life in the contemporary world.

SA 152 Introduction to Christian Ethics

In this introductory course learn about methods for analyzing moral arguments and responding to ethical dilemmas through a study of diverse traditions in Christian ethics. Explore the roles of Scripture, tradition, reason and experience as sources for ethical discernment and develop a reflective and critical approach to naming and responding to contemporary ethical issues.

SA 214 Christology

Prerequisite: SA 113 or permission of the instructor

Beginning from the historical Jesus and drawing on contemporary critical Christologies, this course follows the development of faith in Jesus as the Christ and examines different ways of understanding his saving significance in different contexts. The goal is to equip students to develop and articulate their own Christology in a way that is authentic to the Christian tradition, their own experience, the experiences of others with whom they are in dialogue and the needs of communities to which the students belong.

SA 262 On Justice

Prerequisite: SA 152 or completion of 30 credits

Explore how justice is understood in the stories and traditions of Christianity as well as in broader histories and contemporary contexts. By critically examining current social realities (e.g., in relation to race, class, gender identity, sexuality, disability, ecology) learn to identify how different approaches to justice as a call and commitment lead to different outcomes and provide different possibilities for acting together. Examine how debates about the very notion of “justice” continue to be critical for leadership in ministry and in community engagement

SA 327 The Self

Prerequisite: SA 113 or permission of the instructor

This course examines the nature of the self as embodied, communal and reflexive in relation to themes of creation, fall and redemption through dialogue with contemporary gender studies, feminist theory, political philosophy and classical and contemporary Christian theologians.

SA 333 God and the World

Prerequisite: SA 113 or permission of the instructor

This course explores what God means to the world and what the world means to God from within a Reformed perspective in Christian theology. The first section examines the salvific meaning of God for the world, and the increase that the world and its salvation bring to the life of God. The second section expands upon this, looking at the moral and transmoral nature of God’s relationship to the world. The third section explores questions concerning the suffering of God and creation, the nature of evil, loss and Christian hope.

SA 340 The Holy Spirit

Prerequisite: SA 113 or permission of the instructor

This course examines the nature and work of the Holy Spirit, looking at how it has been understood in the early church and at present. Topics covered include the role of the Spirit in the economy of salvation, expressions of the Spirit in contemporary church and society, the revelatory role of the Holy Spirit, its relation to the reign of God and the Holy Spirit as the growing edge of God.

SA 370 Integration Seminar

Prerequisites: Completion of 30 credits and enrolment in Year 2

Integration Seminar offers students the opportunity to engage in two key pieces of exploration – the outer world of social and economic agency and ministry, and the inner world of self-understanding and spiritual development – through the means of theological reflection. In addition to the weekly class, each student will be expected to participate three to five hours weekly in the work of a social agency, in a field placement assigned by the course coordinator. As the course unfolds, the work done in the outer world of social agency and inner world of self-understanding becomes the work of integration - of theory and practice, of one theological discipline with another, and of self with vocation. This is a required course for students in the St. Andrew's College MDiv program and must be completed prior to Ministry Residency. It is a three credit course offered annually.

SA 392 Reading and Research: Systematic Theology

SA 393 Reading and Research: Ethics

SA 394 Reading and Research: Church and Society

SA 399 Thesis Writing

5. Pastoral Theology Courses

PA 110 Introduction to Worship

This course introduces students to the history, theology, and practice of Christian public worship. It is designed to gain biblical, historical, theological, and pastoral dimensions on the nature of Christian worship; to explore the praxis of sacramental worship; to gain insights into Christian year, liturgical place, and prayers within worship traditions, music, with reference to its relationship of culture; to demonstrate practical knowledge and experience in leading/presiding worship, writing prayers, and choosing hymns.

PA 160 Introduction to Christian Education

This course examines the basics of Christian education as it deals with its concept, purpose, context, subjects, and process as well as method. It aims to strengthen the understanding of Christian faith as a life-long learning by exploring ways of how different people in age, faith development, and culture learn from one another and journey together as disciples of Jesus Christ. While exploring different approaches to Christian education over the decades, students are encouraged to envision the future direction of the teaching ministry in congregational setting and their pastoral vocation as teacher.

PA 212 Preaching: The Word in Worship

Prerequisite: PA 110 or completion of 30 credits

This course introduces students the basics of preaching in terms of its contents and methods. While discussing the central elements of constructing a sermon, it aims to explore the effective and holistic ways of how the sermon can be delivered. With the participation of invited preachers who are in

ministry, students will also gain practical and pastoral insights on preaching. Students will be granted opportunity to demonstrate their preaching as a mutual learning experience.

PA 230 Theological Foundations for Pastoral Care in Congregations

Prerequisite: Completion of 30 credits

The purpose of this course is to create a basic understanding of pastoral care, including the development of skills appropriate to the delivery of pastoral care in a congregational setting. The course includes lectures and reading, visitation in parish homes, written verbatims, and participation in group learning.

PA 235 Clinical Pastoral Education (6 credits)

Prerequisite: Completion of 30 credits

A unit of clinical pastoral education taken through the Saskatoon Institute for Pastoral Education.

PA 264 Christian Education with Children

Prerequisite: Completion of 30 credits

This course engages in the importance of children's ministry as students are encouraged to study child development and faith formation, in relation to her/his communities, contexts, and the world. It involves exploring children's literature beyond religious contents to equip students to interact with the children. It also examines the identity formation of a child in light of the group dynamics including the family, school, and church. By the end of this course, students are able to develop story-telling skills, design intergenerational worship and discover their sense of vocation to children's ministry.

PA 318 Worship and Christian Education: A Postcolonial Feminist Approach

Prerequisites: PA 110 and PA 160

This course will examine the role of Story and Song as they address the need for the interplay between Christian worship and Christian education from a postcolonial feminist perspective. It is designed to gain biblical, liturgical, and pedagogical dimensions on the interdisciplinary nature of Christian worship and Christian education; to explore the praxis of intergenerational and intercultural worship and education; to engage worship and education, with reference to their relationship of cultures and Canadian church context. Students are also encouraged to discuss such contemporary theological issues as diaspora identity, hybridity, orientalism, and inculturation, while exploring the implications for the church ministries in the 21st century. This course will consist of presentations, readings, assignments, and discussions.

PA 320 Just Liturgy (Advanced Worship Seminar)

Prerequisite: PA 110

This course explores the radically inclusive ways of worshipping as a matter of justice. It involves in critiquing the liturgical traditions and practices that are patriarchal and exclusive against certain groups of people including women and the differently abled. Such critiques encourage students to examine inclusive language issues in prayer and hymns and liturgical leadership as power issues. It will also consider the embodiment and sensory phenomenological approaches to worship, overcoming to focus on liturgical texts and documents. Students will be able to grasp the importance of creating just liturgy as an integrated way of carrying out justice.

PA/SA 362 Race, Colonialism, Canadian Identity and Intercultural Ministries

Prerequisites: SA 113 and SA 152

This course will engage students in a critical study of race, racism and intercultural ministry. Content will take an ecumenical, interdisciplinary and global perspective on the issues related to, and interpretations of, intercultural ministry. Perspectives from critical race and postcolonial theories will be studied and engaged with to support students' development of strategies for anti-racist intercultural praxis in church contexts.

PA 389 Master of Theological Studies (MTS) Capstone (1 credit)

The purpose of this assignment is to demonstrate your integration of learning from studies toward the MTS degree, and your ability to engage and share this learning. Specifically, your response should demonstrate your ability to:

- Articulate the historical and contemporary expressions of Christian faith,
- Critically assess the impact of scholarship upon faith and life in the contemporary world,
- Understand the theological disciplines in relation to each other (by expression both a global knowledge of the theological disciplines and an in-depth knowledge of one discipline).

PA 392 Reading and Research: United Church Liturgy and Worship

This is a 1.5 credit admission course. The goal of this course is to gain an appreciation of the liturgical history and polity of The United Church of Canada in the context of the present denomination of the candidate for admission. It invites students 1) to complete a reading of and reflection on texts written by United Church scholars for developing faithful worship practices within our congregations, and 2) to develop an attentive awareness of one's own leadership style and how it integrates with/challenges the worship culture(s) of The United Church of Canada.

PA 393 Reading and Research: Pastoral Care and Counselling

PA 394 Reading and Research: Church Administration and Practice

PA 395 Reading and Research: United Church Christian Education/Faith Formation

This is a 1.5 credit admission course. The goal of this course is to equip students to be educated leaders, who are seeking to be admitted and transferred in the United Church of Canada. It invites students to 1) engage in the interplay between religious education and worship, 2) explore the postcolonial approaches and 3) articulate the issues that are central and critical to faith formation of the intercultural congregational ministries.

PA 399 Thesis Writing

6. Ministry Residency Courses

PA 380 Ministry Practicum (15 credits)

Prerequisites: 54 credits and enrolment in Ministry Residency Enrolment is limited to students in Ministry Residency of the St. Andrew's MDiv program. Ministry Practicum tuition is twice the normal rate per credit hour.

PA 381 Learning Circle I: Skills and Reflection in Pastoral Ministry

Co-requisites: PA 380 or 54 credits and working at least half-time in a ministry setting.

This 3 credit course is required for all St. Andrew's Ministry Residency students and is open to anyone engaged in congregational ministry who wishes to explore the meaning and purpose of the parish pastoral minister. Using a variety of praxis-based approaches, including case studies;

discussion of articles and film; workshops; in-class exercises; and written work, the course addresses core aspects of pastoral experience and identity: leadership, vocation, and learning to “read” congregations and engage them in their mission and ministry. The major assignment is a congregational “thick description,” to be completed and submitted after the conclusion of the 8-day course meeting.

HA/SA 382 Learning Circle II: United Church History, Theology and Polity

Prerequisites: HA/HL 111/112, SA 113, their equivalents or permission of the instructor

This 4 credit course explores the history, theology and ethos of the United Church through an overview of where the United Church has been and how it has got to where it is now. Students will gain an enriched understanding of how the United Church was formed, the journey it has traveled to the present, how it is organized and how its polity functions.

SA 383 Learning Circle III: Learning and Reflection in Aboriginal Ministry contexts

Co-requisite: Enrolment in PA 380 (Ministry Practicum) - limited to St. Andrew’s MDiv students

This is a 3 credit course. Students will participate in a cross-cultural experience in a First Nations context; normally this will include some time spent in a Native Ministry site and some time spent in a First Nations theological education site. The College makes arrangements for this learning circle, but students who wish a different experience may, with the prior approval of Faculty, make their own arrangements. Students with extensive experience of First Nations context/s may be permitted, with the prior approval of Faculty, to substitute a different experience. Enrolment is limited to students in the St. Andrew’s MDiv program.

PA 384 Learning Circle IV: Mission and Administration

Prerequisites: PA 381, HA/SA 382, SA 383 *Co-requisite:* Enrolment in PA 380 (Ministry Residency) or working at least half-time in a ministry setting.

Students will learn skills for administration in local ministry settings as well as learn about mission and the missional church. This is a 2 credit course.

PA 385 Learning Circle V: Transition to Future Ministry

Prerequisites: PA 381, HA/SA 382, SA 383, PA 384 *Co-requisite:* Enrolment in PA 380 (Ministry Practicum) or working at least half-time in a ministry setting

This 3 credit course will provide closure to the ministry residency of the MDiv program. It will combine biblical, liturgical, pedagogical and contextual work with completion of tasks in the students’ learning covenants, culminating in a statement of personal pastoral identity in ministry. A substantial piece of individual independent work is also expected. As well, there will be time spent looking forward to ordination and settlement, and expectations of new clergy. This course is required for all St. Andrew’s Ministry Residency who are in the MDiv program and open to those with the equivalent ministry experience and engagement.

7. Dual Degree Program (BTh Component) Courses

BA 010 Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures (3 cr)

Prerequisite: Admission to the BTh program

A study of the whole Jewish Bible from the perspective of its formation as a canon of scripture in postexilic Judaism.

BA 061 Introduction to New Testament (3 cr)

Prerequisite: Admission to the BTh Program

The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the earliest Christian literature. Through a careful reading of the New Testament, the student will gain a knowledge of its content as well as the context in which it was written. This course has been designed for access online, so the course materials and resources will reflect the nature of online study.

HA 011 Christian History: Early and Medieval Eras (3 cr)

Prerequisite: Admission to the BTh program

This course introduces the world of the early and medieval Christians: their changing social, political and economic climate, their developing theologies, their worship and faith practices, and the ways they shaped their ecclesial structures. It offers an opportunity to begin to integrate the issues that emerge in the study of Christian history with the participant's experience and identity.

HA 012 Christian History: Reformation and Modern Eras (3 cr)

Prerequisite: HA 011, Admission to the BTh program

This course picks up the story of Christianity in the late medieval period and carries it through to the end of the second millennium. The first part of the course focuses on the European reformation movements of the 16th century; the second part surveys the many facets of Christianity that shaped its modern expressions throughout the world. Participants will engage critical tools for reading contemporary Christian communities in light of this five hundred years of history.

SA 013 Introduction to Christian Theology (3 cr)

Prerequisite: Admission to the BTh program

An introduction to major themes of Christian theology: God, creation, human nature, Christ, salvation, the community of faith, and the goal of salvation history. These themes are studied in the context of issues such as the irruption of difference in terms of race, gender, sexual orientation, the impact of globalization, the ecological crises and the changing places of churches in Western societies. The overarching goal of the course is to help students interpret the Christian faith in relation to life in the contemporary world.

SA 014 Christology (3 cr)

Prerequisite: SA 013, Admission to the BTh Program

Beginning from the historical Jesus and drawing on contemporary critical Christologies, this course follows the development of faith in Jesus as the Christ and examines different ways of understanding his saving significance in different contexts. The goal is to equip students to develop and articulate their own Christology in a way that is authentic to the Christian tradition, their own experience, the experiences of others with whom they are in dialogue and the needs of communities to which the students belong.

SA 052 Introduction to Christian Ethics (3 cr)

Prerequisite: Admission to the BTh program

This is an introductory course for students with no previous background in Christian ethics. Together we will struggle to identify what is the right course of action from a Christian perspective. We will analyze the structure of moral arguments and develop a working knowledge of moral theory. We will also explore the role of the Bible and of theology in Christian ethics.

PA 010 Introduction to Worship (3 cr)

Prerequisite: Completion of 60 cr of the BTh program

This course introduces students to the history, theology, and practice of Christian public worship. It is

designed to gain biblical, historical, theological, and pastoral dimensions on the nature of Christian worship; to explore the praxis of sacramental worship; to gain insights into Christian year, liturgical place, and prayers within worship traditions, music, with reference to its relationship of culture; to demonstrate practical knowledge and experience in leading/presiding worship, writing prayers, and choosing hymns.

PA 060 Introduction to Christian Education (3 cr)

Prerequisite: Completion of 60 cr of the BTh program

This course examines the basics of Christian education as it deals with its concept, purpose, context, subjects, and process as well as method. It aims to strengthen the understanding of Christian faith as a life-long learning by exploring ways of how different people in age, faith development, and culture learn from one another and journey together as disciples of Jesus Christ. While exploring different approaches to Christian education over the decades, students are encouraged to envision the future direction of the teaching ministry in congregational setting and their pastoral vocation as teacher.

SECTION THREE: ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

1. Calendar of Dates of 2022-2023

July 2022

1	Friday	Canada Day – College Closed
4	Monday	Summer term tuition payment due

August 2022

1	Monday	Saskatchewan Day – College Closed
2	Tuesday	Registration deadline for Fall term

September 2022

5	Monday	Labour Day – College Closed
7-9	Wednesday-Friday	Welcome Week
12	Monday	First Day of Classes Tuition payment due DLM tuition payment due
16	Friday	Deadline to transfer courses through registrars
23	Friday	Deadline to transfer courses with faculty permission Deadline to withdraw from course with 100% tuition refund
30	Friday	Deadline to withdraw from course with 75% tuition refund

October 2022

10	Monday	Thanksgiving – College Closed
13-14	Thursday-Friday	Academic Committee Meeting??
14	Friday	Deadline to withdraw from course with 50% tuition refund
21	Friday	Deadline to withdraw from course with 25% tuition refund
28	Friday	Deadline to withdraw from course without academic penalty

November 2022

2-3	Wednesday-Thursday	Board Meeting
7-10	Monday-Friday	Reading Week
10	Friday	Registration deadline for Winter Intensive and Winter terms
11	Thursday	Remembrance Day – College Closed

December 2022

9	Friday	Last Day of Classes
23	Friday	College closed for Christmas break

January 2023

3	Tuesday	College reopen after Christmas break
9-13	Monday-Friday	Winter Intensive Week
13	Friday	Grades due – Fall term
16	Monday	First day of classes for Winter term
		Tuition payment due
20	Friday	Deadline to transfer courses through registrars
27	Friday	Deadline to transfer courses with faculty permission
		Deadline to withdraw from course with 100% tuition refund

February 2023

3	Friday	Deadline to withdraw from course with 75% tuition refund
6	Monday	DLM tuition payment due
17	Friday	Deadline to withdraw from course with 50% tuition refund
20	Monday	Family Day – College Closed
21-24	Tuesday-Friday	Reading Week

March 2023

3	Friday	Deadline to withdraw from course with 25% tuition refund
10	Friday	Deadline to withdraw from course without academic penalty
		Deadline for submission of Winter Intensive Term work

April 2023

7	Friday	Good Friday – College Closed
10	Monday	Easter Monday – College Closed
14	Thursday	Last day of classes
26	Wednesday	Grades due for graduating students

May 2023

1	Monday	Spring term tuition payment due
2-3	Tuesday-Wednesday	Academic Committee Meeting
3-4	Wednesday-Thursday	Board Meeting
5	Friday	STU Convocation
19	Friday	All other grades due
22	Monday	Victoria Day – College Closed

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TBA		STU Learning Event
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3. Commonly Used Acronyms and Abbreviations

ATS -Association of Theological Schools in Canada and the US (our accrediting body)

CCS – Centre for Christian Studies (national-field based program for diaconal ministry, Winnipeg)

CPE/SPE – Clinical Pastoral Education or Supervised Pastoral Education

DE – Distance Education

DLM – Designated Lay Ministry

GC – General Council of the United Church of Canada

GSC – Graduate Studies Council of the STU

PLAR – Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition

SAC – St. Andrew’s College

SSSC – Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre, an aboriginal training centre for UCC ministries in Beausejour, Manitoba

STU – Saskatoon Theological Union (includes SAC, the Lutheran Theological Seminary, the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad)

UCC – The United Church of Canada

U of A – University of Alberta

U of S – University of Saskatchewan

U of W – University of Winnipeg