

NORTHERN SEMINARY: DMin – Master of Divinity Equivalency

Admission to a Doctor of Ministry program requires a Master of Divinity degree, or its educational equivalent from an accredited institution with at least a 3.0 (B) average.

Northern Seminary uses the following template to determine whether an applicant who has not earned an accredited MDiv degree meets the minimum number of masters- level courses and hours to qualify for MDiv equivalency.

Category	Semester Hours	Quarter Hours
Biblical Studies	12	18
Church History	6	9
Christian Thought (inc. Ethics)	8	12
Ministry Studies	20	30
Electives	26	39
Total Hours	72	108

- An equivalency assessment will be considered for those students who have earned a two-year, theologically-oriented degree equivalent to a minimum of 52 semester hours or 78 quarter hours from an accredited institution.
- After the Seminary completes its assessment, if it is determined that the student is more than 12 semester hours or 18 quarter hours deficient, those hours must be completed prior to beginning doctoral studies. Once the student is deficient only 12 semester hours or 18 quarter hours, they may register for doctoral course work.
- After being admitted, students who need to complete courses toward MDiv equivalency will be required to enroll in classes for graded credit from an accredited institution to complete the balance of course work.
- Grades for courses taken toward equivalency must be recorded before the student is permitted to register for the final Doctor of Ministry course, Thesis Design.
- Many, if not all, masters-level courses that students may need to take for equivalency will be available through Northern's on-campus, weekend, intensive, and online course options. However, students may take courses at any accredited institution.

For more information on issues related to MDiv equivalency as an admission requirement for the DMin degree please contact the office of admissions at (630)620.2180 or admissions@seminary.edu



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Master of Divinity Equivalency Worksheet

Hours: Choose an item.

Student: _____

Cum GPA: _____

Biblical Studies (Required 12-semester 18-quarter)

Hours

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

Total: _____

Church History (Required 6-semester or 9-quarter)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Total: _____

Christian Thought (Required 8-semester or 12-quarter)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

Total: _____

Ministry Studies (Required 20-semester or 30-quarter)

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| 1. _____ | _____ | 7. _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ | 8. _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ | 9. _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ | 10. _____ | _____ |
| 5. _____ | _____ | 11. _____ | _____ |
| 6. _____ | _____ | | |

Total: _____

Electives (26-semester or 39-quarter)

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| 1. _____ | _____ | 7. _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ | 8. _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ | 9. _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ | 10. _____ | _____ |
| 5. _____ | _____ | 11. _____ | _____ |
| 6. _____ | _____ | | |

Total: _____

Grand Total Hours: _____

Summary: Student is _____ semester hours or _____ quarter hours deficient and will need to take additional courses in order to gain MDiv equivalency. Specifically, the student needs to complete:

Prepared By: _____

Dean Approval: _____

Date: [Click here to enter a date.](#)