

## Master of Divinity (MDIV) & Master of Arts (MA) Competencies

### Embracing Sanctification

**MDIVC1 MAC1**

Students will become competent in understanding and cooperating with God in the sanctification process.

### Thinking Critically in Ministry

**MDIVC2 MAC2**

Students will become competent in exercising critical thinking skills.

### Becoming A Mature Disciple

**MDIVC3 MAC3**

Students will become competent in the process of becoming a mature disciple who loves God and loves others.

### Research & Writing

**MDIVC4 MAC4**

Students will become competent in doing reliable research and writing at a graduate level.

### Practicing Biblical Hermeneutics

**MDIVC5 MAC5**

Students will become competent in understanding and applying hermeneutics.

### Understanding Biblically Healthy Churches

**MDIVC6 MAC6**

Students will become competent in understanding and articulating the nature of biblically healthy churches.

### Exercising Flexibility in Ministry

**MDIVC7 MAC7**

Students will become competent in exercising appropriate flexibility.

### Applying Biblical Exegesis

**MDIVC8 MAC8**

Students will become competent in contextual Biblical exegesis.

### Articulating Biblical Theology

**MDIVC9 MAC9**

Students will become competent in articulating and applying Biblical Theology.

### Utilizing Biblical Languages

**MDIVC10**

Students will become competent in Biblical languages.

### Applying Foundational Doctrines

**MDIVC11**

Students will become competent in evaluating, analyzing, synthesizing, articulating, and applying foundational doctrines.

### Understanding the Development of Doctrine

**MDIVC12**

Students will become competent in understanding and articulating an overview of the development of doctrine in the church.

### Embodying the Love of God

**MDIVC13 MAC10**

Students will become competent in showing love and compassion like God has shown them.

### Embracing Cultural Diversity

**MDIVC14 MAC11**

Students will become competent in understanding cultural diversity.

### Articulating Personal Theology

**MDIVC15 MAC12**

Students will become competent in articulating their own theology in light of their denominational/church affiliation.

### Resolving Leadership Conflict

**MDIVC16 MAC13**

Students will become competent in grasping and adapting to leadership pressures, conflict, and criticism that are inherent in transformational ministry.

### Communicating God's Truth

**MDIVC17 MAC14**

Students will become competent in communicating God's truth in diverse contexts and by various methods.

### Initiating Transformational Change

**MDIVC18 MAC15**

Students will become competent in being a change agent who leads churches to become or remain biblically healthy by articulating a Christ-centered vision, diagnosing problems, and initiating transformational (rather than merely transactional) change.

## Mentors

### Ministry Mentor

Ministry Mentors will coach students as they develop and apply practical ministry skills. They will remain with students throughout their program in order to encourage, guide, and provide meaningful feedback.

### Formation Mentor

Formation Mentors will walk alongside students as they grow personally and spiritually. They will remain with students throughout their program to encourage, guide, and provide meaningful feedback.

### Faculty Instructor

Faculty Instructors will regularly engage students as they learn academic content within competencies that are related to each Faculty Instructor's areas of expertise.

## Program Resources

### Logos Software

Every student will receive a Logos electronic library filled with a wealth of academic and pastoral resources. These e-resources will provide students with the tools necessary to complete their academic work, and they will be able to keep the Logos e-library once they graduate.

### Resource Modules

For 4 of the 18 competencies, students will have the opportunity to participate in Resource Modules, in which they'll receive practical training and experience a community of learning. These modules are offered in Winona Lake and via live-stream at each hub with on-site discussion groups.

### Student Services

Students will have access to the academic support services The Learning Center (writing lab and tutoring) and The Morgan Library (lending library and e-resources). Students will also receive weekly phone calls from a Student Life Coordinator who will help them to persevere by encouraging them to make regular progress.

# Competency Map



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SEMINARY

FALL YEAR 1	SPRING YEAR 1	SUMMER YEAR 1
Embracing Sanctification <b>MDIVC1</b>	Research & Writing <b>MDIVC4</b>	Becoming a Mature Disciple (pt 2) <b>MDIVC3</b>
Thinking Critically in Ministry <b>MDIVC2</b>	Practicing Biblical Hermeneutics <b>MDIVC5</b>	Exercising Flexibility in Ministry <b>MDIVC7</b>
Becoming a Mature Disciple (pt 1) <b>MDIVC3</b>	Understanding Biblically Healthy Churches <b>MDIVC6</b>	Applying Biblical Exegesis (pt 1) <b>MDIVC8</b>
Embracing Sanctification <b>MAC1</b>	Research & Writing <b>MAC4</b>	Exercising Flexibility in Ministry <b>MAC7</b>
Thinking Critically in Ministry <b>MAC2</b>	Practicing Biblical Hermeneutics <b>MAC5</b>	Applying Biblical Exegesis <b>MAC8</b>
Becoming a Mature Disciple <b>MAC3</b>	Understanding Biblically Healthy Churches <b>MAC6</b>	
FALL YEAR 2	SPRING YEAR 2	SUMMER YEAR 2
Applying Biblical Exegesis (pt 2) <b>MDIVC8</b>	Becoming a Mature Disciple (pt 3) <b>MDIVC3</b>	Articulating Biblical Theology (pt 2) <b>MDIVC9</b>
Utilizing Biblical Languages (pt 1) <b>MDIVC10</b>	Articulating Biblical Theology (pt 1) <b>MDIVC9</b>	Utilizing Biblical Languages (pt 3) <b>MDIVC10</b>
	Utilizing Biblical Languages (pt 2) <b>MDIVC10</b>	
Articulating Biblical Theology <b>MAC9</b>	Embodying the Love of God <b>MAC10</b>	Articulating Personal Theology <b>MAC12</b>
	Embracing Cultural Diversity <b>MAC11</b>	Resolving Leadership Conflict <b>MAC13</b>
FALL YEAR 3	SPRING YEAR 3	SUMMER YEAR 3
Applying Biblical Exegesis (pt 3) <b>MDIVC8</b>	Applying Biblical Exegesis (pt 4) <b>MDIVC8</b>	Articulating Biblical Theology (pt 3) <b>MDIVC9</b>
Utilizing Biblical Languages (pt 4) <b>MDIVC10</b>	Utilizing Biblical Languages (pt 5) <b>MDIVC10</b>	Utilizing Biblical Languages (pt 6) <b>MDIVC10</b>
Communicating God's Truth <b>MAC14</b>		
Initiating Transformational Change <b>MAC15</b>		
FALL YEAR 4	SPRING YEAR 4	SUMMER YEAR 4
Applying Biblical Exegesis (pt 5) <b>MDIVC8</b>	Applying Foundational Doctrines <b>MDIVC11</b>	Understanding the Development of Doctrine <b>MDIVC12</b>
Articulating Biblical Theology (pt 4) <b>MDIVC10</b>		Embodying the Love of God <b>MDIVC13</b>
FALL YEAR 5	SPRING YEAR 5	SUMMER YEAR 5
Embracing Cultural Diversity <b>MDIVC14</b>	Resolving Leadership Conflict <b>MDIVC16</b>	Communicating God's Truth (pt 2) <b>MDIVC17</b>
Articulating Personal Theology <b>MDIVC15</b>	Communicating God's Truth (pt 1) <b>MDIVC17</b>	Initiating Transformational Change <b>MDIVC18</b>