WHAT IS THE UNION UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATE OF DIVINITY?

The Associate of Divinity is designed to give non-traditional students a quality college education in biblical and theological reflection with ministry skills for effective church leadership. It incorporates an exposure to the liberal arts through general education requirements. The result of this program is a fully-accredited degree that provides the academic foundation for many adult-studies bachelor’s degrees, such as Union University’s Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership.

Many adults feel held back in their desire to become better equipped for Christian ministry because they lack a college degree. The Associate of Divinity is designed as an answer to this need. Students receive an outstanding Christian education from a premier provider of Christian education in Tennessee.

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

“The Associate of Divinity program immerses you in a Christian environment in which the Word of God is thoroughly taught, discussed, and studied.” – Lawrence Johnson

“For years, I have been searching and praying for a program that would teach me how to handle God’s Word on a structured basis. The A.Div. program provides that. Since I work during the day, it has accommodated me by having evening classes, which works extremely well.” – Muriel Taylor

“The A.Div. program is a must for someone looking for deeper study of God’s Word. The cost is most affordable.” – Greg Walker

“Being in this program has strengthened my preaching by 100%.” – Tommy Cash

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The Associate of Divinity is offered on the campus of the Stephen Olford Center at Union University

4000 Riverdale Rd., Memphis, TN 38115

WHY STUDY AT UNION UNIVERSITY?

• Faculty: You will study with outstanding Christian studies faculty members who understand the needs of adult learners.

• Facilities: Your classes will be hosted at the Stephen Olford Center at Union University, an 18-acre retreat-like setting in southeast Memphis. The classrooms and library are well equipped to serve the needs of non-traditional students.

• Faith: Union University is evangelical by conviction and Baptist by tradition.

• Fellowship: You will enjoy getting to know your fellow students and be encouraged to flourish in the church ministry you already enjoy. You will begin lifelong friendships for the sake of God’s kingdom.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- At least 25 years old
- Application form ($35 application fee)
- Proof of high school diploma or GED
- Official transcripts of all post-high school college work
- At least 3 years service in the church (volunteer or paid)
- Church endorsement form
- Proof of immunization (required by the State of Tennessee)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Earn a minimum of 66 credit hours (up to 39 hours may be transferred)
- Maintain minimum grade point average of 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
- Complete a Christian ministries internship during the last semester
- Be recommended by the Christian Studies faculty

CURRICULUM (22 COURSES, EACH COURSE 3 CREDIT HOURS)

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS
(5 courses, each course 3 credit hours)

- ENG 111 – Written Composition 1
- ENG 112 – Written Composition 2
- PHL 240 – Introduction to Philosophy
- MAT 101 – Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics
- HIS 101 – World Civilization to the Eighteenth Century

CHRISTIAN STUDIES REQUIREMENTS
(17 courses, each course 3 credit hours)

Old Testament
(3 courses, taken from the following)

- RGL 314 – Pentateuch
- RGL 317 – Minor Prophets
- RGL 415 – Poetry and Wisdom Literature
- RGL 416 – Major Prophets

New Testament
(3 courses, taken from the following)

- RGL 300 – Life of Christ
- RGL 301 – Pauline Epistles
- RGL 302 – Hebrews through Revelation
- RGL 423 – Johannine Literature

Theology
(3 courses, as follows)

- RGL 113 – Introduction to Bible Study and Interpretation
- RGL 304 – Christian Doctrine
- RGL 243 – Approaches to Moral Decision Making

General Studies and Ministry Studies
(4 courses, as follows)

- SOC 303 – Contemporary Christian Life and Practice
- RGL 261 – Introduction to Christian Education
- RGL 263 – Homiletics
- RGL 305 – Pastoral Ministries

Practicum
(1 course taken during the student’s last semester)

- SOC 481 – Christian Ministries Internship

Electives
(any 3 of the following courses)

- RGL 306 – Introduction to Christian Evangelism
- RGL 307 – Christian Ministry with Preschool and Children
- RGL 308 – Christian Ministry with Youth
- RGL 309 – Christian Ministry with Adults
- RGL 310 – Youth Ministry Issues
- RGL 311 – Survey of Missions
- RGL 454 – Southern Baptist Life

COURSE SCHEDULING

Courses are offered on a schedule designed for the convenience of adult learners. Most courses meet six or seven consecutive Monday evenings or Thursday evenings. Some courses are available for credit in an Institute format, following the legacy of preaching seminars developed by the late Dr. Stephen Olford. Institutes are offered as announced, generally in an all-day Monday through Friday format or a Monday Evening School format. Current schedules are available on the website or by telephone request.

BENEFITS

ACHIEVABLE
66 semester hours in a format to be completed in 4 years

APPLICABLE
practical for ministry now and for a lifetime to come

AFFORDABLE
the most affordable of Union’s degree programs

ACCREDITED
transferrable into a bachelor’s degree completion program