



The Stephen Olford Center at Union University

Associate of Divinity Curriculum Model

The Associate of Divinity (A. Div.) is designed primarily as an adult education degree for the non-traditional student. It is a professional degree which incorporates an exposure to the liberal arts through the general education requirements. It integrates biblical and theological reflection with ministry skills for pastors and church staff members.

Admission Criteria:

- ◆ Applicants must be at least 25 years of age.
- ◆ Have served in some capacity in their church for at least 3 years.
- ◆ Application form (with non-refundable \$35 application fee)
- ◆ Validation of high school graduation/GED scores
- ◆ Official transcripts from any colleges previously attended, including the Seminary Extension
- ◆ Pastor's recommendation letter
- ◆ Proof of immunization, required by the State of Tennessee

Credit for the A. Div. can be received through:

Institutes, Monday Evening Schools, Distance Learning,
and Thursday evening class

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GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (5 COURSES AT 3 CREDIT HOURS)

ENG 111: Written Composition I	3 hours
ENG 112: Written Composition II	3 hours
PHL 240: Introduction to Philosophy	3 hours
MAT 101: Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics	3 hours
HIS 101: World Civilization to the Eighteenth Century	3 hours

CHRISTIAN STUDIES REQUIREMENTS (17 COURSES AT 3 CREDIT HOURS)

Old Testament (taken from the following)	9 hours
RGL 314: Pentateuch	
RGL 317: Minor Prophets	
RGL 415: Poetry and Wisdom Literature	
RGL 416: Major Prophets	
New Testament (taken from the following)	9 hours
RGL 300: Life of Christ	
RGL 301: Pauline Epistles	
RGL 302: Hebrews through Revelation	
RGL 423: Johannine Literature	
Theology	9 hours
RGL 113: Introduction to Bible Study and Interpretation OR	
* RGL 397: Strengthening Expository Preaching and Teaching	
RGL 304: Christian Doctrine	
RGL 243: Approaches to Moral Decision Making	
General Studies	
SOC 303: Contemporary Christian Life and Practice	3 hours
Ministry Studies	9 hours
RGL 261: Introduction to Christian Education	
RGL 263: Homiletics OR	
*RGL 396: Essentials of Expository Preaching and Teaching	
RGL 305: Pastoral Ministries OR	
*RGL 398: Essentials of Biblical Leadership	
Electives (any three of the following)	9 hours
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	
*RGL ___: Practical Preaching and Teaching Workshop	
*RGL ___: Essentials of Evangelistic Preaching and Teaching	
*RGL ___: Preaching and Teaching for Spiritual Growth	
Practicum	
SOC 481: Christian Ministries Internship (taken during the student's last semester)	3 hours

Total: 66 credit hours

* These classes are offered as Institutes, Monday evening schools or Distance Learning.