

MASTER OF DIVINITY/ MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DUAL DEGREE

Purpose Statement

The Master of Divinity/Master of Business Administration program prepares students for numerous ministerial contexts, including congregations, religious non-profits, religiously affiliated organizations, and church agencies. As religious institutions and congregations continue to morph into complex organizations and as non-profits and other religiously affiliated organizations continue to proliferate, the need continues to grow for qualified, competent, and well-educated individuals who understand and appreciate the mission of such institutions. Individuals in this program will benefit from the skill set developed through the Master of Business Administration but they will also gain through the Master of Divinity degree the biblical, theological, and ministerial formation necessary to serve in such contexts.

Admission

The MDiv/MBA dual degree meets the standard requirements of both graduate degree plans. Prospective students will declare their intent to enroll in the dual degree with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Truett Seminary and the Graduate Associate Dean of the Business School. Students will be required to make formal application to each academic unit. Students would have two options for starting their dual degree. Option one: Non – business undergrad majors will complete the MDiv educational program prior to entering the MBA program. As part of the admissions process for the MBA program, students applying for the dual degree will complete the GMAT or GRE 60 days before starting the MBA program. Once prospective students have been accepted into the MBA program, prospective students will complete the Integrated Management System (IMS) course before taking the core business courses. Students taking IMS receive academic credit but do not earn a grade. Students must pass the IMS course in order to continue on with the MBA portion of the dual degree. Option two: Business undergrad majors would have the option of starting the MBA portion first or the MDiv. Students with an undergraduate degree in business are not required to take IMS. Master of Divinity students who fail to complete the requirements for the MBA portion of the dual degree, however, will be eligible to complete the MDiv degree in consultation with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the Seminary.

Advising

All dual degree students are required to meet with someone in the Academic Services office at Truett Seminary and their advisor in the Graduate School once a year to monitor their academic progress.

Requirements for the Master of Divinity/ Master of Business Administration Dual Degree Program

See also for full requirements:

MDV Program

MBA Program

Code	Title	Hours
Theology (MDV) Required Hours		87
69 MDV credit hours completed		
+ 18 MBA credit hours shared ¹		
Business Administration (MBA) Required Hours		53
38 MBA credit hours completed		
+15 MDV credit hours shared ²		
<i>140 credit hours required by both programs</i>		<i>140</i>
(87 credit hours for MDV + 53 credit hours for MBA)		
<i>- 33 credit hours shared by both programs ^{1,2}</i>		<i>-33</i>
= Total Hours Taken by Dual MDV/MBA Students		107

For further information regarding the Master of Divinity/Master of Business Administration dual degree program contact:

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