

MDIV/MSED

Purpose Statement

The Association of Theological Schools has established that the purpose of this degree is to prepare ministers who can employ the latest educational philosophies, strategies, and methods in congregational ministry environments as well as in public and private educational settings.

As denominational structures have diminished in size and influence, so too have the Christian Education products and services they once provided. Further, many churches have changed philosophies and methodologies of ministries of every sort, not the least of which their understanding of Christian Education. It is also true that church-related elementary and high schools are on the increase for a number of reasons. The Master of Divinity degree would provide the biblical, theological, and ministerial foundations for such positions, while the Master of Science in Education (Exam) or Master of Arts (Thesis) degree would equip students with the education skills necessary for the positions.

Admission

The MDiv/MSEd (MA) joint degree meets the standard requirements of both graduate degree plans. Prospective students will declare their intent to enroll in the Joint degree with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Truett Seminary, the Assistant Director of Academic Services at Truett Seminary, and the Graduate Program Director in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. Students will be required to make formal application to each academic unit. Students may take courses from both schools in the same semester, but they will not be granted either degree until they can be granted both degrees. Students who are unable to complete the requirements for both degrees will consult with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the Seminary and the Graduate Program Director, Curriculum and Instruction, School of Education to disengage from the joint program.

Advising

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

Requirements for Master of Divinity

Code	Title	Hours
Spiritual Formation		
PRTH 7101	Spiritual Formation I	1
PRTH 7102	Spiritual Formation II	1
PRTH 7103	Spiritual Formation III	1
PRTH 7004	Spiritual Formation Retreat	0
Introductory Courses ¹		
THEO 7340	Introduction to Christian Scriptures	3
THEO 7341	Introduction to Christian History and Theology	3
Christian Scriptures		
THEO 7370	Christian Scriptures I	3
THEO 7372	Christian Scriptures II	3
THEO 7371	Christian Scriptures III	3
THEO 7373	Christian Scriptures IV	3

Christian Theology		
THEO 7360	Christian Texts and Traditions I	3
THEO 7361	Christian Texts and Traditions II	3
THEO 7362	Christian Texts and Traditions III	3
THEO 7382	Constructive Theology	3
THEO 7396	The Baptist Identity	3
Christian Ministry		
LEAD 7301	Leadership for Ministry	3
or PAST 7330	Introduction to Pastoral Care	
WOCW 7385	Introduction to Christian Witness and Mission	3
PRCH 7316	Preaching I	3
THEO 7316	Christian Worship	3
MENT 7V00	Mentoring in Ministry	9
PRTH 7391	Integrative Seminar: Faith and Practice	3
Additional Requirements		
Electives from either Truett Seminary or School of Education		9
Satisfactory academic progress		
Total Hours		69

¹ These are required courses; however, based upon previous academic experience, students may petition to waive or substitute these courses. Introductory courses are waived from the degree plan by passing an advanced standing exam (see the Advanced Standing Policy (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/truett-theological-seminary/academic-regulations/#advanced>)).

Requirement	Hours
Total MDiv. Hours	69
Core Hours in the School of Education	21
Cognate Hours for MSED Degree	15
or	
Cognate Hours for MA Degree	12
Total Hours for joint degree	105

Master of Science in Education Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
EDC 5303	Models of Teaching and Learning	3
EDC 5321	Contemporary Curriculum-Designing and Implementing	3
EDC 5370	Applications of Technology to Teaching and Learning	3
EDC 5348	Issues in Curriculum Development	3
EDC 5391	Social Foundations of Education	3
EDC 5335	Research in Algebraic Thinking	3
Elective		
Select one EDC 5000 course approved by Curriculum and Instruction Dept.		3
MSED Cognate		15
Total Hours		36

Master of Arts in Education Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Select fifteen semester hours from the following:		15
EDC 5303	Models of Teaching and Learning	3
EDC 5321	Contemporary Curriculum-Designing and Implementing	
EDC 5370	Applications of Technology to Teaching and Learning	
EDC 5348	Issues in Curriculum Development	
EDC 5391	Social Foundations of Education	
EDC 5335	Research in Algebraic Thinking	
EDC 5V99	Thesis	6
MA Cognate		12
Total Hours		36

The School of Education will accept 15 hours earned in the Master of Divinity program or the Master of Education program for the cognate in the MEd, while still maintaining the core education courses (21 hours). The cognate hours of the MEd must be unique and non-repeating courses that are required for the seminary electives. Students interested in the Master of Arts in Education degree will be admitted on a case-by-case basis due to the time required to complete the research. Also, the Master of Arts in Education will require 21 core class hours including 6 hours for the thesis with the additional 12 hours earned in the Master of Divinity program for the cognate.