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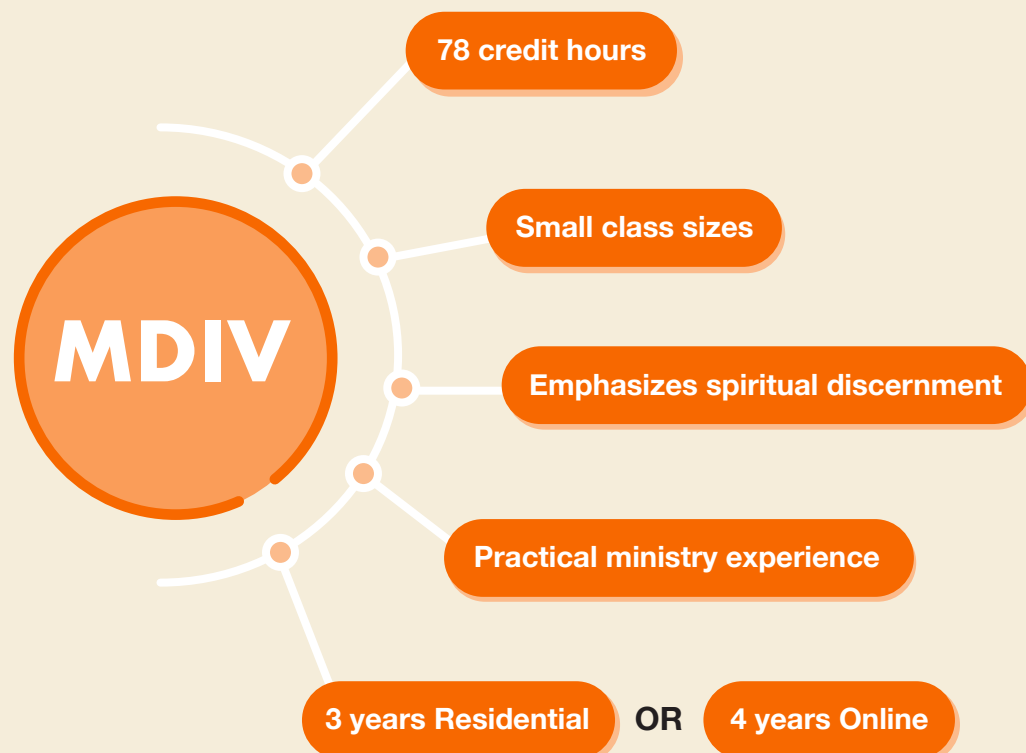
Master of Divinity

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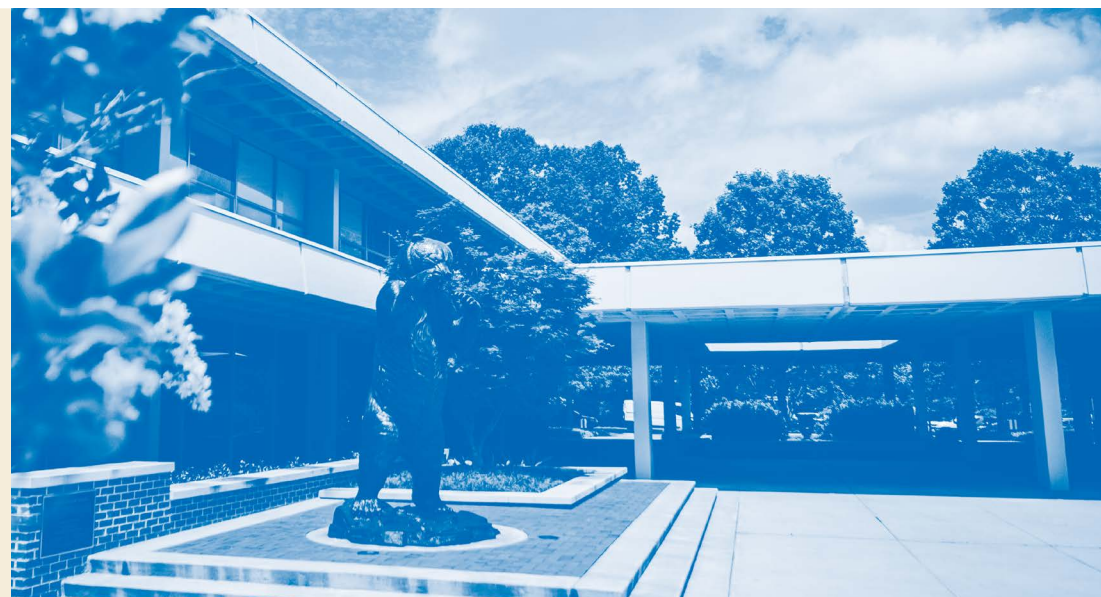
The Master of Divinity at Mercer's School of Theology is a professional degree for students seeking to serve in vocations and communities of faith and ministry. Formats include Residential, Fully Online, and Hybrid:



The MDiv program offers certificates as a part of our Residential program. Certificates provide students with further specialization within their field, opportunities for professional development, and increased depth in both theory and practice. There are four certificate specializations:

- Christian Ethics
- Congregational Ministry
- Faith Based Social Transformation
- Interfaith Dialogue
- Spiritual Care
- Theology and Trauma

See pages 10-11 for course sequences.



Combined Degrees

MDiv & MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

- 120 credit hours, as little as 4 years
- Contact copa.admissions@mercer.edu or 678.547.6417 for more information about the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program and its admissions process.

MDiv & MS in Organizational Leadership with a Nonprofit concentration

- 97 credit hours, as little as 4 years
- Contact copa.admissions@mercer.edu or 678.547.6417 for more information about the Organizational Leadership program and its admissions process.

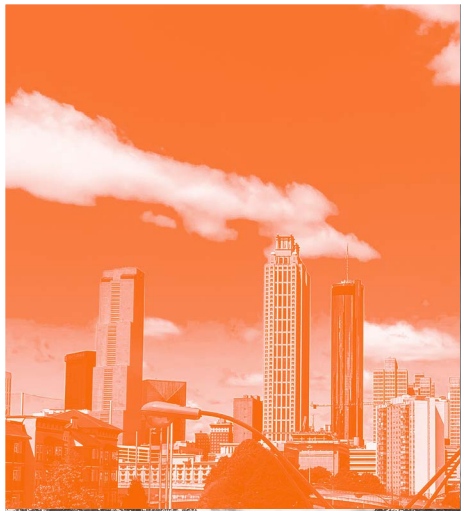
MDiv & Master of Business Administration

- 99 credit hours, as little as 4 years
- Contact business.admissions@mercer.edu or 678-547-6300 for more information about the Master of Business Administration program and its admissions process.

MDiv & MM in Church Music

- 99 credit hours, as little as 4 years, requires thesis internship
- Contact music@mercer.edu or 478.301.2748 for more information about the Master of Music program and its admissions process.

Combined Degrees require a **separate admissions process** with the College of Professional Advancement, the Stetson-Hatcher School of Business, or the Townsend School of Music at Mercer depending on your program of choice.



THIS IS WHAT AN *MDiv* LOOKS LIKE

McAfee MDiv graduates serve in areas such as congregational ministry, the nonprofit sector, the local church, global missions, chaplaincy, and community development. Many go on to pursue further graduate work.

Campus Minister
Career Coach
Church Planter
Clinical Pastoral Education
(CPE) Supervisor
Community Organizer
Consultant
Counselor/ Therapist
Denominational Leader
Director of Spiritual Life
Health Care Chaplain
Hospice Chaplain
Lay Leader
Life Coach
Military Chaplain
Minister of Education

Minister with Children and
Families
Minister with College
Students
Minister with Senior Adults
Minister with Youth and
Students
Nonprofit Executive Director
Nonprofit Founder
Prison Chaplain
Retirement Community
Chaplain
Retreat Center Director
Senior Pastor
Spiritual Director
University Chaplain



Application

All applicants for admission to the School of Theology at Mercer University are required to hold a bachelor's degree with a liberal arts core from a college or university nationally accredited by an institutional accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education or proof of an equivalent degree from a foreign university.



1. Submit Online App

- **Submit application online:** <https://theology.mercer.edu/admissions/apply-now/>
- Ask your Admissions Counselor for a code to **waive your application fee!**



2. Background Check

- **Background Check*:** Completed online at Castle Branch. Please allow up to a month for us to receive the report. The package cost is \$31.75, which must be ordered and purchased directly online by the applicant.



3. Additional Written Documents

The following can be uploaded by the applicant to the online application portal or emailed to **theologyadmissions@mercer.edu**

- **Resume:** Including church positions and service; secular occupations; community involvement; academic honors; and research, civic, or leadership awards.
- **Autobiographical Essay:** In 1,250-1,500 words speak to the following four questions: Give an account of your Christian pilgrimage. Tell the story of your personal commitment and call to ministry. What factors have led you to apply to McAfee School of Theology for your theological training? What are your ministry goals (the kind of ministries you envision for yourself)?
- **Writing Sample:** 2,000-2,500 words of an academic paper on any topic. This may be an excerpt of an academic paper on any topic. Please include bibliography and in-text citations or footnotes.

Applicants who do not have an academic writing sample may email theologyadmissions@mercer.edu for a prompt. Must include a bibliography and in-text citations or footnotes.

* If you are applying to the **fully online MDiv program**, you will also need to submit:

- **Letter of Church Support:** All applicants to the Online Master of Divinity program must fill out the Letter of Church Support form stating that they will be connected with a church during their time in the online program. The form outlines the expectations of the church and student.



4. Official Transcripts

The following will need to be submitted to us **directly from** your recommenders and your higher education institutions:

- **Official Transcripts:** Required from all higher educational institutions previously attended. Applicants are required to have a regionally accredited bachelor's degree or proof of an equivalent degree from a foreign university. Transcripts can be submitted electronically from your previous school's ordering service or through the mail in a sealed envelope to:

McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University
Office of Admissions
3001 Mercer University Drive
Atlanta, GA 30341



5. Recommendations

Applicants will need a total of three recommenders to complete our Master of Divinity Recommendation Form. Your recommenders can submit the completed form to us at **theologyadmissions@mercer.edu**. Recommenders chosen must consist of the following:

- Pastor/Church Leader
- Professor/Supervisor
- Professor/Supervisor

* Admissions Interviews are conducted on an as needed basis.

Note: Failure to undergo the background check will result in exclusion from admission consideration. An individual with a criminal conviction is not automatically excluded from admission; the School will evaluate the time frame, nature, gravity, and relevancy of the conviction or charge offense in making a decision. Applicants may appeal the decision and will have the opportunity to present information to dispute the background check.



Transfer Credit

Students may receive credit for courses taken at another institution as transfer credit. The number of hours accepted as transfer credit will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. The maximum allowed credit is 23 credit hours for the MDiv. Transfer credit can only be considered when a student has not yet had their degree conferred from their previous higher education institution. Only courses taken at a regionally accredited college or university are considered for transfer credit.

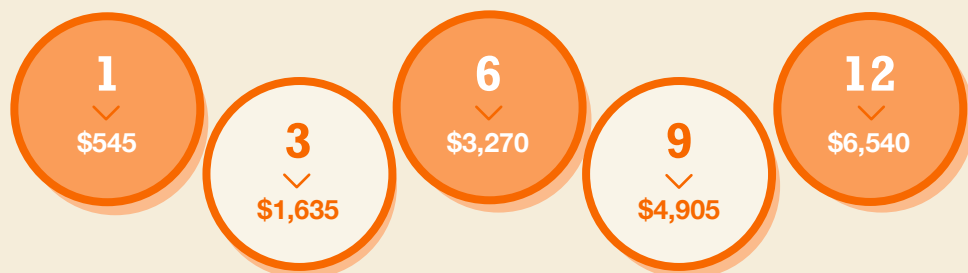
Scholarships and Tuition

Tuition is \$545 per credit hour after a 60% tuition grant has automatically been applied. A completed application for admission also serves as a student's application to be considered for a merit-based scholarship. Scholarships are not guaranteed, but we recommend applying for admission as soon as possible. We have rolling admissions which means you can apply up until classes begin.

For priority consideration for scholarship and admission into the program, you'll want to apply by our Priority Deadlines.

- Spring Priority Deadline: October 15
- Fall Priority Deadline: January 15

Tuition Breakdown by Credit Hour:



In addition to tuition, there is a facility and technology fee that will be a maximum of \$150 per semester.



Financial Aid

Federal student loans, FAFSA inquiries, and tuition balances and payments are administered through Mercer Office of Student Financial Planning (OSFP). You can contact their office here:

- Call: 678.547.6444
- Text: 478.841.9558

To find out more about Financial Aid at Mercer, check out:

- <https://financialaid.mercer.edu/>

To start your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), go to:

- <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- Mercer's school code is **001580**.

Have more questions? Schedule an appointment with your Admissions Counselor or go to <https://theology.mercer.edu/admissions/faq/>

MDiv Residential {3- Year Sequence}

Fall

Spring

Year One	THBL 501 or THBL 511 Hebrew or Greek Exegesis 1	THBL 502 or THBL 512 Hebrew or Greek Exegesis 2
	THOT 500 Foundations in Old Testament	THNT 500 Foundations in New Testament
	THCH 500 Foundations in Church History	THTP 500 Foundations in Theology
	THPT 505 What You Do is a Sacred Calling: Nurturing Faith in Ministry	THPT xxx Choose a Ministry Course
	THSP 511 Spiritual Formation 1	THSP 512 Spiritual Formation 2
	13 Hours	13 Hours
Year Two	THNT xxx Choose a New Testament Elective	THPT xxx Choose a Ministry Course
	THPT 502 Emotional Intelligence in Ministry & Leadership	THPT 500 Global Perspectives in Ministry & Mission
	THPT 701 Leadership in Context *	THPT 702 Leadership & Polity in the Church
	THPT 506 Preaching	THET 500 Ethics *
	THPT 511 Vocational Formation 1	THPT 512 Vocational Formation 2
	13 Hours	13 Hours
Year Three	THTP xxx Theology Elective	THxx xxx Choose a Cultural Context Elective
	THPT Comparative Religions Elective	THOT xxx Choose an Old Testament Elective
	THSP xxx Spirituality Elective	Elective
	Elective	Elective
	THPT 513 Ministerial Integration 1	THPT 514 Ministerial Integration 2
	13 Hours	13 Hours

* Choose either THPT 701 & THPT 702 (3 hours each, internship-based) or CPE (6 hours). CPE may be completed in the Summer Term.

MDiv Online {4- Year Sequence}

Fall

Spring

Summer

Year One	THBL xxx Language 1	THBL xxx Language 2	THSP xxx Spirituality Elective
	THCH 500 Foundations in Church History	THOT 500 Foundations in Old Testament	THOT xxx Old Testament Elective
	THSP 511 Spiritual Formation 1	THSP 512 Spiritual Formation 2	-
	7 Hours	7 Hours	6 Hours
Year Two	THNT 500 Foundations in New Testament	THPT 502 Emotional Intelligence in Ministry & Leadership	THPT xxx Choose a Ministry course
	THTP 500 Foundations in Theology	THPT 505 What You Do is a Sacred Calling: Nurturing Faith in Ministry	THPT 506 Preaching
	THPT 511 Vocational Formation 1	THPT 512 Vocational Formation 2	-
	7 Hours	7 Hours	6 Hours
Year Three	THPT 500 Global Perspectives in Ministry & Mission	Choose a Comparative Religions Elective	THNT xxx New Testament Elective
	THPT 701 Leadership in Context (internship)*	THPT 702 Leadership & Polity in the Church (internship)*	Choose a Cultural Context Elective
	THPT xxx Choose a Ministry course	Elective 1	-
	9 Hours	9 Hours	6 Hours
Year Four	THET 500 Ethics	THTP xxx Theology Elective	-
	Elective 2	Elective 3	-
	THPT 513 Ministerial Integration 1	THPT 514 Ministerial Integration 2	-
	7 Hours	7 Hours	



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