

The Master of Ministerial Studies will be considered as an alternative to the Master of Divinity (Thesis Track). It is a two-year program designed for those who finished a degree in Bachelor of Theology major in Pastoral Ministry. In the past, graduates of Bachelor of Theology, both from of the Silliman University Divinity School and other accredited seminaries come to enroll in the Master of Divinity program. They come back to update their degree, and especially to gain more preparation in the nurturing ministry. For some years now, these kinds of students were put in the same classes with B.Th. students. Those in this kind of arrangement did not find enough challenge, especially when their intention to come back to the seminary was to focus on a particular field. Many of these M. Div. students have expressed that they do not find challenges in this kind of setup, especially when they are asked to take the courses they have already taken. Responding to this need the Divinity School offered the Master of Divinity -Thesis track.

However, it has been observed that students who enrolled in the M.Div- thesis program are more interested in pursuing their ministries' professional enhancement than pure academic research. Thesis requirement becomes a disincentive to prospective students.

This program is designed to provide graduate theological study for persons contemplating specialized leadership roles in congregational, church, or diaconal organizational settings.

First Semester	Units	Second Semester	Units
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