



Atlantic School of Theology Summer Distance Master of Divinity (MDiv) Program

This graduate program, accredited by the Association of Theological Schools of the United States and Canada, is designed for students who choose to do the Master of Divinity degree through a combination of distance (online) and on-campus learning. It is ideal for those who are unable to relocate for three years to a seminary campus.

The Summer Distance MDiv program normally takes five years to complete (30 credits in total). Depending on individual circumstances, one can complete the degree in four years, or take up to eight years. 15-18 credits are taken via online learning through AST, allowing students to study from anywhere in the world while a minimum of 12 credits must be taken on campus in Halifax, Nova Scotia during the Summer term. Three credits are possible each summer, during June and July.

Summer Distance MDiv students serve a minimum of two years (8 months per year) in a local supervised ministry setting approved by both denominational authorities and Atlantic School of Theology. Some students serve for a longer period, as required by their denomination.

Denominational requirements: Each student must fulfill the expectations of their own accrediting denomination. AST works closely with denominational authorities and students to ensure that these expectations are met. *It is each student's responsibility to oversee their progress through their program of study in order to meet their goals.*

Students may enroll in master's-level courses at other ATS schools and/or arrange directed studies to complete denominational requirements and those credits can be transferred into the Summer Distance MDiv program at AST. Such courses must be approved in advance by AST.

Funding: All students are eligible to apply for need-based bursary assistance from AST. Merit-based scholarships are awarded at the time of admission to the program to applicants with the highest standing in previous studies. A list of external funding sources is on the AST website (see <http://www.astheology.ns.ca/future/financial-assistance.html>).

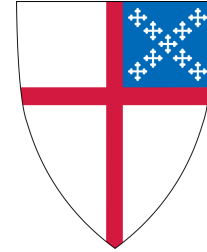
Additional funding from denominational bodies might be available. *Students are encouraged to be active in approaching church sources of funding support.*

Application deadline: March 15 to begin studies in the Summer term. Normally, students begin courses in the Summer term and begin their supervised ministry placement in September. Thus, ministry placements and supervisors should be arranged in advance.

For more information please contact Rev. Dr. Susan MacAlpine-Gillis

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Atlantic School of Theology Summer Distance Master of Divinity Program for Anglican and Episcopal Students



The Summer Distance MDiv program for Anglican and Episcopal students requires 30 credits (90.0 credit hours), taken over a minimum of 4 years, including 4 or more summers on campus in Halifax. Each Summer term runs from mid-June to the end of July, for a total of 6 full weeks. Up to 3 credits may be taken each summer. Normally 15 credits (and not less than 12 credits) must be taken on campus in Halifax. The remaining credits are taken online through AST.

This program is highly flexible and designed to meet the needs of individual dioceses. As such, it can be adapted as required by your Bishop.

Students may enroll in master's-level courses at other Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada and/or arrange directed studies to complete denominational requirements. These credits can be transferred into the Summer Distance MDiv program at AST. Courses taken at other theological schools and directed study courses must be approved in advance by AST.

Foundations Courses (7 credits)

RM 1000	Research Methods and Practices
BF 1001	Biblical Foundations HB/OT
BF 1002	Biblical Foundations NT
PF 1001	Pastoral Foundations
PF 1002	Preaching Foundations
TF 1000	Theological Foundations
WF 1000	Worship Foundations

Anglican/Episcopal denominational courses (2 credits)

ST/CH 2107	Anglican Theology: Roots and Branches
ST/CH 3106	Sacramental Action: The Anglican Narrative

Your Bishop might require additional or alternative courses, and/or Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). These might impact the number of electives you take. Your faculty advisor will help you map out the courses for your degree. The total number of credits will still be 30.

Supervised Ministry Placement (Supervised Field Education) (2 credits)

SMP 1000

SMP 2000

The 2 SMP courses are a minimum requirement for the Master of Divinity degree. Your Bishop might require more time under supervision in a parish or other ministry placement prior to ordination.

These courses require a paid or unpaid ministry placement approved by your Bishop, or Bishop's representative, under supervision, with a minimum of 10 hours/week of service from September to April for two years. They can be undertaken in one site for both years (preferred), or a different site in each year. You would not normally do your placement in your home parish. We actively discourage full-time appointments, as time must be reserved for studies.

Graduate Project and Seminar (taken in the final year of studies) (2 credits)

GS 3000A

GS 3000B

Electives (16 credits)

4 – Pastoral Theology courses (PT)

2 – Hebrew Bible/Old Testament courses (HB/OT)

2 – New Testament courses (NT)

1 – Ethics course (ET)

4 – Systematic Theology, Church History, or Ethics courses (ST/CH/ET)

3 – Unrestricted electives (any area)

Anglican/Episcopal Formation (1 credit)

DF 3000

This **Formation Credit** is to be done under the supervision of your bishop or your bishop's representative. This credit provides you with an extended opportunity to explore your Anglican or Episcopal identity as a priest. If you are unable to take the Anglican Formation program on the AST campus, your Formation program will take the form of a Directed Study and will be recorded at AST as a Directed Study credit. The design of this directed study is flexible and will be created through consultation between AST and your bishop or bishop's representative. In such cases, the supervisor of this credit is paid by AST.

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