The Stephen Olford Center at Union University
Associate of Divinity Curriculum Model

The Associate of Divinity (A. Div.) is designed primarily as an adult education degree for the non-traditional student. It is a professional degree which incorporates an exposure to the liberal arts through the general education requirements. It integrates biblical and theological reflection with ministry skills for pastors and church staff members.

Admission Criteria:

♦ Applicants must be at least 25 years of age.
♦ Have served in some capacity in their church for at least 3 years.
♦ Application form (with non-refundable $35 application fee)
♦ Validation of high school graduation/GED scores
♦ Official transcripts from any colleges previously attended, including the Seminary Extension
♦ Pastor’s recommendation letter
♦ Proof of immunization, required by the State of Tennessee

Credit for the A. Div. can be received through:

Institutes, Monday Evening Schools, Distance Learning,

and Thursday evening class

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General Education Requirements (5 courses at 3 credit hours)

- ENG 111: Written Composition I 3 hours
- ENG 112: Written Composition II 3 hours
- PHL 240: Introduction to Philosophy 3 hours
- MAT 101: Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics 3 hours
- HIS 101: World Civilization to the Eighteenth Century 3 hours

Christian Studies Requirements (17 courses at 3 credit hours)

Old Testament (taken from the following) 9 hours
- RGL 314: Pentateuch
- RGL 317: Minor Prophets
- RGL 415: Poetry and Wisdom Literature
- RGL 416: Major Prophets

New Testament (taken from the following) 9 hours
- RGL 300: Life of Christ
- RGL 301: Pauline Epistles
- RGL 302: Hebrews through Revelation
- RGL 423: Johannine Literature

Theology 9 hours
- RGL 113: Introduction to Bible Study and Interpretation OR
* RGL 397: Strengthening Expository Preaching and Teaching
- RGL 304: Christian Doctrine
- RGL 243: Approaches to Moral Decision Making

General Studies 3 hours
- SOC 303: Contemporary Christian Life and Practice

Ministry Studies 9 hours
- RGL 261: Introduction to Christian Education
- RGL 263: Homiletics OR
* RGL 396: Essentials of Expository Preaching and Teaching
- RGL 305: Pastoral Ministries OR
* RGL 398: Essentials of Biblical Leadership

Electives (any three of the following) 9 hours
- RGL 306: Introduction to Christian Evangelism
- RGL 307: Christian Ministry with Preschool and Children
- RGL 308: Christian Ministry with Youth
- RGL 309: Christian Ministry with Adults
- RGL 310: Youth Ministry Issues
- RGL 311: Survey of Missions
- RGL 454: Southern Baptist Life
* RGL___: Practical Preaching and Teaching Workshop
* RGL___: Essentials of Evangelistic Preaching and Teaching
* RGL___: Preaching and Teaching for Spiritual Growth

Practicum 3 hours
- SOC 481: Christian Ministries Internship
(taken during the student’s last semester)

Total: 66 credit hours

* These classes are offered as Institutes, Monday evening schools or Distance Learning.