

# **MASTER OF DIVINITY (Thesis Track)**

## **Major in Biblical Studies Old Testament and New Testament**

### **I. Justification for Offering Master of Divinity major Biblical Studies (thesis track)**

In the past years, the Divinity School had been unable to respond to the needs of the church-related schools and theological schools for graduates who are qualified to teach Bible. The Divinity School was only able to send them graduates who were prepared in the general program of Pastoral Ministry.

In light of such need to upgrade the quality of teaching staff of these church-related schools and theological institutions in the Philippines, the SUDS will offer a new Master of Divinity program major in Biblical Studies. This two-year program is specifically designed for those who have finished their Bachelor of Theology degree program (5-year academic program) who seek to continue their studies and concentrate in Biblical Studies.

### **II. Program Offering and Objectives**

This program aims to provide people the necessary preparation in order to qualify to teach Biblical Studies in church-related schools, Bible schools or similar institutions.

The learners, depending on the focus of their thesis, are required to take advance courses in Bible and in biblical Language. Each student will write a thesis in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Degree of Master of Divinity major in Biblical Studies.

### **III. Graduation Requirements:**

1. Completion of the curricular requirements of 48 units, the 24 units being in compliance with CHED's required number of units for the core courses.
2. Cumulative QPA of at least 3.0.
3. Passed the Public Defense of Thesis that will be scheduled between January and February during the Second Year.
4. Endorsed by the Faculty for Graduation

## FIRST YEAR (33 units)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

<i>Code</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Units</i>
DBI 441	Greek Reading	3
DBI 443	Gospels	3
DCM 443	Teaching the Bible in Racially and Culturally diverse Contexts	3
DBI 445	Wisdom Literature	3
DS 1	Research and Thesis Proposal Writing 1	3
EL 33	Critical Essay Writing	3
		<b>18</b>

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

<i>Code</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Units</i>
DBI 442	Hebrew Reading	3
DCM 442	Intimate & Domestic Violence as a Social, Pastoral, Theological and Ethical Issue	3
DBI 446	Apocalyptic Literature	3
DBI 448	The Pentateuch	3
DS 2	Research and Thesis Proposal Writing 1	3
		<b>15</b>

## SECOND YEAR (15 units)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

Code	Description	Units
DBI 447	The Epistles	3
DBI 449	Cross-cultural reading of the Sacred Texts in Asia	3
THE 443	Ecofeminism and Earth Spiritualities Around the World	3
DS 3	Thesis Writing	6
		15

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

	Thesis Completion and Defense (Non-matriculated)	
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