

ADVANCE (5 YEAR BA/MDIV)

The Advance (5 Year BA/MDiv) major is designed for high-academic capacity students sensing an early call to pastoral ministry. This major lays a foundation for an effective ministry of biblical understanding in the context of a local church ministry. It is designed to enable a student to do further graduate studies in a seamless BA/Master of Divinity program between Trinity College and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. The program can be accomplished in five years:

- Two years at Trinity College with an emphasis on general education and initial ministry courses.
- The middle year (three) has shared course load between college and divinity school.
- The remaining two years are in the normal MDiv program at TEDS.

Requirements:

Requirements total 47 hours. This includes 23 hours from Biblical Studies required courses/cognate areas (including Greek), 18-21 hours from Christian Ministries and 3-6 hours of additional general education or BI/CM/PH courses.

Trinity College Requirements (124 hours):

- 47 hours for General Education. It is the expectation that students will have a sub-score of 25 or higher in Math, foreign language requirement is met by taking Greek and select courses will meet requirements in Religious and Ethnic Diversity category.
- 47 hours for college requirements for the Advance (5 Year BA/MDiv) degree.
- 30 hours from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School MDiv program (6 hours taken each semester the third year; 3 hours taken during summer after third year; remaining hours received from TEDS the fourth year to meet requirements for the college.)
- BA Degree in Pre-Seminary Studies.

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Requirements (87 program hours):

- 15 hours taken at TEDS during third year/summer following.
- 12-15 hours possible for the Advanced Placement MDiv Program from college studies.
- 57-60 hours taken fourth and fifth years at TEDS. (21 hours apply to undergraduate BA.)

Goals:

- **Preparation for Graduate Studies.** The Advance: Pre-Seminary Studies graduate should be equipped with the necessary academic and research skills to meet requirements of continuing in the MDiv program of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.
- **Personal Maturity.** The Advance: Pre-Seminary Studies graduate should be able to demonstrate a healthy sense of self in Christ, commitment to a lifestyle of ministry and progress toward godly character.
- **Cultural Engagement.** The Advance: Pre-Seminary Studies graduate should be able to study the Bible in its historical and cultural context and apply it to present-day ethical issues.
- **Biblical Philosophy.** The Advance: Pre-Seminary Studies graduate should be able to grasp the message of the Bible, interpret the

Scriptures accurately, develop a Christian worldview, and integrate faith, living, and learning.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses:		
BI 275	Teaching the Bible	3
BRS 231	Christian Doctrine	3
BRS 330	Christian Evidences	3
BRS 338	Theological and Sociological Foundations of Evangelism	3
BRS 363X	Survey of Religious Diversity	3
GR 121	Elementary Greek	4
GR 122	Elementary Greek	4
CM 180	Christian Character Development	1
CM 201	Survey of Christian Education	3
CM 222	Integrated Field Experience	2
CM 223	Integrated Field Experience	2
CM 342	Relational Skills for Ministry	3
CM 381	Introduction to Preaching	3
CM 412	Issues for Men & Women in Ministry	1
CM 420	Ministry Leadership	2
CM 480	Christian Ministries Integrative Seminar	1
Choose 6 hours:		6
IDS 303	Cross Cultural Contexts or CM 260 Introduction to Intercultural Ministry	
PH 182	Ethics	
BI/CM/PH Electives		
Additional Courses taken at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School		30
Total Hours		77