

DUAL DEGREE MDIV/MA, THEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Christian ministry involves cross-cultural interaction and understanding, whether at home or abroad. This innovative dual degree program combines Eastern University's online MA in Theological and Cultural Anthropology (<https://www.eastern.edu/academics/graduate-programs/ma-theological-and-cultural-anthropology/>) (MATCA) with Palmer Seminary's Master of Divinity (MDiv) program (online (<https://www.palmerseminary.edu/programs/master-divinity-online-openseminary/>) or on-campus. (<https://www.palmerseminary.edu/programs/master-divinity-campus/>)) Together, these two degrees equip students with the ability to work effectively at the intersection of faith and culture.

Program Details

- Location & Delivery: Fully online or partially on-campus in St. Davids, PA
- Length: As little as 4 years for both programs
- Start Terms: January and August

Admissions

- You must have a bachelor's degree from an institutionally accredited and endorsed by CHEA institution with an overall grade-point average of 2.5 or better.
- One class in the Introduction to Cultural Anthropology is required, with a grade of C or better. Candidates lacking the introductory course may take it online through Eastern University in the summer in advance of enrolling.

Financial Arrangements

- Students are required to pay tuition to Palmer Seminary.
- At least 4.5 credits must be taken per semester to qualify for financial aid.

General Academic Requirements

Ninety-six credit hours are needed to graduate. Seventy-five are to be taken in the Seminary's M.Div. program (Adaptive Leadership Track) and twenty-one credit hours need to be taken in the MATCA in the program, for a total of 96 credits, instead of 111 which would be required if taking the programs separately.

Schedule

- Application Deadlines: One month before start of term
- At least 4.5 credits must be taken per semester to qualify for financial aid.
- For MATCA, The core classes for the program must be taken together in one academic year (2.5 classes per semester). Electives can be taken before, during or after the core.