



Nebra Sky Monastery and Divinity College

Master of Divinity For Theological Professions (M.Div.)

Leading to Ordination, Nebra Sky Order

1 Year Online, 12 courses, 48 Credits, Standard for U.S. Masters Degree

Our primary degree leading to ordination for professional ministry, and also superior preparation for church administration, chaplaincy, youth work, teaching at divinity colleges or theological schools, missions and evangelism, social work, and pastoral care. A program that trains you to provide compassionate, person-centered support addressing the emotional, spiritual, and relational needs of individuals experiencing life transitions, illness, or trauma. A versatile degree for faith based students seeking to make a difference in the world and advance the Glory of God in their lives.

This Degree qualifies interested graduates to be ordained as Ministers into the Nebraska Sky Order of the Nebraska Sky Monastery, and be thus qualified for becoming a licensed Minister in most States, permitting the performance of marriages, baptisms, funerals, and to lead a congregation. In addition the Master of Divinity degree would be expected to be accepted into Church leadership roles of most denominations.

**Courses may be substituted or changed at any time,
as curriculums undergo continued revision and updating.**

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Term 1

The Old Testament. (c. 1200 – 2nd Century BCE): The Old Testament, which corresponds largely to the Hebrew Bible (Tanakh), details the creation of the world, the history of the patriarchs, and the foundation of ancient Israel. Creation & Patriarchs; The Kingdoms; Exile & Return. **4 Credits.**

The New Testament. (1st – 2nd Century CE): The New Testament focuses on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the subsequent growth of the Christian church. Course covers The Gospels; The Early Church. **4 Credits.**

Writing Effective Religious Papers -How to research biblical archaeology research reports and citation to published papers. Course covers Bible citation, and various style guides including Chicago, APA, and MLA. How to write papers relating to Christianity, the Scriptures, both as traditional research and as compared to AI assisted research. **4 Credits.**

Preaching, Communication, and Public Speaking. How to speak about God, how to encourage faith in others, how to conduct a sermon. The various components of a sermon will be defined and illustrated. Includes **Apologetics. How to defend your Faith**, or better still, how to encourage non-believers on **The Existence of God:** Using philosophical arguments (like the cosmological or moral arguments). **Historical Evidence:** Examining the historical reliability of religious texts and the evidence for specific events (like the resurrection of Jesus in Christianity). **The Problem of Evil:** Addressing the existential question of why a loving God allows pain and suffering. Science and Faith: Harmonizing scientific discoveries with scriptural accounts (e.g., origins of the universe, creation, and evolution). **4 Credits.**

Term 2

Leadership and Personal Presentation. How to lead in small and large groups, how to best present yourself to others. **4 Credits.**

Church Leadership. How churches function and the leadership roles and opportunities involved. Includes **Starting and Operating a Small Community Church.** Practical course in organizing a new church from scratch, which also helps to deeply understand church management. **4 Credits.**

House Church. The growing movement toward creating and participating in house churches, how they function, how to organize. **4 Credits.**

How to Conduct a Marriage Ceremony. Marriage vows, traditions, ways to conduct a modern marriage ceremony, within or outside established Churches. **4 Credits.**

Term 3

Introduction to Liturgy. The historical development of the celebration of the Eucharistic liturgy, organization of space, Church norms in liturgical practice and theology. **4 Credits.**

The Communion Service. What is it, how to lead it, where to obtain supplies. A Communion Service does not require a Priest or other specially qualified person. So as far as leading a communion service is concerned; as long as you love the Lord Jesus Christ and you do this in memory of him, then even the humblest and lowest of Christians is allowed to lead. **4 Credits.**

Pastoral Care. Counseling techniques in a wide range of situations. Emphasis on Death, Dying and Grief. A course about remaining present in the midst of death, dying, illness, loss, and grief and counseling techniques. Volunteer Services. **4 Credits.**

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Spiritual Formation and Prayer. The course is aimed at the student's personal encounter with God, spiritual journaling, prayer, and sharing of the Faith. Students will learn the importance of trusting God in every aspect of their lives; and how God brings forth fruit, good works, and obedience through His grace. 4 Credits.
Total Number of Credits This Program: 48
Final Grade Average: ____ [Equivalent to __, or ____ on 4 point Scale]
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Notes:

Credits: 1 Nebraska Sky Divinity College Credit = 1 USA Semester Credit. We follow the **USA Code of Federal Regulations** requiring "one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction [or 60 minutes of preparation in a correspondence course] and a minimum of two hours of out of class student work each week for approximately fifteen weeks for one semester or trimester hour of credit". Hence, each 4-credit course requires 12 hours total work per week [4 hours instruction/learning plus 8 hours of homework] in a standard 14-16 week semester. **Each Nebra Sky Term is 15 weeks**, and we operate all year round with no breaks. Each term is 15 weeks, comparable to a standard US semester of 15 weeks. Consequently, each student can complete the equivalent of three 15-week terms per year.

Grading: We follow the normal grading table, and students in the Masterr's Degree programs must maintain a "B-" average to remain in good standing:

Letter Grade	GPA Scale	0-100 Scale
A+	Honors	100-97
A	4.00	96.9-93
A-	3.66	92.9-90
B+	3.33	89.9-87
B	3.00	86.9-83
B-	2.66	82.9-80
C+	2.33	79.9-77
C	2.00	76.9-73
C-	0	0
D and F	0	0

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