

# Master of Divinity (MDiv) Degree (72 credit) Required & Recommended Courses

*Maitripa College faculty and staff are committed to periodic review and revision of this curriculum in light of new findings and methods in the fields of study, feedback from alumni and professionals, and faculty expertise. Maitripa College does not guarantee all courses will be offered as listed in the coming years. An individual student's course of study will vary according to concentrations, language studies, pace of study, and elective options. Students should meet regularly with Academic Advisors and track their degree progression in Populi's Degree Audit. For more information, please contact Leigh Miller ([program@maitripa.org](mailto:program@maitripa.org)).*

## SCHOLARSHIP PILLAR Course Groupings

### Buddhist Philosophy, Tenets, and Sacred Texts

*Required: 6 courses (12 credits)*

PHL301	Introduction to Buddhist Thought
PHL302	Foundations of Buddhist Thought: The Medium and Great Scope
PHL303	Madhyamaka Philosophy: Where is the Middle Way?
PHL304	Madhayamaka Philosophy: A Dose of Emptiness,
	OR
PHL308	Mahamudra: Realizing the Nature of Mind
PHL404	Fundamentals of the Vajra Vehicle

### The History of Buddhist Thought and the Study of Religions

*Required: 3 courses (6 credits)*

HIS301	History of Buddhist Thought in India and Tibet
PHL450	Theories and Methods in Buddhist Studies
THL325	Understanding World Religions

## MEDITATION PILLAR Course Group

### Contemplative Practice and Spiritual Formation

*Required: 10 credits*

MDT301	Introduction to Buddhist Meditation
MDT302	Techniques of Buddhist Meditation: The Medium and Great Scope
MDT303	Techniques of Meditation: Madhyamaka
MDT304	Madhyamaka Meditation: Preparation for Vajrayana OR
MDT308	Techniques of Meditation: Mahamudra
MDT330	Meditations on Emptiness
THL338	Insight Dialogue: Interpersonal Meditation

## SERVICE PILLAR Course Groups

### Spiritual Care and Buddhist Ministry

*Required: 6 courses (12 credits)*

CS303	Chaplaincy and Models of Spiritual Care (required)
CS304	Servant Leadership in Buddhist/Spiritual Communities (required)
	AND
THL423	Spiritual Care in Practice
THL337	Empathy, Listening, and Mindful Compassionate Dialogue
THL339	Mindful Compassionate Dialogue
PHL410	Buddhist Rituals, Ethics, Services, and Ceremonies
THL424	A Good Death: Approaching End of Life
CST237	Survival and Liberation: The Complicated Relationship between Trauma and Dharma
THL428	Family Systems and Group Process

## Contemporary Buddhist Thought and Ethics

*Required: 4 courses (8 credits)*

CS301	Foundations of Buddhist Service (required)
CS302	Finding Your voice: Communication and Context (required)
	AND
THL320	Contemporary Buddhist Thought and Theology
THL305	Engaged Buddhism: Non-violence and Social Justice in Buddhist Thought and Practice
	<i>Special topics on race, women, death and dying, etc.</i>
OR	<i>THL417: Making the Invisible, Visible: Working with Unhealthy Bias and Uprooting it</i>
	<i>THL438: Women in Buddhism</i>

## Field Education Placement and/or Clinical Pastoral Education

*Required: 6 credits*

CS500	Field Education Placement (internship, credit variable)
Transfer	Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE, 6 transfer credits)

## CLASSICAL TIBETAN LANGUAGE Course Group [Optional]

*Required: 0 credits*

*Graduate students in the MDiv program are recommended to complete four to six credits in Classical Tibetan language on-site at Maitripa College; the exact courses to meet the minimum may vary depending on prior study or availability of the student for summer enrollment. Students with interest in doctoral studies, translation, and practice and philosophic texts are encouraged to take as many credit hours as possible, with both Western and Tibetan teachers. Canonical languages are often part of an MDiv degree, especially for those intending to teach, pursue DMin, or lead spiritual communities.*

COURSES:	TIB110	Classical Tibetan Language Summer Intensive	(6)
	TIB108	Classical Tibetan Course Summer 2020	(4)
	TIB118	Introduction to Translating Tibetan Texts	(1)
	TIB101	Introduction to Classical Tibetan Language I	(2)
	TIB102	Introduction to Classical Tibetan Language II	(2)

TIB201	Intermediate Classical Tibetan Language I	(2)
TIB202	Intermediate Classical Tibetan Language II	(2)
TIB301	Seminar in Tibetan Translation	(2)

## Final Mastery Degree Requirement

*Required: 4 credits*

<i>Default Required</i>	ARP502	Action Research Project I	(2)
	ARP504	Action Research Project II	(2)
<i>Permission Only</i>	THL500	Comprehensive Exam or Thesis	(4)

## GENERAL ELECTIVES and Curricular Planning

*Students may select non-required courses from the course catalogue and new courses as they are offered to build specific competencies or concentrations of study according to their educational interests and goals. Students are advised to consider both breadth and depth of training, as well as requirements or expectations for post-graduate needs. The courses listed above are 2 credits each unless otherwise indicated. Number of total electives is variable, and students are advised to generate an individual plan with their advisors.*