

## BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

The Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry combines general education, biblical and practical theology, philosophical studies, and experiential learning in order to prepare the student for opportunities in various Christian Ministry fields. Alongside the core requirements, students are free to choose from a variety of ministry specializations directed toward their calling or interest.

The student who completes this program will be able to:

- Interpret, defend, and articulate the foundational teachings of the Christian faith
- Apply sound methods of biblical interpretation in preaching and teaching
- Plan and develop effective programs of ministry in a local church context
- Analyze and evaluate effective models of Christian leadership in a ministry context
- Demonstrate professional skill in addressing the religious, social, and cultural needs of the members of a local church

### GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

#### Behavioral & Social Sciences (9 hours)

HIST 1323 or 1423	American History	3 hrs
POLS 1523	American Fed Government	3 hrs
PSYC 1123	General Psychology	3 hrs

#### Christian Studies Core (15 hours)

BIBL 1113	Survey of the Bible	3 hrs*
BIBL 2313	Life of Christ	3 hrs*
PHIL 1123	Christian Apologetics	3 hrs*
SOCI 2403	Marriage and Family	3 hrs*
THEO 1223	Christian Doctrine	3 hrs*

#### Communication (9 hours)

COMM 1113	Fundamentals of Speech	3 hrs
ENGL 1113	English Composition I	3 hrs*
ENGL 1213	English Composition II	3 hrs*

#### Humanities (3 hours)

PHIL 2203	Introduction to Philosophy	3 hrs*
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#### Liberal Arts (3 hours)

HPES ----	Physical Education Activity Classes (2)	2 hrs
IDIS 1001	Student Success Skills	1 hr*

#### Mathematics & Natural Sciences (11 hours)

MATH ----	Math (1500 level or above)	3 hrs
Natural Sciences (Must be from different disciplines)		
	Life Science w/lab (1000 level or above)	4 hrs
	Physical Sci. w/lab (1000 level or above)	4 hrs

General Education Requirement is 50 hours.

#### General Education Competency (Required):

[Computer Science Competency](#) (See further details page #41)

#### BIBLE AND THEOLOGY CORE REQUIREMENTS:

BIBL 2113	Life and Writings of Paul	3 hrs*
Choose one:		
	Bible Elective (BIBL 3000 level or above)	3 hrs*
	Theology Elective (THEO 3000 level or above)	3 hrs*
BIBL 3013	Biblical Interpretation	3 hrs*
LANG 2333	Biblical Greek Appreciation	3 hrs*
THEO 3313	Systematic Theology I	3 hrs*
THEO 3413	Systematic Theology II	3 hrs*
THEO 4313	Reformed Arminian Theology	3 hrs*

Bible and Theology Core Requirement is 21 hours.

#### CHRISTIAN MINISTRY CORE REQUIREMENTS:

CMIN 1011	Discipler's Formation Series I	1 hr*
CMIN 1021	Discipler's Formation Series II	1 hr*
CMIN 2011	Discipler's Formation Series III	1 hr*
CMIN 2021	Discipler's Formation Series IV	1 hr*
CMIN 2353	Introduction to Christian Ministries	3 hrs*
HIST 3103	Church History	3 hrs*
MISS 3223	Global Ministry	3 hrs*
PHIL 1113	Christian Ethics	3 hrs*
PHIL 4213	Advanced Apologetics	3 hrs*

Christian Ministry Core Requirement is 19 hours.

**Choose one specialization: Pastoral Ministry, Theology, or Youth and Family Ministry. Two additional specializations are available in the [Online Studies program: Ministry and Leadership or Worship Studies](#). Requirements for those degrees vary slightly and are detailed beginning on page 77.**

#### PASTORAL MINISTRY SPECIALIZATION:

**(Moore Campus)**

The Pastoral Ministry specialization provides general, theological, and pastoral ministry education for Christians preparing for vocational pastoral ministry in the local church for the advancement of God's Kingdom.

The student who completes this program will be able to:

- Demonstrate spiritual maturity, character, and sound judgment in a local church context.
- Compose and present sermons and lessons that demonstrate appropriate theological content and sound methods of biblical interpretation.
- Apply sound leadership principles in pastoral ministry in a local church context.
- Organize and manage effectively the administrative structure of a local church.

#### PASTORAL MINISTRY REQUIREMENTS:

BIBL 3113	Old Testament Intro to Critical Issues	3 hrs*
BIBL 3213	New Testament Intro to Critical Issues	3 hrs*
CMIN 3113	Homiletics	3 hrs*
CMIN 4213	Advanced Biblical Preaching	3 hrs*
CMIN 4333	Church Planting/Growth	3 hrs*
CMIN 4442	Ministry Internship (2)	4 hrs*
LANG 3333	Biblical Greek for Ministry I	3 hrs*
LANG 3433	Biblical Greek for Ministry II	3 hrs*
PSYC 4523	Intro to Christian Counseling	3 hrs*

Choose one: 2-3 hrs\*

WRSP 2212	Intro to Worship Studies	
CMIN 3413	Intro to Youth/Family Ministry	

Pastoral Ministry Specialization is 30-31 hours.

#### ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES:

3 hrs

123-124 hours (42 of which must be upper level) is required for Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry – Pastoral Ministry.

A minimum grade of 'C' is required for all courses pertaining to the major. These courses are indicated with an asterisk. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required

**THEOLOGY SPECIALIZATION:**  
**(Moore Campus)**

The Theology specialization provides general theological and ministry education for Christians preparing for entrance into graduate school or seminary and vocational ministry for the advancement of God's Kingdom. The general objectives of this degree are as follows:

The student who completes this program will be able to:

- Utilize sound methods of biblical interpretation.
- Compare and contrast the major schools of theological thought.
- Demonstrate the original language skills necessary for the study of theology.
- Demonstrate critical thinking and effective oral and written communication skills necessary for the study of theology.

**THEOLOGY REQUIREMENTS:**

BIBL 3113	Old Testament Intro to Critical Issues	3 hrs*
BIBL 3213	New Testament Intro to Critical Issues	3 hrs*
Choose one:		3 hrs*
CMIN 2003	Foundations of Teaching	
CMIN 3113	Homiletics	
CMIN 4442	Ministry Internship	2 hrs*
ENGL 3113	Writing and Research	3 hrs*
LANG 3333	Biblical Greek for Ministry I	3 hrs*
LANG 3433	Biblical Greek for Ministry II	3 hrs*
LANG 4333	Biblical Greek Exegesis and Syntax	3 hrs*
THEO 4232	Directed Readings in Theology	2 hrs*
Choose one:		3 hrs*
RELG 3113	Comparative Religions I	
RELG 3213	Comparative Religions II	
Choose one:		2-3 hrs*
WRSP 2212	Intro to Worship Studies	
CMIN 3413	Intro to Youth/Family Ministry	

Theology Specialization is 30-31 hours.

**ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES:** 3 hrs

123-124 hours (42 of which must be upper level) is required for Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry - Theology.

A minimum grade of 'C' is required for all courses pertaining to the major. These courses are indicated with an asterisk. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required

**YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY SPECIALIZATION:**  
**(Moore Campus)**

The Youth and Family Ministry specialization exists for the purpose of providing general, theological, and ministry education for Christians preparing for various types of youth and family ministry.

The student who completes this program will be able to:

- Demonstrate spiritual maturity, character, and sound judgment in ministering to youth and their families in a local church.

- Demonstrate an understanding of the foundational teachings of the Christian faith including sound methods of biblical interpretation.
- Plan, develop, and organize effective youth and family ministry programs in a local church context.
- Analyze and evaluate current models of youth and family ministry implemented in local churches.
- Assist the youth of a local church to develop and defend a biblical worldview.

**YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

BIBL 3113	Old Testament Intro to Critical Issues	3 hrs*
BIBL 3213	New Testament Intro to Critical Issues	3 hrs*
Choose one:		3 hrs*
CMIN 2003	Foundations of Teaching	
CMIN 3113	Homiletics	
CMIN 3413	Intro to Youth and Family Ministry	3 hrs*
CMIN 4333	Church Planting/Growth	3 hrs*
CMIN 4442	Ministry Internship (2)	4 hrs*
LANG 3333	Biblical Greek for Ministry I	3 hrs*
PHIL 3103	Case Studies in Ethics	3 hrs*
WRSP 2212	Intro to Worship Studies	2 hrs*
Psychology Elective (choose one)		3 hrs*
PSYC 2223	Life-Span Develop Psychology	
PSYC 3353	Marriage and the Family	

Youth and Family Ministry Specialization is 30 hours.

**ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES:** 3 hrs

123 hours (42 of which must be upper level) is required for Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry Youth and Family Ministry.

A minimum grade of 'C' is required for all courses pertaining to the major. These courses are indicated with an asterisk. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required

**MINISTRY AND LEADERSHIP SPECIALIZATION:**  
**(Online Studies)**

The Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry-Ministry and Leadership is a specialization offered in the School of Online Studies. The intent is to allow students to complete the degree program in the context of their adult professional and personal lives.

Reference the Online Studies section of this catalog for program requirements.

**WORSHIP STUDIES SPECIALIZATION:**  
**(Online Studies)**

The Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry-Worship Studies is a specialization offered in the School of Online Studies. The intent is to allow students to complete the degree program in the context of their adult professional and personal lives.

Reference the Online Studies section of this catalog for program requirements.