

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

The Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry offers two specialization options in the Online Studies program:

- Ministry and Leadership
- Worship Studies

The intent is to allow students to complete the degree program in the context of their adult professional and personal lives.

This program 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)

IDIS 1153	Academic Success in Online Studies	3 hrs*
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Mathematics & Natural Sciences (9 hours)

MATH ----	Math (1500 level or above)	3 hrs
	Natural Sciences (at least one must have a lab)	6 hrs
	Life Science (1000 level or above)	
	Physical Science (1000 level or above)	

General Education Requirement is 48 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*
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*
Choose one:		3 hrs*
	Bible Elective (BIBL courses 3000 level or above)	
	Theology Elective (THEO courses 3000 level or above)	

Bible and Theology Core Requirement is 21 hours.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY CORE REQUIREMENTS:

CMIN 2353	Introduction to Christian Ministries	3 hrs*
CMIN 3212	Christian Spiritual Formation	2 hrs*
CMIN 4212	Ministry Strategy	2 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: Ministry and Leadership or Worship Studies

MINISTRY AND LEADERSHIP SPECIALIZATION:

The Christian Ministry - Ministry and Leadership specialization prepares students to lead in a variety of ministry roles with a biblical and theological foundation. In addition to the bible and theology core, students are taught ministry skills in teaching, preaching, discipleship, and evangelism. This program also develops planning, managing, and organizational practices for the variety of ministries within the local church, such as youth and family, worship, and educational ministry.

The student who completes this program will be able to:

- Demonstrate spiritual maturity, character, and sound judgment in leading a local church context.
- Compose and present sermons and lessons that demonstrate appropriate theological content and sound methods of biblical interpretation.
- Demonstrate essential ministry skills through the integration of biblical and theological knowledge in discipleship strategies, evangelism, counseling, and leadership principles.
- Organize and manage effectively the administrative structure of a local church.

MINISTRY AND LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

Choose one:		3 hrs*
CMIN 2003	Foundations of Teaching	
CMIN 3113	Homiletics	
CMIN 3413	Intro to Youth and Family Ministry	3 hrs*
CMIN 3523	Admin of Christian Education	3 hrs*
CMIN 4333	Church Planting/Growth	3 hrs*
CMIN 4442	Ministry Internship	2 hrs*
LEAD 3823	Concepts of Leadership	3 hrs*
WRSP 4423	Planning/Conducting Public Worship	3 hrs*
Choose one:		3 hrs*
CMIN 4723	Christian Ministry Counseling	
PSYC 4523	Intro to Christian Counseling	

Ministry and Leadership Requirement is 26 hours.

ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES:

9 hrs

No PE Activity Courses will count towards this degree.

120 hours (42 of which must be upper level) is required for Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry - Ministry and Leadership.

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

WORSHIP STUDIES SPECIALIZATION

The Christian Ministry - Worship Studies specialization prepares worship leaders for a variety of ministries within the total program of the Church. The academic program consists of general education; Christian ministry studies; studies of worship and philosophy, technique, history and core musical components. Experiential learning is woven throughout the specialization with active learning opportunities. This program includes opportunities for the student's spiritual and professional growth and development that will transpire in leading others into a growing relationship with Christ through worship opportunities.

The Student who completes this program will be able to

- Demonstrate Christian Character in personal and ministry relationships.
- Communicate a philosophy of worship that is biblical and sensitive to changing styles and valued traditions.
- Demonstrate Competence in planning and leading worship services.
- Demonstrate Competence in preparing vocalists and instrumentalists for worship leading.
- Demonstrate servant leadership while assisting in a broad range of ministry within the church.

WORSHIP STUDIES REQUIREMENTS:

Worship Studies

WRSP 2212	Introduction to Worship Studies	2 hrs*
WRSP 3543	Tools for Creative Worship	3 hrs*
WRSP 3523	History and Philosophy of Worship	3 hrs*

Worship Leadership

Choose one: 3 hrs*

CMIN 2003	Foundations of Teaching	
CMIN 3113	Homiletics	
CMIN 4442	Ministry Internship	2 hrs*
WRSP 4423	Planning/Conducting Public Worship	3 hrs

Worship & Music

MUSI 3801	Music Workshop	1 hr*
WRSP 1503	Music Skills for Worship Leading	3 hrs*
WRSP 3553	Technology in Worship	3 hrs*

Worship Studies Requirement is 23 hours.

ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES: 9 hrs

No PE Activity Courses will count towards this degree.

Minimum of 120 hours (42 of which must be upper level) is required for Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry - Worship Studies.

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