

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

The Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry offers the following specialization:

- Pastoral Ministry
- Theology
- Youth and Family Ministry
- Ministry and Leadership (*Online*)
- Worship Studies (*Online*)

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

Pastoral Ministry Specialization

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.

Theology Specialization

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.

Youth and Family Ministry Specialization

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.

Ministry and Leadership Specialization (Online)

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.

Worship Studies Specialization (Online)

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.

CURRICULUM		
UNIVERSITY CORE		50 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*

English Composition (6 hours)

ENGL 1113	English Composition I	3 hrs*
ENGL 1213	English Composition II	3 hrs*

Liberal Arts (4 hours)

HPES --	Physical Education Activity Class	1 hr
IDIS 1553	College Gateway: Saints Seminar	3 hrs*

Mathematics (3 hours)

MATH ----	Math (1500 or above)	3 hrs
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Natural Sciences (6 hours + 1 hour of lab)

BIOL, CHEM, or NATS (1000 or above)	7 hrs
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U.S. History and Government (6 hours)

HIST 1323/1423	American History	3 hrs
POLS 1523	American Federal Government	3 hrs

Core Electives (9 hours)

BIBLE AND THEOLOGY CORE	21 hrs*
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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 3000 level or above)	
	Theology Elective (THEO 3000 level or above)	

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY CORE	19 hrs*
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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*

ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES	3 hrs
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SPECIALIZATION	30-31 hrs*
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Choose One Specialization:

Pastoral Ministry Specialization	30-31 hrs*
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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*
COUN 4113	Intro to Biblical Counseling	3 hrs*
LANG 3333	Biblical Greek for Ministry I	3 hrs*
LANG 3433	Biblical Greek for Ministry II	3 hrs*
Choose one:		2-3 hrs*

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

Theology Specialization	30-31 hrs*
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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

Youth and Family Ministry Specialization	30 hrs*
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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*
COUN 4213	Marriage and Family Counseling	
PSYC 2223	Life-Span Develop Psychology	

TOTAL REQUIRED	123-124 hrs
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- 42 hours must be upper level.
- 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.

CURRICULUM FOR ONLINE SPECIALIZATIONS	
UNIVERSITY CORE	49 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*

English Composition (6 hours)

ENGL 1113	English Composition I	3 hrs*
ENGL 1213	English Composition II	3 hrs*

Liberal Arts (3 hours)

IDIS 1553	College Gateway: Saints Seminar	3 hrs*
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Mathematics (3 hours)

MATH ----	Math (1500 or above)	3 hrs
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Natural Sciences (6 hours + 1 hour of lab)

BIOL, CHEM, or NATS	(1000 or above)	7 hrs
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U.S. History and Government (6 hours)

HIST 1323/1423	American History	3 hrs
POLS 1523	American Federal Government	3 hrs

Core Electives (9 hours)

BIBLE AND THEOLOGY CORE	21 hrs*
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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 3000 level or above)
Theology Elective (THEO 3000 level or above)

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY CORE	18 hrs*
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CMIN 2353	Introduction to Christian Ministries	3 hrs*
CMIN 3143	Christian Spiritual Formation	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*

ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES	9 hrs
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SPECIALIZATION	23 hrs*
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Choose One Specialization:

Ministry And Leadership Specialization	23 hrs*
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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	
COUN 4113	Intro to Biblical Counseling	

Worship Studies Specialization	23 hrs*
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<i>Worship Studies</i>		
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*
<i>Worship Leadership</i>		
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
<i>Worship & Music</i>		
MUSI 3801	Music Workshop	1 hr*
WRSP 1503	Music Skills for Worship Leading	3 hrs*
WRSP 3553	Technology in Worship	3 hrs*

TOTAL REQUIRED	120 hrs
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- Note: The online specialization university core differs from the in-person as it does not contain a Physical Education Activity Class. The university core is 49 hours.
- 42 hours must be upper level.
- 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.