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PASTORAL MINISTRIES MAJOR, B.A.

Christian Ministry Department; School of Christian Studies

The Pastoral Ministries Major prepares students to serve as a pastor or staff minister in a variety of local church and parachurch settings. This program combines classical foundational studies in Biblical interpretation, Church history, and theology with practical ministry courses in leadership, pastoral formation, preaching, worship, Christian education, evangelism, counseling and contextualization. This degree is designed to meet the educational requirements for ordination in some denominations and provides a solid practical foundation for those planning to immediately go into church ministry or for those preparing for seminary.

Students must complete all Foundations requirements and major requirements, as well as any additional General Electives needed to reach the minimum of 124 total credits required for a Bachelor's degree.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (51)

Pastoral Ministries Core (33)

__ 3	CM	100	Ministry & Mission in the Contemporary Church
__ 3	CM	201	Dynamics of Spiritual Growth
__ 3	CM	331	Principles of Preaching
__ 3	CM	380	Organizational Strategies in Ministry
__ 3	CM	475	Senior Seminar
__ 3	EM	220	Teaching in the Church
__ 3	ICS	322	Contextualization: Christianity and Culture
__ 3	PM	400	Pastoral Care and Counseling
__ 3	PM	410	Evangelism
__ 3	WA	100	Introduction to Worship Arts
__ 3	___	435	Internship (select an area – BTH / CM / ICS / PM / YM)

Biblical/Theological/Historical Foundations (18)

__ 3	BTH	320	Biblical Interpretation
__ 3	BTH	340	Holiness and Christian Life
__ 3	PM	420	Denominational Polity/History/Theology

Choose one New Testament 200 or above:

__ 3 NT ___ _____

Choose one Old Testament 200 or above:

__ 3 OT ___ _____

Choose one History:

__ 3	HIS	332	History of Christianity to 1500
__ 3	HIS	333	History of Christianity from 1500
__ 3	ICS	250	World Christianity

Plus FOUNDATIONS REQUIREMENTS (56)

Plus GENERAL ELECTIVES needed to reach minimum 124 credits (17)