

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND LEADERSHIP, M.A.C.M.L. (BIBLICAL AND PASTORAL MINISTRY)

Overview

Degree Program

The Biblical and Pastoral Ministry specialization (formerly Preaching and Pastoral Ministry) is designed for students who want to focus on local church ministries. Students are equipped to communicate God's Word by providing the necessary skills to interpret and apply Scripture to the lives of God's people in a manner that is faithful to the text, clearly communicated and relevant to their particular ministry context.

Learning Outcomes

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Upon completion of the Master of Arts in Christian Ministry and Leadership, Biblical and Pastoral Ministry specialization, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate abilities relevant to personal spiritual formation, including an understanding of spiritual theology, knowledge of God and self, relational skills, and an understanding of their vocation (ULO 3).
2. Explain the major doctrines of Christianity, including their biblical basis, and contemporary relevance (ULO 1).
3. Synthesize knowledge, skills, and perspectives from specialization-specific content of the Christian Ministry and Leadership program to determine implications for professional practice (ULO 2).

Each Program Learning Outcome (PLO) listed above references at least one of the University Learning Outcomes (ULO 1, 2, 3), which may be found in the General Information (<http://catalog.biola.edu/general-information/>) section of this catalog.

Requirements

Admission Requirements

Applicants must possess a Bachelor of Arts degree or its academic equivalent from an accredited college with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

All applicants must submit a written statement outlining their vocational objectives and how the degree might relate to those objectives.

Graduation Requirements

1. Satisfactorily complete 52 semester credits as outlined in the curriculum charts below.
2. Students without previous courses in Old Testament Survey and New Testament Survey must take TTBE 519 and TTBE 520, which are not for credit unless taken in place of general elective credits.
3. Complete the online introduction to theological research and writing by the end of the second semester.

4. At least 26 of the total credits required for the degree program must be completed in residency at Biola. Advanced Standing and transfer credits are not considered residency credits.
5. Obtain a 3.0 average with no grade below a "C-" in all courses to be credited toward graduation.
6. Complete the entire program in no more than five years.
7. Meet with a graduate academic records and degree specialist in the Office of the Registrar one year prior to graduation to declare intent to graduate. (See Graduate Graduation Check description in the Admission, Enrollment and Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.biola.edu/general-information/admission-enrollment-graduation-requirements/>) section).

Program Structure

The academic program leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Christian Ministry and Leadership with a specialization in Biblical and Pastoral Ministry is comprised of 52 credits, including:

1. Biblical and theological foundations
2. Spiritual Formation Focus (SFF)
3. Ministry skills
4. Additional 3-credit TTPT elective course determined by the student in consultation with the advisor

Combined B.A. - M.A. Program

Students in Biola University's Bachelor of Arts in Bible, Theology, and Ministry with a concentration in Biblical and Pastoral Ministry may take graduate courses in their senior year, allowing the completion of a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts in an accelerated format. See the Bachelor of Arts in Bible, Theology, and Ministry (<http://catalog.biola.edu/tst/BBTM-ba/>) for the undergraduate portion of the accelerated B.A. - M.A. program.

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Prerequisite Courses ¹		
TTBE 519	Old Testament Survey	
TTBE 520	New Testament Survey	
Program Core Courses		
TTBE 517	Hermeneutics and Bible Study Methods	3
TTSF 501	Introduction to Spiritual Theology and Formation	3
TTSF 503	Personal Foundations for Spiritual Formation	3
TTSF 504	Spiritual Formation, Vocation, and the Disciplines	1
TTSF 505	Talbot Spiritual Direction I	0
TTSF 506	Talbot Spiritual Direction II	0
TTTH 521	Theology I: God, Scripture, Creation	3
TTTH 522	Theology II: Christ, Humanity, Sin, Salvation	3
TTTH 623	Theology III: Spirit, Church, Last Things	3
Biblical and Pastoral Ministry Courses		
TTPT 591	Field Apprenticeship I	1
TTPT 592	Field Apprenticeship II	0

TTPT 602	Pastoral Ministry	3
TTPT 609	Expository Preaching	3
TTPT 610	Contemporary Biblical Preaching	3
TTPT 691	Field Apprenticeship III	0
TTPT 703	The Church and Society	3
TTPT 707	Foundations of Pastoral Care and Counseling	2
TTPT 730	Biblical Leadership and Management	3
TTPT 791	Field Apprenticeship IV	0
Language/Exegesis Courses		
Select one of the following options:		12
New Testament:		
TTNT 501	Beginning Greek I	
TTNT 502	Beginning Greek II	
TTNT 503	Introduction to Exegesis	
TTNT 604	Exegesis in the Gospels	
or TTNT 605	Exegesis in the Epistles	
Old Testament:		
TTOT 603	Elements of Hebrew I	
TTOT 604	Elements of Hebrew II	
TTOT 703	Introduction to Hebrew Exegesis	
TTOT 722	Hebrew Exegesis	
Elective (any approved TTPT course)²		3
Total Credits		52

¹ TTBE 519 Old Testament Survey and TTBE 520 New Testament Survey are prerequisites for this degree. To meet the prerequisite, students must have received a "C" or higher in approved undergraduate or graduate survey courses from a regionally accredited institution. Students who enroll without the prerequisite courses must take TTBE 519 and TTBE 520 before graduating. Credits from these courses may count as general elective courses, or may add to the length of the program if general elective courses are not available.

² See Department for approval.