

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

Overview

Degree Program

The Ministry and Leadership specialization (<https://www.biola.edu/degrees/g/ministry-and-leadership-macml/>) (formerly Christian Ministry and Leadership) is designed with built-in flexibility so students can take elective courses that are most relevant to their current or future ministry context (e.g., family ministry, youth ministry, small groups, parachurch leadership, business administration, etc.).

Learning Outcomes

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Upon completion of the Master of Arts in Ministry and Leadership 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 49 semester credits as outlined in the curriculum chart 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 25 of the total credits required for the degree program must be completed in residency at Biola. Advanced Standing and transfer credit 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 Master of Arts in Christian Ministry and Leadership is comprised of 49 credits, including:

1. Biblical and theological foundations.
2. Spiritual Formation Focus (SFF).
3. Ministry skills.

Combined B.A. - M.A. Program

Students in Biola University's Bachelor of Arts in Bible, Theology, and Ministry with a concentration in Ministry and Leadership 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 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
Ministry & Leadership Specialization Courses		
TTPT 510	Evangelism and Disciple-Making Strategies	3
TTPT 602	Pastoral Ministry	3
TTPT 703	The Church and Society	3

TTPT 730	Biblical Leadership and Management	3
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Leadership & Management

Select 6 credits from the following:		6
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MBAD 516	Accounting and Finance for Decision Makers	
MBAD 613	Biblical Management and Ethics	
MBAD 625	Organizational Change and Leadership	
MBAD 644	Nonprofit Management	
TTPT 608	Developing Strategic Church Ministries	
TTTH 630	Theology of Work	

Evangelism, Missions, & Inter-cultural Ministry

Select 6 credits from the following:		6
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ISCL 555	Introduction to World Missions	
ISCL 709	Intercultural Communication	
ISCL 765	Cross-Cultural Leadership	
TTPH 602	Apologetics	
TTPT 614	Church Growth and Church Planting in the USA	
TTPT 623	The Asian Church in the American Society	
TTTH 709	Contemporary Theology ²	

Ministry Skills

Select a minimum of 6 credits from the following:		6
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TTPT 607	Youth Ministry in Contemporary Culture	
TTPT 609	Expository Preaching	
TTPT 613	Adult and Family Ministries in the Local Church	
TTPT 628	Marital Counseling ³	
TTPT 707	Foundations of Pastoral Care and Counseling ⁴	
TTPT 722	Small Group Ministries	
TTPT 765	Seminar in Pastoral Counseling ^{3,4}	

Total Credits		49
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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 If selected, TTTH 709 must be taken for 3 credits.

³ TTPT 707 is a prerequisite to TTPT 628 and TTPT 765.

⁴ If TTPT 707 (2-credit course) is taken, TTPT 765 must be taken for 1 credit in a future semester in the program, not concurrently.