



Department of  
**Theological  
Studies**



# THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

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The College's mission as a Bible College requires both that the entire curriculum be Bible centered and that every student receive courses in Bible and Christian doctrine—enough to ensure a dependable and comprehensive knowledge of them. Underlying this is the confidence that the Bible is the Word of God and speaks with complete trustworthiness about the nature of man and the universe and about the meaning of human history and life. That being the case, a person is best educated who has a basic knowledge of the Bible's teachings.

The College's mission also includes preparing students for employment in full-time Christian ministries. Included in this category are such offices as pastor, missionary, youth minister, evangelist, church planter, and minister of Christian education.

The Department of Theological Studies offers programs of study that fulfill these two basic commitments. That Bible and ministry are linked together in one department implies: (1) that mastery of the Bible is the most important preparation for any ministry, professional or lay; (2) that the Biblical and ministry areas must directly inform each other; and (3) that all students at FWBBC, regardless of vocational intention, are being prepared for professional or lay ministry.

Every bachelor's degree program, therefore, includes a major in this area. This typically appears in either of two forms: (1) a major in Theological Studies, for one of the professional areas; (2) a major in Theological Studies, required in other programs. Both are described below.

# Biblical Studies Programs

**Program Coordinator: Matthew McAfee, M.Div.**

## **Theological Studies: Objectives for All Programs**

Every program of study includes a concentration in Biblical and doctrinal studies. The objectives of this emphasis are essential to the College's very reason for existence. Any graduate of the College should therefore be able to:

- (1) demonstrate a general and comprehensive knowledge of the Bible as a whole and in its major parts;
- (2) interpret the Bible consistently and persuasively according to sound hermeneutical principles;
- (3) apply Biblical truth in the formation of his or her own character in a manner consistent with a Christian worldview;
- (4) use the Bible effectively in the particular ministry he or she prepares for, or as a Christian layperson in more general Christian service.

## **Thirty-hour Major in Theological Studies**

For the accomplishment of the objectives listed above, the following 30 hours are required for all baccalaureate programs at FWBCC, except those included in the majors in Theological Studies ("Major in Theological Studies" below):

- BI 101-3, 203-6 Bible Survey, 12
- BI 110 Introduction to Biblical Studies, 2
- BI 125 Evangelism and Discipleship, 3
- TH 206-7 Bible Doctrines, 4 (may substitute TH 301-2, 8)
- Electives in Bible and Theology, 9 (including 6 Theology hours at the 400 level of which at least 3 must have the BI prefix)

## **Major in Theological Studies (Vocational Ministry)**

The purpose of a program of study including this major is to prepare the student for a specific vocational ministry. This major may follow one of five tracks: (1) pastoral ministry, (2) missions, (3) Christian education, (4) youth ministry, or (5) general Christian ministries.

## **The Evangelical Training Association (ETA) Diploma**

This diploma is provided in cooperation with the Evangelical Training Association and is granted by that association. The purpose is to recognize Bible college students prepared to train leaders in the local church.

Students who complete many of the College's bachelor's degrees or Associate of Christian Ministries degree will automatically qualify for the E.T.A. diploma. These include all programs with concentrations in Pastoral Ministry, Missions, Youth Ministry, Christian Education, or Teacher Education.

Students must make application for this certificate at the same time of making application for graduation.

## **Preparation for Seminary or Graduate School**

While most seminaries do not recommend one particular undergraduate major as best, they do have basic educational expectations. It is expected that an applicant for seminary education will have sound communication skills, a thorough knowledge of the English Bible, a broad Arts and Sciences that includes literature, philosophy, history, science, and the social sciences. In addition, one must either have a working knowledge of New Testament Greek or else acquire it upon entering seminary. Graduate schools of religion have their own individual prerequisites which must be met.

Students planning to attend graduate school and pursue a degree other than one emphasizing an area in religion should make a preliminary examination of the requirements of schools they would like to attend and programs they plan to pursue. Like those who will attend a seminary, strong communication proficiency, a broad Arts and Sciences, 36 or more semester hours in the major, and a strong g.p.a. are essential for acceptance into more reputable programs.

Department faculty members are available to provide personal counsel to students who plan to continue their education beyond the baccalaureate level. If a student decides upon a particular seminary or graduate school early in the college program, his advisor can be of greater help in making course and program decisions. Most of our recent graduates who have gone on to seminary graduated with the bachelor's degree in Theological Studies, with a second major, such as English, History, or Psychology.

Whatever your program preference, your academic advisor will assist you in planning your educational career. Free Will Baptist Bible College is committed to helping you get the kind of education you need to serve Christ and His Church. Evangelical seminaries and graduate schools are looking for students with solid Christian character, commitment to Christian service, proven academic ability, and the study skills and work habits essential for success. We are here to help you prepare for your future.

## **Bachelor of Science Degree: Major in Theological Studies**

*(May be used for Secondary School Licensure)*

This program of study combines the College's regular Theological Studies major with a Arts and Sciences core and a Professional Education core and has the purpose of preparing students to teach Bible at the high school level. The primary purpose in offering this program is to provide for those who plan to teach in Christian schools. It leads to licensure

by the Tennessee State Department of Education to teach Bible in grades 7-12. Licensure also requires successful completion of the Praxis II Assessments (formerly National Teacher's Examination), according to minimum scores set by the Tennessee State Department of Education.

Specific objectives for this program include those stated above for Theological Studies, those stated for the Arts and Sciences core (page 68), and those stated for the common Professional Education core of all teacher education programs (page 110).

Requirements: 125 hours, with a C (2.00 g.p.a.) average in the majors, the professional core, and a 2.50 g.p.a. overall (required for admission to the program, admission to student teaching, and licensure).

- (1) Major in Theological Studies, 40 hours (as listed on pages 49; those obtaining licensure in a second area at the same time may take the 30-hour Theological Studies major). Must include TH 310 Christian Ethics.
- (2) Arts and Sciences, 49 hours (plus BI 101-2, 6 hours in major above):
  - BU 105 Microcomputer Applications, 1
  - EN 101-2 Basic English Grammar and Usage; and Basic English Composition, 6
  - EN 211-2 Masterpieces of World Literature, 6
  - HI 201-2 U.S. History, 6
  - HU 200 Appreciation of the Arts, 3
  - MA 201-2 Concepts of Mathematics, 6
  - PE 210 Lifetime Fitness and activity elective, 3
  - PS 230 Group and Interpersonal Relations, 3
  - PS 432 Adolescent Development, 2
  - SC Science elective, 4
  - SP 100 Fundamentals of Speech, 3
  - SS 100 Freshman Orientation, 1
  - SS 310 Marriage and the Family, 3
  - SS 340 World Geography, 2
- (3) Professional Education core, 32 hours:
  - TE 200 Introduction to Education, 2
  - PS/TE 210 Educational Psychology, 2
  - PS/TE 380 The Exceptional Child, 3
  - TE 365 Instructional Technology, 2
  - TE 420 School Assessment, 2
  - TE 430 Methods and Materials of Secondary Education, 3
  - TE 432 Teaching Reading and Writing in the Content Area, 3
  - TE 440 History and Philosophy of Education, 2
  - TE 445 Introduction to Student Teaching, 1
  - TE 450 Student Teaching Seminar, 2
  - TE 480 Enhanced Student Teaching, 10
- (4) Electives, 4 hours

Note: Students preparing to teach in high school should be aware that they will probably need to be able to teach in more than one subject area. They are therefore advised to meet the requirements for licensure in English (page 78) or History (page 86), as well as in Bible.

# Pastoral Ministry Programs

**Program Coordinator: Terry Forrest, M.S.**

## **Bachelor of Arts Degree: Pastoral Ministry Track**

This program trains preachers for leadership ministry, for Free Will Baptists especially, usually as pastors, church planters, or evangelists. Specific objectives include those stated above for Theological Studies and those stated elsewhere for the Arts and Sciences core (page 91). The graduate should also be able to:

- (1) articulate a Biblical theology and philosophy of church life and ministry;
- (2) minister God's Word effectively through preaching and teaching;
- (3) demonstrate competency in effective leadership and interpersonal skills;
- (4) develop and direct various church ministries centered around worship, evangelism, and edification.

This program may be pursued either for the B.A. or for the B.S. degree.

Requirements for the B.A.: 127 hours, with a C average (2.00 g.p.a.) overall and in each segment of the major.

- (1) Arts and Sciences, 54 hours:

BU 105 Microcomputer Applications, 1  
EN 101-2 Basic English Grammar and Usage; and Basic English Composition, 6  
EN 211-2 Masterpieces of World Literature, 6  
HI 101-2 History of Ancient Civilization, 6  
LA 201-2, 303-4 Beginning, Advanced Koine Greek, 12  
MA Mathematics elective, 3  
MI 220 Missions and Culture, 3 (or PS 230 Group and Interpersonal Relations)  
PE 210 Lifetime Fitness and activity elective, 3  
PR 460 Christian Philosophy, 3 (or HU 200 Appreciation of the Arts, 3)  
PS 200 General Psychology, 3  
SC Science elective, 4  
SP 100 Fundamentals of Speech, 3  
SS 100 Freshman Orientation, 1

- (2) Theological Studies, 73 hours:

(a) Bible and Theology, 40 hours

- BI 101-3, 203-6 Bible Survey, 12
- BI 110 Introduction to Theological Studies, 2
- BI 125 Evangelism and Discipleship, 3
- BI 260 Biblical Interpretation, 3
- TH 301-2 Systematic Theology, 8
- TH 403 Eschatology, 2
- Bible or Theology electives, 10 (including 6 Bible at the 400 level)
- (b) Pastoral Training, 33 hours
  - HI 320 Church History, 3
  - MI 101 Local Church and World Missions, 2
  - PT 233 Church Growth: Theory and Practice, 3
  - PT 301-2 Pastoral Ministry, 6
  - PT 311-2 Homiletics, 4
  - PT 360 Christian Counseling, 3
  - PT/HI/TH 485 Free Will Baptist History, 2
  - PT 420 or 421-2 Pastoral Internship, 2
  - PT 460 Fundamentals of Effective Preaching, 2
  - PT/YM 330 Current Topics in Pastoral Ministry electives, 6 (The student will select three 2-hour seminars on different topics taught by guest lecturers; courses taught by the president may be substituted for these seminars with approval of the coordinator.)

## **Bachelor of Science Degree: Pastoral Ministry Track**

Requirements for the B.S.: 127 hours, with a C average (2.00 g.p.a.) overall and in each segment of the major.

- (1) Arts and Sciences, 48 hours—as above, minus LA 303-4
- (2) Theological Studies, 79 hours—as above, with the following additional requirements:
  - CE 200 Christian Education in the Local Church, 3
  - SS 310 Marriage and the Family, 3

A Church Planting Emphasis is available within the Pastoral Ministry Track as an elective. Students who choose this emphasis will take PT 430 Church Planting in lieu of one of the pastoral seminars. PT 450 or 451-2 Church Planting Internship will be substituted for the regular Pastoral Internship.

## **Bachelor of Arts Degrees with Minors in Ministry Studies**

The student who wishes may simply major in Theological Studies and minor in Youth Ministry, Christian Education, or Children's Ministry. In this case, the objectives will include those stated above for Theological Studies and those stated elsewhere for the Arts and Sciences core (page 68). A minor will obviously not provide training for a specific ministry as thoroughly as the major in Theological Studies described above. The 30-hour major in Theological Studies, combined with a minor in an area of ministry studies, is not considered full professional preparation for a full-time ministry. Those who definitely plan to be missionaries or to have a vocational Youth or Christian Education Ministry are advised

to pursue the major in Theological Studies.

Requirements: 125-126 hours, with a C average (2.00 g.p.a.) overall and in each segment of the major.

(1) Theological Studies major, 30 hours (page 49)

(2) Arts and Sciences, 56 hours:

- BU 105 Microcomputer Applications, 1
- EN 101-2 Basic English Grammar and Usage; and Basic English Composition, 6
- EN 211-2 Masterpieces of World Literature, 6
- HI 101-2 History of Ancient Civilization, 6 (or HI 201-2 U.S. History)
- LA International Language elective, 12
- MA Mathematics elective, 3
- PE 210 Lifetime Fitness and activity elective, 3
- PR 460 Christian Philosophy, 3 (or HU 200 Appreciation of the Arts, 3)
- PS 200 General Psychology, 3
- PS 230 Group and Interpersonal Relations, 3 or MI 220 Missions and Culture, 3
- Science elective, 4
- SP 100 Fundamentals of Speech, 3
- SP 200 Advanced Oral Communication, 2
- SS 100 Freshman Orientation, 1

Minors/Areas of Emphases:

(a) Youth Ministry (22)

- YM 200 Philosophy of Youth Ministry, 2
- YM 210 Programs and Curriculum of Youth Ministry, 2
- YM 300 Youth Group Growth, 3
- CE 100 Foundations of Christian Education, 2
- CE 200 Christian Education in the Local Church, 3
- CE 340 Teaching Methods in Christian Education, 3
- MI 101 The Local Church and World Missions, 2
- SS 310 Marriage and the Family, 3
- Youth Ministry elective, 2

(b) Christian Education (22)

- CE 100 Foundations of Christian Education, 2
- CE 200 Christian Education in the Local Church, 3
- CE 300 Children's Ministry, 3
- CE 340 Teaching Methods in Christian Education, 3
- MI 101 The Local Church and World Missions, 2
- SS 310 Marriage and the Family, 3
- PT 233 Church Growth: Theory and Practice, 3
- Christian Education elective, 3

(c) Children's Ministry (21)

- CE 100 Foundations of Christian Education, 2
- CE 200 Christian Education in the Local Church, 3
- CE 300 Children's Ministry, 3

CE 340 Teaching Methods in Christian Education, 3  
PS 431 Child Development, 2  
SS 310 Marriage and the Family, 3  
LS 301 Literature for Children through the Elementary and Middle  
Grades, 2  
CE/YM Elective, 3

(3) General Electives, 18 hours



Department of Theological Studies  
**Missions Program**

**Program Coordinator: Ron Callaway, M.Div.**

**Bachelor of Arts Degree: Missions Track**

This B.A. program trains men and women for ministry as cross-cultural missionaries. Specific objectives include those stated above for Theological Studies and those stated elsewhere for the Arts and Sciences core (page 68). The graduate will be able to:

- (1) articulate a Biblical theology and philosophy of missions that will be manifested in a methodology which will be directed at accomplishing God's global missionary purpose;
- (2) comprehend, conform to, and effectively communicate God's Word in a global context;
- (3) comprehend the nature, function, and history of the Church and relate this knowledge to cross-cultural church planting;
- (4) meet the educational qualifications necessary to serve with the Free Will Baptist Board of International Missions or similar organizations.

Requirements: 127 hours, with a C average (2.5 g.p.a.) overall and in each segment of the major.

- (1) Arts and Sciences, 57 hours:

BU 105 Microcomputer Applications, 1  
EN 101-2 Basic English Grammar and Usage; and Basic English Composition, 6  
EN 211-2 Masterpieces of World Literature, 6  
HI 101-2 History of Ancient Civilization, 6 (or HI 201-2 U.S. History)  
LA International Language elective, 12  
MA Mathematics elective, 3  
PE 210 Lifetime Fitness and activity elective, 3  
PR 460 Christian Philosophy, 3  
PS 200 General Psychology, 3  
MI 220 Missions and Culture, 3  
SC Science elective, 4  
SP 100 Fundamentals of Speech, 3  
SS 100 Freshman Orientation, 1  
SS 310 Marriage and the Family, 3

- (2) Theological Studies, 70 hours:

(a) Bible and Theology, 40

- BI 101-3 Bible Survey, 203-6 Bible Survey, 12
- BI 110 Introduction to Theological Studies, 2
- BI 125 Evangelism and Discipleship, 3
- BI 260 Biblical Interpretation, 3
- TH 301-2 Systematic Theology, 8
- TH 403 Eschatology, 2
- BI/TH Electives, 10 (including 6 BI at the 400 level)
- (b) Missions, 30 hours
  - HI 320 Church History, 3
  - MI 110 Biblical Basis of Missions, 2 (may be used as Bible elective)
  - MI 210 History of Missions, 2
  - MI 230 Evangelism Field Experience, 1
  - MI 300 Missionary Principles, 2
  - MI 311 Cross-Cultural Communication, 3
  - MI 312 Cross-Cultural Church Planting, 2
  - MI 313 Cross-Cultural Leadership, 2
  - MI 340 Preparation for Short-Term Overseas Ministry, 1
  - MI 341 Student Overseas Apprentice, 3
  - MI 430 Strategy for World Outreach, 2
  - PR 340 Survey of World Religions, 3 (or PR 300, Introduction to Islam, 3, with faculty permission)
  - PT 311 Homiletics, 2
  - YM 322 21st Century Apologetics and Evangelism for Students, 2



# Christian Education Program

**Program Coordinator: Barry Raper, M.Div.**

## **Bachelor of Science Degree: Christian Education Track**

Because our Christian Education program is Bible-based and Christ-centered, we are committed to the following principles in formulating our model for Christian education in the local church.

- (1) Christian education ministry is of necessity family ministry.
- (2) The family is God's basic building unit for the church and society.
- (3) Although the church has a broad mandate for Christian education, the prior and primary responsibility belongs to parents. With help, they can do it better than anyone else.
- (4) The foremost educational task of the church and parents is to work together to build strong Christian families. The welfare of both the family and the church are bound together.

While all programs in this area are built around a family model, the gifts and callings of the individual college student are taken into account. Underneath the Christian Education umbrella, a student may major in Christian Education (a general degree) or Youth Ministry. The B.A. degree is available with minors in Christian Education, Children's Ministry, or Youth Ministry (See pages 54).

This B.S. program prepares the student to serve as a minister of Christian education in a local church, as a pastoral associate, or for other church-related vocations in the field of Christian education. The student may choose to use CE electives to focus on specific areas of special interest, such as children's ministry or youth ministry.

Specific objectives include those stated above for Theological Studies and those stated elsewhere for the Arts and Sciences core (page 68). The graduate of this program should also be able to:

- (1) articulate a philosophy of Christian education that is Biblically based and philosophically sound;
- (2) develop a team approach to ministry which involves the organization and administration of resources and the equipping of volunteers for the work of the Gospel;
- (3) implement sound management principles for effective ministry.

Requirements: 124 hours, with a C average (2.00 g.p.a.) overall and in each segment of

the major.

(1) Arts and Sciences, 44 hours:

- BU 105 Microcomputer Applications, 1
- EN 101-2 Basic English Grammar and Usage; Basic English Composition, 6
- EN 211-2 Masterpieces of World Literature, 6
- HI 101-2 History of Ancient Civilization, 6 (or HI 201-2 U. S. History)
- MA Mathematics elective, 3
- PE 210 Lifetime Fitness and activity elective, 3
- PR 460 Christian Philosophy, 3 (or HU 200 Appreciation of the Arts, 3)
- PS 431 Child Development, 2 (or PS 432 Adolescent Development)
- PS 230 Group and Interpersonal Relations, 3 (or MI 220 Missions and Culture)
- SC Science elective, 4
- SP 100 Fundamentals of Speech, 3
- SS 100 Freshman Orientation, 1
- SS 310 Marriage and the Family, 3

(2) Theological Studies, 72 hours:

(a) Bible and Theology, 40 hours

- BI 101-3, 203-6 Bible Survey, 12
- BI 110 Introduction to Theological Studies, 2
- BI 125 Evangelism and Discipleship, 3
- BI 260 Biblical Interpretation, 3
- TH 301-2 Systematic Theology, 8
- TH 403 Eschatology, 2
- Electives in Bible and Theology, 10 (including 6 Bible at the 400 level)

(b) Christian Education, 32 hours

- CE 100 Foundations of Christian Education, 2
- CE 200 Christian Education in the Local Church, 3
- CE 300 Children's Ministry, 3
- YM 322 Twenty-First Century Apologetics and Evangelism, 2
- CE 340 Teaching Methods in Christian Education, 3
- CE 400 Professional Orientation to Ministry, 2 (CE 100 prerequisite)
- CE 410 Adult Ministry, 3
- CE 440 (or 441,442) Christian Education Internship, 2
- MI 101 The Local Church and World Missions, 2
- PT 233 Church Growth: Theory and Practice, 3
- YM 210 Program and Curriculum of Youth Ministry, 2 (or YM 200 Philosophy of Youth Ministry, 2)
- Ministry electives, 5 (may include YM or CE Courses; BU 200, 320; PT 311, 312, 360, 400; PT/YM 330, MI 250, 300, 311-2, 340, 400)

(3) General electives, 8 hours

# Youth Ministry Program

**Program Coordinator: Barry Raper, M.Div.**

## **Bachelor of Science Degree: Youth Ministry Track**

This B.S. program prepares the student for youth ministry in a local church as an associate pastor, or for other church-related vocations in the field of youth ministry.

Specific objectives include those stated above for Theological Studies and those stated elsewhere for the Arts and Sciences core (page 68). The graduate of this program track will be able to:

- (1) articulate a philosophy of youth ministry that is Biblically based and philosophically sound;
- (2) develop a team approach to ministry which involves the equipping of volunteers, both adult and youth, to evangelize and disciple students;
- (3) understand the impact that society has on the family and how this influences youth;
- (4) implement sound management principles for effective ministry.

Requirements: 124 hours, with a C average (2.00 g.p.a.) overall and in each segment of the major.

- (1) Arts and Sciences, 44 hours:

BU 105 Microcomputer Applications, 1  
EN 101-2 Basic English Grammar and Usage; Literature and Composition, 6  
EN 211-2 Masterpieces of World Literature, 6  
HI 101-2 History of Ancient Civilization, 6 (or HI 201-2 U.S. History)  
MA Mathematics elective, 3  
PE 210 Lifetime Fitness and activity elective, 3  
PR 460 Christian Philosophy, 3 (or HU 200 Appreciation of the Arts, 3)  
PS 431 Child Development, 2 or PS 432 Adolescent Development, 2  
PS 230 Group and Interpersonal Relations, 3 (or MI 220 Missions and Culture)  
SC Science elective, 4  
SP 100 Fundamentals of Speech, 3  
SS 100 Freshman Orientation, 1  
SS 310 Marriage and the Family, 3

(2) Theological Studies, 74 hours:

(a) Bible and Theology, 40 hours

BI 101-3, 203-6 Bible Survey, 12

BI 110 Introduction to Theological Studies, 2

BI 125 Evangelism and Discipleship, 3

BI 260 Biblical Interpretation, 3

TH 301-2 Systematic Theology, 8

TH 403 Eschatology, 2

Electives in Bible and Theology, 10 including 6 Bible at the 400 level)

(b) Youth Ministry, 34 hours

CE 100 Foundations of Christian Education, 2

CE 200 Christian Education in the Local Church, 3

CE 340 Teaching Methods in Christian Education, 3

CE 400 Professional Orientation to Ministry, 2 (YM 200 prerequisite)

MI 101 The Local Church and World Missions, 2

PT 301 Pastoral Ministry, 3

PT 311 Homiletics, 2

PT 360 Christian Counseling, 3

YM 200 Philosophy of Youth Ministry, 2

YM 210 Programs and Curriculum of Youth Ministry, 2

YM 322 Twenty-First Century Apologetics and Evangelism, 2

YM 430 Theology and Culture: Influence and Implications for Youth Ministry, 3

YM 450 (or 451-2) Youth Ministry Internship, 2 Ministry electives, 3

(May include YM or CE courses, BU 200; 320; PT 233,

302, 312, 400 YM 300; PT/YM 330)

(3) General electives, 6 hours

## **Bachelor of Science Degree: Combination Emphasis in Church Music and Youth Ministry**

The purpose of this program of study is to prepare the student for a ministry as minister of music and youth in a local church. See the Department of Music (page 99) for a complete description.



# General Christian Ministry Programs

**Program Coordinator: Terry Forrest, M.S.**

## **Bachelor of Science Degree: General Christian Ministries**

This program of study is designed to prepare Christian leaders (both lay leaders and preachers) to perform various ministries within a local church context. In addition to the objectives stated for Theological Studies and the Arts and Sciences core, the student will be able to:

- (1) articulate a practical Biblical theology and philosophy of life and ministry;
- (2) demonstrate skills in a variety of local church ministries;
- (3) provide leadership in a local church through teaching/preaching, planning, organizing, and overseeing programs of outreach, growth, and maturing of new believers.

Requirements for the B.S. degree: 124 hours, with a C average (2.00 g.p.a.) overall and in each segment of the major.

- (1) Arts and Sciences, 40 hours:
  - BU 105 Microcomputer Applications, 1
  - EN 101-2 Basic English Grammar & Usage, 3; Basic English Composition, 3
  - Humanities/Fine Arts/Literature, 9 (no more than 7 in one area)
  - Natural Science/Mathematics, 6 (no more than 8 in one area)
  - History, 6
  - Social/Behavioral Science, 9 (no more than 8 in one area)
  - Physical Education, 3
- (2) Theological Studies, 64 hours:
  - (a) Bible and Theology, 40 hours
    - BI 101-3, 203-6 Bible Survey, 12
    - BI 110 Introduction to Theological Studies, 2
    - BI 125 Evangelism and Discipleship, 3
    - BI 260 Biblical Interpretation, 3
    - TH 301-2 Systematic Theology, 8
    - TH 403 Eschatology, 2
    - Bible/Theology electives, 10 (including 6 hours of Bible at the 400 level)
  - (b) Ministry Studies, 24 hours

- CE 200 Christian Education in the Local Church, 3
- MI 101 Local Church and World Missions, 2
- PT 360 Christian Counseling, 3
- Ministry electives, 16 selected from any ministry area: PT, MI, YM, and CE (with at least 8 hours from courses at the 300 level or above)
- (3) General electives, 20 hours (add one hour if exempt from BU 105)  
(All free electives transferred from other institutions must meet the requirements for transfer credits set forth in this Catalog.)

## The Associate of Christian Ministries Degree

This terminal program can be completed in three years and is for students who must complete a shorter course of study. It is intended to provide basic preparation for a ministry in one's chosen field, but not for further education.

Specific objectives of the A.C.M. program will include those stated above for the Theological Studies component (page 49) of all programs; and those stated elsewhere for the Arts and Sciences core (page 68), except for objectives 6-8. The graduate should also be at least minimally prepared for a ministry in the area of specialty chosen, as follows:

- **Pastoral Ministry:** The graduate should be able to formulate and implement a Biblical concept of pastoral ministry, including preaching, worship, evangelism, and administration.
- **Missions:** The graduate should be able to serve effectively as a missionary in a cross-cultural context.
- **Youth Ministry:** The graduate should be able to formulate and implement a Biblical concept of youth ministry, including an understanding of contemporary youth culture and the practice of group dynamics in reaching and edifying youth.
- **Church Music:** The graduate should be able to serve effectively as a minister of music in a local church and to integrate church music with the total ministry and purpose of the church.
- **Christian Education:** The graduate should be able to organize and administer a Christian education ministry in a local church that is philosophically sound and Biblically based, and that equips the saints for the work of the Gospel.

Requirements: 95 hours (90 if approved for the 30-hour Bible major), with a C average (2.00 g.p.a.) in all components of the degree and overall.

- (1) Arts and Sciences, 34 hours:

- BU 105 Microcomputer Applications, 1
- EN 101-2 Basic English Grammar and Usage; Basic English Composition, 6
- EN 211-2 Masterpieces of World Literature, 6
- SP 100 Fundamentals of Speech, 3
- SP 200 Advanced Oral Communication, 2 (except for pastoral students)
- PR 460 Christian Philosophy, 3 (or HU 200 Appreciation of the Arts, 3)
- PS 230 Group and Interpersonal Relations, 3 (or MI 220 Missions and Culture)
- SS 100 Freshman Orientation, 1
- HI 101-2 History of Ancient Civilization, 6 (or HI 201-2 U.S. History)
- PS 200 General Psychology, 3

- (2) Theological Studies: the same 40 hours in Bible and theology included in the major in Theological Studies (above), except by approval for the 30-hour Theological Studies

- major (above).
- (3) Ministry concentration, 20 hours, including the equivalent of a minor in one of the five fields listed above, as approved by the department faculty involved. The missions student must include: for ACM – 30-hour Bible major: MI 110 Biblical Basis of Missions, MI 220 Missions and Culture, MI 230 Evangelism Field Experience, MI 300 Missionary Principles, MI 311 Cross-Cultural Communication, MI 312 Cross-Cultural Church Planting; for ACM – 40-hour Bible major, add MI 313 Cross-Cultural Leadership. The pastoral student must include PT 311-2 Homiletics, PT 233 Church Growth: Theory and Practice, PT 301-2 Pastoral Ministry, and PT 460 Fundamentals of Effective Preaching (instead of SP 200).
  - (4) Electives, 1 hour (40-hour Bible major); 6 hours (30-hour Bible major).

## **Associate of Science Degree: Ministry**

This program is intended to provide quality, basic preparation for local church ministry, but not for further education. The primary purpose for offering this program is to support and enhance the Christian ministries of bivocational pastors and volunteer lay workers in the local church. The Associate of Science degree in Ministry is not considered full professional preparation for a full-time ministry. Those who definitely plan to be full-time pastors, missionaries, or to have a vocational Youth or Christian Education Ministry are advised to pursue a bachelor's degree in Theological Studies. The Associate of Science degree in Ministry may be earned entirely online.

In addition to meeting the specific objectives stated elsewhere for the major in Theological Studies and for the Arts and Sciences core, the graduate should be able to:

- (1) apply and demonstrate Biblical principles of thought and life in consistent Christian witness;
- (2) serve and minister effectively in a variety of local church responsibilities;
- (3) support and extend the ministry of the local church in his or her community.

Requirements: 63 hours, with a C average (2.00) overall and in each segment of the degree.

(1) Theological Studies, 39 hours

- BI 101- 103 Bible Survey, 6; 203-206 Bible Survey, 6
- BI 110 Introduction to Theological Studies, 2
- BI 125 Evangelism and Discipleship, 3
- BI 260 Biblical Interpretation, 3
- TH 206 -207 Bible Doctrines I and II, 4
- PT 233 Church Growth: Theory and Practice, 3
- PS360/SS310 Christian Counseling or Marriage and the Family, 3
- TH 310 Christian Ethics, 3
- Electives (at least 6 hours required)
- MI 101 Local Church and World Missions, 2
- MI/BI 110 Biblical Basis of Missions, 2
- CE 100 Foundations of Christian Education, 2
- PT 301 Pastoral Ministry, 3
- PT 311 Homiletics, 2

(2) Arts and Sciences, 24 hours

- EN 101-102 Basic English Grammar and Usage; Basic English Composition, 6

PS 200 General Psychology, 3  
SP 100 Fundamentals of Speech, 3  
Math or Science elective, 3  
HI/EN Ancient History or World Literature, 3  
SS 100 Orientation, 1  
HU 200 Appreciation of the Arts, 3  
PE 210 Lifetime Fitness, 2  
SS 090 Online Orientation\* Prerequisite/Audit

\*The Online Orientation course is a two-week prerequisite course that must be taken in advance of enrollment in any other courses in the A.S. in Ministry degree.

## **Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science Degree: Combination Emphases (Personalized)**

In special cases, B.A. and B.S. degree programs may be individually tailored. Such a program will include a combination emphasis similar to the Church Music/Youth Ministry combination mentioned above. Combinations are available in only two fields of study where the College already offers concentrations and can be assured that 25% of the major will be taught by faculty with a doctorate. Such a program will be approved only when the combination fits a student's special interests and is a realistic Christian ministry combination.

Possibilities involved include, but are not limited to:

- Business/Youth Ministry, preparation for a dual role such as church secretary or book-keeper and youth minister, or business manager for a Christian school and youth minister.
- Missions/Church Music, for a lay missionary working as a music specialist.
- Missions/Teacher Education, for a lay missionary working in an educational role.
- Missions/Youth Ministry or Christian Education, for a lay missionary serving as a specialist in youth ministry or Christian education.

The Missions emphasis requires:

MI 110 Biblical Basis of Missions, 2  
MI 210 History of Missions, 2  
MI 220 Missions and Culture, 3  
MI 300 Missionary Principles, 2  
MI 311 Cross-Cultural Communications, 3  
HI 320 Church History, 3

PR 340 Survey of World Religions, 3

*(MI 220 Missions and Culture and PR 340 Survey of World Religions can also be counted in the Arts and Sciences core.)*

YM 322 21st Century Apologetics and Evangelism for Students, 2

The student interested in a combination program must first contact the Provost, who will arrange for a faculty committee representing the departments involved to work with the student and design a program of study subject to approval of the Provost.

Requirements will always include essentially the same Bible major and Arts and Sciences core as in other degree programs, and a minimum total of 124 hours. The Bachelor of Arts degree program will require 12 hours of language.

All combination emphases require approval of the Theological Studies Department chair and faculty as well as the chair and faculty from the department which has oversight of the particular degree.