

Degree Path: B.A. in Church Leadership – Children & Family Ministries

College of Bible and Church Ministries

Freshman Year

Fall Semester 14 hours

GES 1122 Strategies for Student Success ∞
ENG 1113 Composition and Rhetoric I ∞
LDR 1113 Introduction to Leadership Internships ∞
MTH 1113/1123 (Math option) ∞
REL 1153 Intro to New Testament Literature ∞

Spring Semester 16 hours

ENG 1123 Composition and Rhetoric II ∞
(prereq: ENG 1113)
COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech ∞
HIS 1113 American History I ∞
PSY 1153 Introduction to Psychology 1 ∞
REL 1133 Authentic Christianity ∞
PED 1101-2291 (Activity Course option 1) ∞

Sophomore Year

Fall Semester 16 hours

GOV 2213 National & State Government ∞
BIO 1113/PHY 1113 (Science option) ∞
BIB 2213 Bible Study ∞
COU 2213 Counseling Children & Adolescents ◇
LDR 2133 Leadership Internship 1 ∞
PED 1101-2291 (Activity Course option 2) ∞

Spring Semester 14 hours

ENG 2273/2243 (English option) ∞/◇
(ENG 2233, if preferred, is fall only)
(prereq: ENG 1123)
BIB 1223 The Church in Ministry & Mission ∞
BIB 3483 Hermeneutics ∞
PED 2232 Wellness & Lifestyle ∞
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 1)

Junior Year

Fall Semester 15 hours

THE 2213 Intro to Theology & Apologetics ∞
CMN 3333 Biblical Preaching ∞
CFM 3143 Issues in Childhood & Family Life ◇
LDR 3133 Leadership Internship 2 ∞
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 2)

Spring Semester 15 hours

REL 1163 Intro to Old Testament Literature ∞
PMN 3363 Biblical Preaching Lab ∞
(prereq: CMN 3333)
CFM 3123 Creative Methods for Communicating
to Children ◇
THE 3133 Systematic Theology II ◇
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 3)

Senior Year

Fall Semester 15 hours

THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine & History ∞
CFM 4143 Family Life and Parenting ◇
CMN 3163 Leadership in Ministry ◇
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 4)
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 5)

Spring Semester 15 hours

REL 3153 Christian Ethics ∞
PMN 4413 Pastoral Leadership ◇
CFM 3133 Spiritual Formation of Children ◇
CFM 3243 Marriage and Family Relationships ◇
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 6)

Please Note:

- This plan is one example of how to complete the degree in 4 years. It assumes no transfer credit and no developmental coursework. It will work for some, but not for all.
- You can meet with your scheduler, program coordinator, or department chair to plan around your circumstances and develop your personal degree path. Degree requirements and offerings are subject to change, so consult advisors for on-going updates.
- Course Offering Codes:
 - ∞ every fall and spring semester
 - * only that semester in odd years
 - *** to be taken *only* in specified semester
 - ◇ every year only fall/spring/summer (as listed)
 - ** only that semester in even years
 - ∞/◇ offering differs in order listed



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OVERVIEW

The specialization in *Children & Family Ministries* is designed to train students for a variety of professional roles focused on ministry to the needs of children and families. This program is designed for those who will minister in churches, evangelistic efforts, Christian education settings, professional organizations, and cross-cultural efforts. During this program of studies students will engage significant field ministry experiences.

Upon completion of this program, students will:

- Develop a personal philosophy of Children and Family Ministries.
- Discover personal talents and ministry preferences through exposure to various approaches of children and family ministry.
- Develop creative programming and deliver biblical truths in a wide variety of settings, through a wide variety of teaching methods.
- Administer pastoral care and advocacy to and for children and families affected by a variety of societal issues and special needs.
- Create and direct family ministries that include: help and resources for parents to disciple their children; opportunities for family members to minister together; and intergenerational efforts.
- Direct an entire children and family ministry program, including the recruitment, development, and management of staff.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Those desiring to enter vocational ministry to children have many options upon graduation, as many churches and pastors contact SAGU in hopes to fill children's pastorates. Our graduates have become pastors of children and family ministries, missionaries in foreign and U.S. contexts, directors of non-profit organizations, and other career roles. In addition, many of our graduates have pursued a wide variety of master's degrees in order to enhance their ministries to children (education, counseling, social work, etc.)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Whereas a number of children's-ministry-preparation degree programs exist, ours offers students extra depth into understanding and ministering to children and families with a variety of issues. This includes practical training that our graduates use when asked to counsel children and families in a church setting. Dr. Daugherty's experience, training, and professional licensures/certifications help him bring great depth to our program.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL EDUCATION STUDIES 57 Hours

General Education: 14 hours

- COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech Communication
- ENG 1113 Composition and Rhetoric I
- ENG 1123 Composition and Rhetoric II
- GES 1122 Strategies for Student Success
- 3 hours from the following:
 - ENG 2273 Introduction to Literature
 - ENG 2233 American Literature through the Civil War
 - ENG 2243 American Literature after the Civil War

Social/Behavioral Sciences: 9 hours

- GOV 2213 National and State Government
- HIS 1113 American History I
- PSY 1153 Introduction to Psychology

Natural Science/Mathematics: 6 hours

- 3 hours from the following:
 - BIO 1113 Biological Sciences **OR**
 - PHY 1113 Physical Science
- 3 hours from the following:
 - MTH 1113 College Mathematics **OR**
 - MTH 1123 College Algebra

Physical Education: 4 hours

- PED 2232 Wellness and Lifestyle
- 2 hours from Activity Courses PED 1101-2291

General Biblical Studies: 24 hours

- BIB 1223 The Church in Ministry and Mission
- BIB 2213 Bible Study
- REL 1133 Authentic Christianity
- REL 1153 Introduction to New Testament Literature
- REL 1163 Introduction to Old Testament Literature
- REL 3153 Christian Ethics
- THE 2113 Introduction to Theology and Apologetics
- THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine and History

MAJOR STUDIES 45 Hours

Church Leadership Core (21 Hours)

- BIB 3483 Hermeneutics
- CMN 3333 Biblical Preaching
- PMN 4413 Pastoral Leadership
- PMN 3363 Biblical Preaching Lab
- LDR 1113 Intro to Leadership Internship
- LDR 2133 Leadership Internship I
- LDR 3133 Leadership Internship II

Specialization (24 Hours)

- CFM 4143 Family Life and Parenting
- CMN 3163 Leadership in Ministry
- THE 3133 Systematic Theology II
- CFM 3123 Creative Methods for Communicating to Children
- CFM 3133 Spiritual Formation of Children
- CFM 3143 Issues in Childhood and Family Life
- CFM 3243 Marriage and Family Relationships
- COU 2213 Counseling Children and Adolescents

MINOR STUDIES/GENERAL ELECTIVES 18 Hours

Including at least six hours of upper-level courses. May include official minors or purely elective hours.

- 18 hours of student's choice

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 120 Hours

