

GREATER WITH FAITH,
GREATER
WITH **YOU**





LET PURPOSE GUIDE YOU

LET'S MAKE THE JOURNEY TOGETHER.

Have you always known what you wanted to be? Or are you still discovering your God-given calling?

Nelson University is a place where you can collect tools and skills and make connections to launch you toward your purpose. Together, let's discover more. Together, let's launch you into your purpose.





PURPOSE GREATER THAN OURSELVES

The beauty of college is that learning takes place inside and outside of the classroom. When you come to Nelson, your education will be more than an education. In marketing class, you might design a fundraiser that benefits a local ministry. Your professor's industry experience and attentiveness to the Spirit might guide you on a career path you never expected. And your internship may open doors to carry God's presence to places you never thought you would.

DEGREES

BACHELOR'S

- ✓ Accounting 🏠
- ✓ Ancient Studies
- ✓ Bible & Theology
 - ✦ Pre-seminary
- ✓ Business
- ✓ Business Administration 🏠
- ✓ Business Sport Management 🏠
- ✓ Child & Family Studies
- ✓ Church Leadership 🏠
 - ✦ Children & Family Ministries
 - ✦ Church Planting
 - ✦ Church Revitalization
 - ✦ Compassion Ministry
 - ✦ General Ministries
 - ✦ Media Ministry
 - ✦ NextGen Ministry
 - ✦ Pastoral Leadership
 - ✦ Spiritual Formation
 - ✦ Worship Ministry
 - ✦ Youth & Student Ministries
- ✦ Communication Studies
- ✓ Criminal Justice
- ✓ Criminal Justice & Law Enforcement
- ✦ Digital Media Arts
 - ✦ Cinema and Documentary Production
 - ✦ Digital Branding and Graphic Arts
- ✓ Education
 - ✦ Elementary Education
 - ✦ English Language Arts/Reading Education
 - ✦ Mathematics Education
 - ✦ Music Education
 - ✦ Physical Education
 - ✦ Social Studies/History Education
 - ✦ Theatre Education
- ✓ Education Pre-Professional
- ✓ English
- ✓ General Ministry
- ✓ History
- ✓ Humanitarian Relief & Development
- ✓ Human Services
 - ✦ Counseling
 - ✦ Criminal justice
 - ✦ Psychology
 - ✦ Social Work
- ✓ Intercultural Studies
- ✓ Interdisciplinary Studies
- ✦ Kinesiology
- ✓ Management 🏠
- ✓ Marketing 🏠
- ✦ Music
 - ✦ Music Performance (Instrumental, Jazz, Piano, Vocal)
- ✓ Occupational Leadership
- ✓ Psychology Pre-Professional
- ✓ Religion & Philosophy
- ✓ Social Work
- ✦ Theatre
- ✦ Worship Arts (Creative/Dramatic, Musical, Technical)
- ✦ Worship Leadership

MASTER'S

- ✓ Bible and Theology
- ✓ Business Administration
 - ✦ Marketing
- ✓ Children & Family
- ✓ Christian Ministry
- ✓ Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- ✓ Clinical Psychology
- ✓ Curriculum & Instruction
 - ✦ Curriculum Studies
 - ✦ Early Childhood
 - ✦ History
- ✓ Educational Leadership
 - ✦ Christian School Administration
 - ✦ Public School Administration
- ✓ English
- ✓ General Psychology
- ✓ History
 - ✦ Education Track
 - ✦ Thesis Track
 - ✦ Non-thesis Track
- ✓ Intercultural Studies
 - ✦ Compassion Ministries
 - ✦ Islamic Studies
 - ✦ Theological/Teaching
- ✓ Interdisciplinary Studies
- ✓ Master of Divinity
 - ✦ Biblical Languages
 - ✦ Biblical Studies
 - ✦ Chaplaincy
 - ✦ Church Health & Revitalization
 - ✦ Counseling
 - ✦ Family Ministries
 - ✦ Global Compassion Ministries
 - ✦ Intercultural Studies
 - ✦ Islamic Studies
 - ✦ Pastoral Theology
 - ✦ Theological Studies
- ✓ Organizational Leadership
- ✓ Practical Theology
 - ✦ Church Health & Revitalization
 - ✦ Compassion Ministry
 - ✦ Intercultural Studies
 - ✦ Islamic Studies
- ✓ School Counseling

DOCTORATE

- ✓ Doctor of Ministry in Leadership
 - ✦ Communication & Technology
 - ✦ Cultural Engagement
 - ✦ General Ministries

CERTIFICATION

- ✓ Texas Alternative Certification

Modality

- ✓ On-Campus & Online
- ✦ On-Campus Only
- ✓ Online Only
- ✓ Partially Online, Some Residency Required
- 🏠 Fast Track to Master's Degree

EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT

Through Nelson University's Early College Credit Program, high school students can simultaneously earn college credit and fulfill high school requirements towards their diploma. A variety of classes are offered online or in-person on the Nelson University campus. At \$100 per credit hour and the opportunity to earn up to 42 college credits, students can save over \$25,000 towards their undergraduate degree.

ACCREDITATION

Nelson University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate, baccalaureate, masters, and doctorate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Nelson University.





JOIN THE TRADITION

CAMPUS TRADITIONS

BATTLE OF THE DORMS: Dorms face off for bragging rights in team competition to determine which dorm will win the coveted Battle Vac trophy.

HOMECOMING: Students join alumni for festivities, football and the crowning of the Homecoming king and queen.

CHRISTMAS AT NELSON: All Lions come together for the annual campus lighting, treats, pictures with Santa, train rides and more.

COLLINSTOCK: Music, plus comedy, plus couches on the lawn equals laid-back entertainment as students share their talents and cheer for their favorite acts.

20+

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

from athletic clubs to the arts, from community to world outreach; Connect with like-passioned individuals.

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NATIONALLY RANKED DORMS (Niche, 2023)

All of our dormitories have their own dorm pastor, student leaders, and events to make your Nelson experience greater than you could imagine.



WELLNESS CENTER

Cardio Equipment
Freeweights
Indoor Running Track
Basketball Courts
Lap Swimming Pool
Racquetball Courts
Sauna & Hot Tub



STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Student Congress
World Outreach
Prayer & Advocacy
Nelson Theatre
Student Alumni Association
FCA Lions United
Nelson Cinema
Intramural Sports



Residence Life To Help You Thrive

GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE IS GREAT.

With the Nelson community at your side, you'll find that everything you experience is greater. You'll join other Lions in study sessions, service projects, dorm devotions, chapel, and campus events like Battle of the Dorms. Everything we do lets you deepen friendships and celebrate the joy we experience together.

Like the Lion's first basketball game of the season. Sitting in the stands, you'll grab a ping pong ball and wait. As soon as we score, you — and every other Lion's fan in Sheaffer Center — will cheer and lob a ball onto the court. It will be the best

"Texas snowstorm" you've ever experienced. At Nelson, this is our specialty. We take something great — like a basketball game or chapel service or pancake breakfast — and make it greater with joy.



SPIRITUAL LIFE

DAILY COMMITMENT TO SPIRITUAL LIFE

TUESDAYS: Dorm Devotionals

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY: Nelson chapel featuring student-led worship and special guests.

EVERYDAY: All classes begin by praying for the country of the day, exposing students to the needs of the world.

WEEKENDS: Student-led ministry groups.

STUDENT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Lions are a force for good in our local community and around the world. To create opportunities, Nelson has many student-led ministry groups open to all students.

MINISTRIES INCLUDE

Global Mission Trips
After-School Outreach
Street Ministry
Local Community Service
Homeless Ministry
Sex Trafficking Victim Outreach

"What better place to be apart of than a place that values your spiritual life. One of my favorite things about Nelson is their emphasis on the importance of worship and being led by the Spirit."

MELEANA LAVATA'I

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP



GREATER WITH FAITH



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Our faith doesn't stop at the chapel door. We carry it with us wherever we go. Because God's love is greater than a chapel, or a classroom, or a university can hold. And because of that, Nelson University is greater than a campus, a set of degree programs, or even a collection of students, staff, and professors. It's a channel of Christ's love showing up in Waxahachie and across the world.





MISSIONS

CARRY PURPOSE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO

Life is too short to think small. You are a conduit of God's grace, meeting people in coffee shops, remote villages, and classrooms across the world. You carry purpose with you wherever you go. At Nelson, you will have the opportunity to explore cultures through summer mission trips, internships and study-abroad partnerships. You will forever be connected to Nelson, and forever greater than you could be alone.



"I have learned that missions is not about what you do so much as it's about who you are. We are all on mission by God to share His love to a world that needs it. This school showed me that mission can be in my backyard or 9,000 miles away. The important thing is that our words and lives are an active reflection of the heart of God for others."

JOCLYNN BRISTOW
INTERCULTURAL STUDIES GRADUATE

MISSIONS TRIPS

Every summer, Lions participate in mission trips as part of the university's goal to send students to every nation in the world. Nelson University's founding principle of "The whole gospel for the whole world" drives our students to put their faith into action and reach out to those in need.

Students get to serve overseas in a variety of areas including: Business Training, Coffee Shop Evangelism, Construction Projects, Children's Ministry, Teaching English as a Second

Language, School Assemblies, Jungle Treks to Remote Villages, Street Evangelism, Safe Houses for Trafficked Women, and Youth Ministry.

GLOBAL STUDY CENTER

Students can also enroll in a semester-in-context. Our partnerships include, *Base Camp* in Daloa, Ivory Coast, *LiveDead Study Center* in Cairo, Egypt, and a *Muslim Ministry Training Center* in Dearborn, MI.



EXPLORE OUR CAMPUS

SCHEDULE A VISIT AT [NELSON.EDU/VISIT](https://nelson.edu/visit)

CAMPUS DAYS

Stay overnight in the dorms
Have fun at the block party
Join in late night worship
Check out classes

DAILY VISIT

Tour campus & attend chapel
Meet an admissions counselor
Learn about admissions & financial aid



SATURDAYS AT NELSON

Tour the campus
Learn about the admissions process
Connect with students

UNIVERSITY FRIDAY

Attend classes
Tour the campus
Meet professors
Experience chapel



GREATER OPPORTUNITIES

NAVIGATING FINANCIAL AID

AFFORDABILITY

We believe that a private Christian education should be affordable. We work to offer many types of scholarships, grants, and need-based financial aid.

99% RECEIVE AID

Most on-campus students benefit from some form of financial aid. 99% of students receive scholarships, grants, student work aid or qualify for loans to invest in college.

WORK STUDY

Our work-study opportunities allow you to earn money through part-time jobs right here on campus, helping you to offset educational costs while gaining valuable work experience.

MINISTRY DEGREE GUARANTEE

All on campus ministry majors receive at least 50% off tuition including all federal, state, and Nelson scholarships and grants. This means each ministry major will receive at least \$6,000 per semester in grants and scholarships!

\$32 MILLION DISBURSED

Nelson disburses more than \$32 million in financial aid to students each year - \$11.4 million alone in institutional scholarships. Check out all of our scholarships and grants and learn more about Nelson financial aid at nelson.edu/financialaid.



BIBLE & CHURCH MINISTRIES

BACHELOR'S

Bible & Theology

Child & Family Studies

Church Leadership

General Ministry

Humanitarian Relief and Development

Intercultural Studies

Religion & Philosophy

“The best feature of our college is the faculty. Our professors are passionate about teaching and motivated by love for students. Each of our professors hopes that you will engage with Nelson and classroom culture, which is design for your academic growth, spiritual formation, and personal connection.”

DR. DARREN DAUGHERTY

DEAN, SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE OF BIBLE
AND CHURCH MINISTRIES



CREDENTIALING DAY

Nelson University hosts annual ministerial credentialing days to help connect ministry students with Assemblies of God district leadership. Students network with pastors and leaders, connecting them with future ministry opportunities.



APOLOGETICS SEMINAR

Each year, Nelson University hosts an apologetics seminar to challenge and equip students to communicate truth and make a difference in their spheres of influence.

**REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE
THROUGH INTERNSHIPS**

Bible and Church Ministry degrees combine classroom instruction with real-life experience through internships and other leadership opportunities.



BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES & COMMUNITY SERVICES

BACHELOR'S

Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice and
Law Enforcement

Human Services

Psychology Pre-Professional

Social Work

“One of the things I love the most about this degree is the professors. I love the open format of classes. We can have conversations where professors bring their professional experiences and students are able to ask questions about areas of interest.”

EUNICE MONTEMAYOR

SOCIAL WORK GRADUATE



BUSINESS



FAST TRACK MBA

Qualified students can start Master's courses during their senior year, saving time and money in pursuing an undergraduate and graduate degree simultaneously.

COMPANIES LOVE LIONS

Graduates have been hired by companies like Walmart Corporate Headquarters, Disney Corporate Headquarters, Southwest Airlines, Encore Live, Southwest Exteriors, Cognizant, VCRNow and FC Dallas.

IACBE ACCREDITATION

The Business Department at Nelson University has received specialized accreditation for its business degrees from the International Accreditation Council for Business Education (IACBE).

"The business department taught me how to build relationships and network. I consistently catch up with my professors, and ask for advice on how I can progress in not only my career, but also as a Christian in the work place."

PRESTON LORDUY
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION GRADUATE

BACHELOR'S

Accounting
Business Administration
Management
Marketing
Sports Management

**Optional minors such as Entrepreneurship or Marketing*

EDUCATION

BACHELOR'S

Education Pre-professional
Elementary Education
English Language Arts/Reading Education
Mathematics Education
Music Education (*Instrumental, Piano, Vocal*)
Physical Education
Social Studies/History Education
Theatre Education



FIELD BASED EXPERIENCE

Nelson Teacher Education partners with local school districts to provide field-based experiences for students in the program. These interactive observations allow students to participate in K-12 classrooms and gain real-world experience in teaching.

CLINICAL TEACHING

All Nelson teacher education majors who plan to become certified participate in clinical teaching. Nelson's education department works with area schools to find a great fit for students to learn from mentor teachers on the job.

FROM COLLEGE TO THE CLASSROOM

Clinical teaching and classroom observation provide opportunities to network with local school leaders. Nelson has a strong reputation for high pass rates on certification exams, which leads to many Lions having teaching job offers when they graduate.

KINESIOLOGY



"Our new Exercise Physiology Lab provides students with hands-on experience using advanced physiological testing equipment and software—technology rarely available at the undergraduate level."

We want to help develop students for emerging career pathways in health science fields such as Physical Therapy Assistant, Occupational Therapy Assistant, and Athletic Training, all of which are projected to grow significantly over the next decade."

DR. KERRY WOODSON

DEAN, COLLEGE OF
BUSINESS & EDUCATION





COMMUNICATION ARTS

AWARD-WINNING FILMS AND BROADCAST PRODUCTION

Digital Media Arts (DMA) students showcase their skills during summer film projects. These projects have repeatedly won nationally acclaimed awards in film competitions and have been featured in national broadcasts. Students also produce the *Nelson Sports Network* and entertainment broadcasts using the studio and professional equipment in the Hagee Communication Center.

BACHELOR'S Communication Studies Digital Media Arts English Theatre

ON LOCATION

Nelson DMA students have been selected for summer internships in audio/video productions across the DFW area; including the set of *The Chosen* series which is just 15 min. from campus in Midlothian, TX.

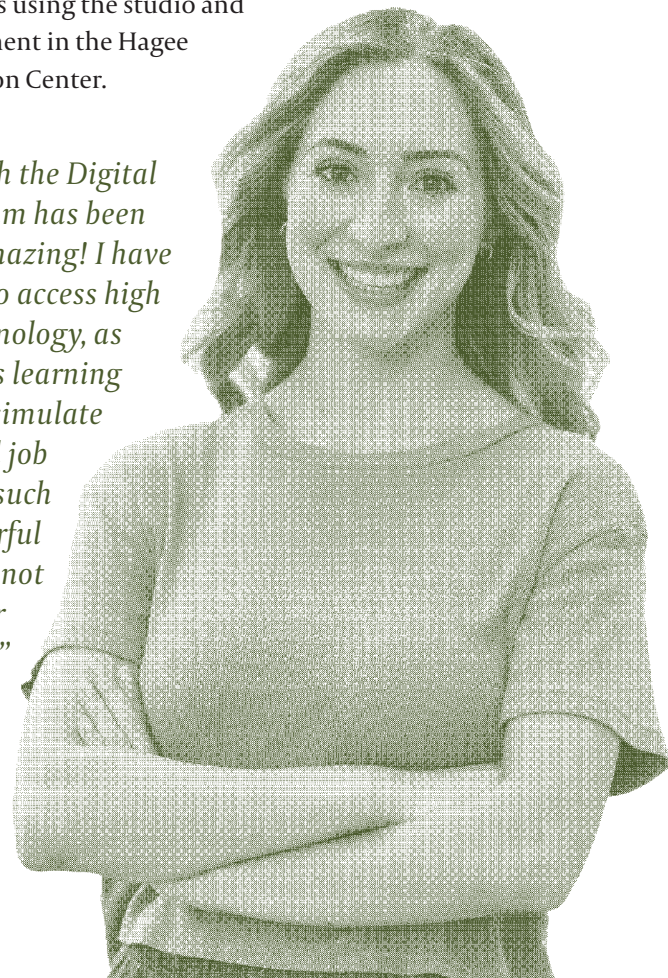
PLAYS AND MUSICALS

Stage performances, black-box theatrical performances and musical productions are performed throughout the semester—offering opportunities to perform, design sets and write.



“My experience with the Digital Media Arts program has been nothing short of amazing! I have had opportunities to access high end gear and technology, as well as off-campus learning experiences to truly simulate what a professional job would be like. This is such a unique and wonderful opportunity - one I’m not sure I would’ve ever gotten anywhere else.”

CHLOE HAWPE
DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS
GRADUATE



MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

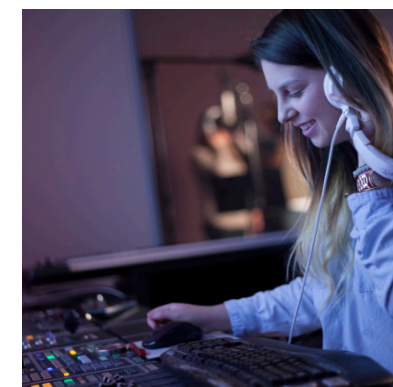
“It is my greatest passion to see students develop their musical skills and come to the realization that they were created to craft music or lead worship.”

DR. TYRONE BLOCK

DEAN, COLLEGE OF MUSIC AND
COMMUNICATION ARTS

BACHELOR'S

Music
Music Performance
Music Education
Worship Arts
Worship Leadership



ALL STEINWAY

Nelson is one of a few schools officially recognized as an All-Steinway school.



NELSON

ATHLETICS

BASEBALL ♦ BASKETBALL* ♦ CROSS COUNTRY* ♦ FOOTBALL
ESPORTS (CO-ED) ♦ SOFTBALL ♦ SOCCER* ♦ VOLLEYBALL
INDOOR TRACK & FIELD* ♦ OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD*

* MEN'S & WOMEN'S OFFERED

“At Nelson University, I found the support and opportunities that nurtured my growth as a leader. The community encouraged me to give back and learn from those around me. Relationships are most important, and this university has been instrumental in fostering those connections.”



CJ HALL

NELSON 2025 MALE
ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AND
NAIA 1ST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN



POPULAR DEGREES AMONGST STUDENT ATHLETES

Kinesiology
Business Sport Management
Management
Marketing
Physical Education
Coaching Minor



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ALL SPORTS: Nelson athletes contribute over 3,500 hours annually in service and outreach, highlighted by efforts such as the Nelson Men's Basketball Pen Pal Program. Seven team sports made the SAC Conference Tournament.

VOLLEYBALL: Won 3rd consecutive SAC Conference Championship. Qualified for 4th NAIA National Tournament going 3-1 in the tournament. Lilly Hanna won the Nelson Female Athlete of the Year Award.

MEN'S BASKETBALL: Won SAC Conference Championship and qualified for NAIA National Tournament.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S SOCCER: Combined victory total was most in school history in conference. Anna Bewley – First Team SAC All-Conference.

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL: Both programs received Sooner Athletic Conference postseason honors and produced multiple NAIA Scholar-Athletes.

FOOTBALL: Joseph Chavez named 1st Team All-Conference and 2nd Team NAIA All-American.

TRACK & FIELD: Qualified individuals for Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field National Championship. Montrell Blacknall won his third consecutive Most Outstanding Athlete of the Meet for the SAC Conference Championship.





A COZY HISTORIC TOWN

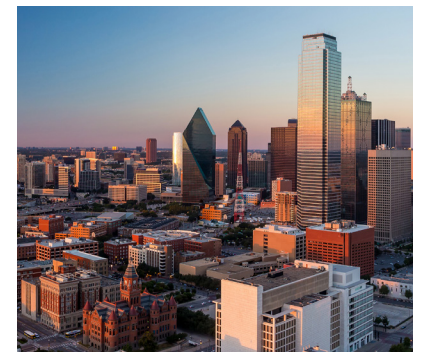
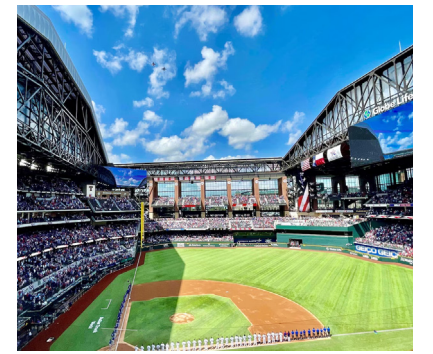
Our campus is located in Waxahachie, a cozy town full of history and culture. Here you'll find local shopping, restaurants, parks and coffee shops. Our location in Texas gives us the feel of a small town with the proximity to a big city. Just 30 minutes north is the greater Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex.

DISCOVER LOCAL

Waxahachie has so much to offer! From artisan coffee shops and antique stores, to cool arcades, movie theatres and parks. Enjoy a variety of food like wood-fired pizzas at Tuscan Slice, fresh BBQ at Blue Bonnet BBQ, and hand-crafted drinks from Vita Coffee House and Prickly Boba. Our community hosts countless events like Farmer's Markets, concerts on the square and we even have a Scarborough Renaissance Festival each year!

PLACES TO VISIT

Fresh Market Coffee Shop
Blue Bonnet BBQ
Tuscan Slice
The Dessert Spot
Straight from Philly
The Dove's Nest
Pop's Burger Stand
Osuba's Japanese and Sushi
Two Amigos Taqueria
Vita Coffee House
Getzenderan Park
Farmers Market
Scarborough Renaissance Festival



BIG CITY ENTERTAINMENT

Just 30 min from campus, the DFW metroplex is a hub for professional sports, state-wide fairs, famous theme parks and historical landmarks. As the home to amazing teams like the Texas Rangers and Dallas Mavericks, students can experience first-hand the journey to a national championship. History can come to life at the JFK memorial and Dallas Museum of Art. Students can enjoy some of the best restaurants in the state and find beautiful hiking trails along the Trinity river. With free events and places, DFW has endless entertainment.

Six Flags over Texas
Texas Rangers Baseball
Dallas Cowboys Football
Dallas Mavericks Basketball
JFK Memorial Museum
Dallas Aquarium

Fort Worth Stock Yards
Perot Science Museum
Dallas Museum of Art
Fort Worth Zoo
Bishop Arts District
Fort Worth Sundance Square





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