

Degree Path: B.A. in Church Leadership- NextGen Ministry

Southwestern 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 ∞
LDR 2133 Leadership Internship 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 ∞
PSY 1153 Introduction to Psychology ∞
LDR 3133 Leadership Internship 2 ∞
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 ∞
YSM 2113 Youth & Student Leadership ◇

Junior Year

Fall Semester 15 hours

THE 2213 Intro to Theology & Apologetics ∞
CMN 3433 Expository Preaching I ∞
REL 3153 Christian Ethics ∞
CMN 3163 Leadership in Ministry ◇
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 1)

Spring Semester 15 hours

REL 1163 Intro to Old Testament Literature ∞
CMN 3443 Expository Preaching II ∞
(prereq: CMN 3433)
YSM 3113 Bridging Between Children & Youth ◇
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 2)
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 3)

Senior Year

Fall Semester 15 hours

THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine & History ∞
CFM 4143 Family Life and Parenting ◇
YSM 4113 Youth & Student Evangelism ◇
CFM 4133 Leading Children and Family Ministries ◇
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 4)

Spring Semester 15 hours

PMN 4413 Pastoral Leadership ◇
CFM 3163 Creative Communication and Curriculum ◇
THE 3133 Systematic Theology II ◇
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 5)
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

Students will learn how to effectively reach students, develop them through discipleship, and send them into the mission field of their school campus. Hands-on opportunities inside and outside of church settings are given to provide students with both the academic and experiential nature of learning.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students are equipped to work with adolescents both inside and outside of a church setting. The skills learned about adolescent development and culture, translate well to any field where the person is interacting with middle and high school students. Serving as a youth pastor, ministry director, college minister, Youth Alive campus missionary, Chi-Alpha missionary, para-church ministries, and compassion ministries reaching teens in crisis are just some of the ways students have used their education to make a positive impact on adolescents across the globe.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Several District Youth Directors and Youth Alive campus missionaries have graduated from this program making a meaningful impact on student ministries across the globe. Hundreds of students have served faithfully in local church settings as youth pastors and student ministry directors, growing and loving adolescents. One student worked with at-risk teenage boys discipling and teaching life skills in the wilderness. Another served in a home for unwed teen mothers. And still another served alongside the military chaplain to have youth services for base teens. Ministry to adolescents looks different and we train for the possibilities.
- Few programs offer the number of youth and student ministry focused courses as Southwestern while also preparing the student for the ministry possibilities awaiting as they further their ministry. The assignments are practical and experiential. Students spend time on the public-school campus, they practice water baptism, they have in-class worship experiences, and learn to discern pop culture.

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 3433 Expository Preaching I
- PMN 4413 Pastoral Leadership
- CMN 3443 Expository Preaching II
- LDR 1113 Intro to Leadership Internship
- LDR 2133 Leadership Internship I
- LDR 3133 Leadership Internship II

Specialization (24 Hours)

- CFM/YSM 3113 Bridging Between Children and Youth
- CFM 3163 Creative Communication and Curriculum
- CFM 4133 Leading Children and Family Ministries
- CFM 4143 Family Life and Parenting
- CMN 3163 Leadership in Ministry
- THE 3133 Systematic Theology II
- YSM 2113 Youth & Student Ministry Leadership
- YSM 4113 Youth & Student Evangelism

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