

Degree Path: B.A. in Church Leadership- Spiritual Formation

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 ∞
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 1)

Junior Year

Fall Semester 15 hours

THE 2213 Intro to Theology & Apologetics ∞
CMN 3433 Expository Preaching I ∞
CMN 3163 Leadership in Ministry ◇
CMN 4143 Leadership for Spiritual Formation *
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 2)

Spring Semester 15 hours

REL 1163 Intro to Old Testament Literature ∞
CMN 3443 Expository Preaching II ∞
(prereq: CMN 3433)
YSM 4123 Spiritual Formation of Youth **
CFM 3133 Spiritual Formation of Children **
CED 4413 Adult Ministries **

Senior Year

Fall Semester 15 hours

THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine & History ∞
CFM 4143 Family Life and Parenting ◇
CMN 3123 Small Groups Ministry ◇
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 3)
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 4)

Spring Semester 15 hours

REL 3153 Christian Ethics ∞
PMN 4413 Pastoral Leadership ◇
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

The student who has a passion for discipleship will find themselves at home in this specialization. The student will be equipped to lead the discipleship, Christian Education, and small group ministry of a church of any size. Students learn to integrate biblical truth and spiritual disciplines to develop and equip Christians of all ages.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The student will discover how to effectively lead people of all ages in discipleship with an understanding of how life stages effect how they understand themselves and God. Small group ministry receives special attention as many students organize and direct those ministries in the local church. Others serve in writing spiritual formation curriculum.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Graduates are effectively discipling people at various life stages around the globe. Small group leadership training is being done and curriculum written to help people go deeper in their relationship with Christ. A highlight of the program is the experiential nature of the curriculum. Students are led into worship and discussion experiences to give them a taste of what it is to leader others.

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 4143 Family Life and Parenting
- CMN 3163 Leadership in Ministry
- THE 3133 Systematic Theology II
- CED 4413 Adult Ministries
- CFM 3133 Spiritual Formation of Children
- CMN 3123 Small Groups Ministry
- CMN 4143 Leadership for Spiritual Formation
- YSM 4123 Spiritual Formation of Youth

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