

Christian Ministries Major to Masters of Divinity, 4+1 Track (46 + 72 credit hours) 144 total 2024-25

The Christian Ministries major is designed to prepare students to serve as Christian leaders and servants in the world. It offers undergraduate study of ministry which may lead to:

1. Lay ministry while pursuing another profession.
2. A position of leadership in ministry in a local congregation, a church-related organization, or a related field.
3. Further study in ministry. This combined major is intended to be a step in a plan of lifelong learning for ministry.

48 hours of the MDIV requirements apply towards the major and electives in the BA degree requirement of 120 hours. Upon meeting all BA requirements (LACC, Major, and 120 credit hours), the BA is conferred. The remaining 24 hours of MDIV requirements will be required for conferral of the MDIV.

The 4+1 track is also available for students completing a Youth Ministries Major. An advising plan is available for these options upon request.

Major Requirements: For the 4+1, when a graduate alternative is listed, student takes the graduate course

Departmental Core (18 hours):

- BIBL 2000, Introduction to the Bible, 3 credit hours
- BIBL 2050, Methods in Biblical Exegesis, 3 credit hours*
- RLGN 2000, Introduction to Religion, 3 credit hours
- RLGN 2130, Introduction to Christian Ethics, 3 credit hours (THST 5500)*
- RLGN 3040, Introduction to Christian Theology, 3 credit hours* (THST 5120)
- RLGN 3060, History of Christianity, 3 credit hours (CHIS 5100)

Ministry Core (16 hours):

- CMIN 2000, Introduction to Christian Ministry, 3 credit hours
- CMIN 2810, Ministry Exploration, 1 credit hour
- CMIN 3050, Homiletics, 3 credit hours (PAST 5500)
- CMIN 3080, Pastoral Care and Counseling, 3 credit hours (PAST 6370)**
- CMIN 3910, Ministry Seminar, 3 credit hours (PAST 6490)***
- CMIN 4250, Theology in a Ministry Context, 3 credit hours (Prerequisite is CMIN 4810)

Internship Courses (3 hours)

- CMIN 4810, Internship in Ministry (=THFE 7810), 3 credit hours or MUSC 3800

Majors must take 9 credit hours additional from courses offered by the department (BIBL, CMIN, PHIL, or RLGN captions) or MUSC 3150, 3160 or 3800 [Students can take biblical exegetical courses at the graduate level to fulfill these departmental hours]

School of Theology Courses That Do Not Have an Undergraduate Equivalent Course (30 hours)

BLAN 5210 or BLAN 5310 (Biblical Hebrew I and II), 3 hours each course

BLSN 5220 or 5320 (Biblical Greek I and II), 3 hours each course (Biblical Languages meet the Global/Intercultural Ways of Knowing and Foreign Language requirement in the LACC)

CHIS 6010 (Church of God History), 3 hours or CHIS 6020 (Denominational History and Background), 3 hours

NEWT 5100 Introduction to the New Testament, 3 hours

NEWT Elective, 3 hours

OLDT 5100 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible, 3 hours

OLDT Elective, 3 hours

PAST 5101 Orientation and Ministry Formation, 3 hours

PAST 6170 Christian Education and Discipleship, 3 hours

PAST/NEWT 6010 Interpreting and Preaching the Prophets, 3 hours

PAST/NEWT 6020 Interpreting and Preaching the Parables, 3 hours

THFE 6730 Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), 6 hours

THFE/PAST 7905 Capstone: Ministry Formation, 3 hours

Christian Ministries 4 + 1 Suggested Course Sequence

SEMESTER 1		SEMESTER 2	
CMIN 2000	3 Hours	BIBL 2000	3 Hours
COMM 1000	3 Hours	CMIN 2810	1 Hour
ENGL 1110	3 Hours	ENGL 1120	3 Hours
LART 1050	1 Hour	Social & Behavioral Way of Knowing	3 Hours
Civic Ways of Knowing	3 Hours	RLGN 2000	3 Hours
Quantitative Reasoning	3 Hours	Additional Class	3 Hours

SEMESTER 3		SEMESTER 4	
BLAN 5210 or BLAN 5310	3 Hours	BLAN 5220 or BLAN 5320	3 Hours
BIBL 2050	3 Hours	CMIN 3080 (=PAST 6370)	3 Hours
RLGN 3060 (=CHIS 5100)	3 Hours	RLGN 3040 (=THST 5120)	3 Hours
Scientific Ways of Knowing	4 Hours	Global/Intercultural Ways of Knowing	3 Hours
Personal Wellness	2 Hours	Additional Class	3 Hours

SUMMER	
CHIS 6010 (CHOG History) or 6020	3 Hours

SEMESTER 5		SEMESTER 6	
PAST 5101	3 Hours	RLGN 2130 (=THST 5500)	3 Hours
CMIN 3050/PAST 5500	3 Hours	Christian Ways of Knowing	3 Hours
Civil Discourse and Critical Reasoning	3 Hours	OLDT Elective	3 Hours
Aesthetic Ways of Knowing	3 Hours	Additional Class	3 Hours
OLDT 5100	3 Hours	Additional Class	3 Hours

SUMMER	
CMIN 3910/PAST 6490	3 Hours

SEMESTER 7		SEMESTER 8	
Writing Intensive Course	3 Hours	CMIN 4810	3 Hours
NEWT 5100	3 Hours	NEWT Elective	3 Hours
CMIN 4810	3 Hours	CMIN 4250	3 Hours
Additional Class	3 Hours	PAST/OLDT 6010	3 Hours

SUMMER	
THFE 6730 Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) (or during Semesters 9-10)	9 Hours

SEMESTER 9		SEMESTER 10	
Graduate Elective	3 Hours	THFE/PAST 7905	3 Hours
Graduate Elective	3 Hours	PAST/NEWT 6020	3 Hours
PAST 6170	3 Hours	THFE 6730 CPE if not summer prior	4 Hours
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These courses from the list above also meet the following Liberal Arts Requirements:

- BIBL 2000, Introduction to the Bible, is a Biblical Literacy course in the Liberal Arts Program.
- CMIN 3910 (an option for the departmental hours) is a Speaking Intensive course in the Liberal Arts Program.
- CMIN 4250, Theology in a Ministry Context, is a Writing Intensive course in the Liberal Arts Program.
- Either CMIN 4810 (Internship in Ministry) or CMIN 4850 (Ministry Practicum) meets the Experiential Requirement for the Liberal Arts.

*BIBL 2000 is a prerequisite for this course

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***BIBL 2000 and/or CMIN 2000 are the prerequisite(s) for this course