

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LEADERSHIP AND MINISTRY (BALM) - 126 CREDITS

The Bachelor of Arts in Leadership and Ministry (BALM) degree equips ministry professionals and leaders in the church and secular marketplace to effectively integrate biblical truths with contemporary life and thought, as well as practical ministry skills. Graduates of this program may go on to serve in churches and other non-profits in the areas of preaching, youth, children's and worship ministries, and leadership, or may take their learning to the secular marketplace where leadership and ministry opportunities abound.

The Leadership and Ministry degree is designed to:

- Develop and/or enrich biblical knowledge and ministry skills.
- Provide opportunities for practical application in the areas of leadership and Christian worldview.
- Equip students with a strong biblical foundation and confidence in various styles and forms of leadership and ministry.
- Guide students to align their gifts with God's purpose for them.

Program Objectives

1. Develop a biblical understanding of leadership that combines attitudes, values, beliefs and communication skills which are consistent with Christian character and leadership in ministry.
2. Comprehend what it means to be a transformed Christian, including how to express and exemplify the Christian faith, the basics of Christian theology and a Christian worldview.
3. Establish and experientially apply personal management strategies consistent with one's ministry and/or professional goals.
4. Be prepared to integrate all of the above missionally, to engage minds in increasingly globalized organizations and communities in order to win, disciple and send others for Christ.

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts in Leadership and Ministry requires a total of 126 credits with the following requirements: Leadership and Ministry with Biblical Studies and Theology (72 credits) from the major course sequence below, General Education (30 credits), and Electives (24 credits).

Major Courses Sequence

This course registration list represents an ideal sequence for 72 credits required in the degree major. It is designed to maintain academic integrity while moving degree candidates through the required courses as efficiently as possible.

Year 1 – BALM major courses

Fall	BL100	Biblical Living: <i>Engaging Faith and Life</i>
	BL190	Biblical Interpretation: <i>Hermeneutics</i>
	LD101	Accountability: <i>Managing Your Own and Fostering Others</i>
Winter	BL112	Book of Acts
	BL150	Old Testament Survey
Spring	BL110	New Testament Survey
	BL302	Pastoral Epistles
	TH222	Church History II - (<i>or TH221 in Year 3 Fall</i>)

Year 2 – BALM major courses

Fall	TH232	Biblical Worldview
	TH210	Introduction to Christian Theology
	LD331	Biblical Concepts of Leadership
	BL318	Gospel of John - (<i>or BL131 in Winter</i>)
Winter	OS365	Principles of Management
	BL131	Life of Christ - (<i>or BL318 in Fall</i>)
Spring	OS332	Organizational Behavior
	MN124	Introduction to Evangelism

Years 3 & 4 – BALM Major courses

Fall	MN120	Introduction to Discipleship
	LD432	Small Groups in the Church
	TH221	Church History I - (<i>or TH222 in Year 1 Spring</i>)
Winter	BL359	Wisdom Literature of the Bible
	LD332	Christian Principles of Entrepreneurship
	BC101	Biblical Counseling
	MN211	Foundations of Preaching & Teaching
Spring	LD465	Introduction to Leadership & Administration
	LD433	Case Studies in Ethics - (<i>Prereq = GE120</i>)
	LD431	Case Studies in Leadership

Ministry Service and Practicum

MN101 Ministry Service Freshman year	12 hours
MN201 Ministry Service Sophomore year	12 hours
MN301 Ministry Service Junior year	12 hours
MN401 Student Ministry Practicum - Bachelor	Final Term