

Church Leadership

The Church Leadership program provides students an opportunity to develop a personalized specialization from Bible, theology, and practical ministry courses for the purpose of serving in a variety of church roles both as professionals and volunteers. During this program of study, students will engage in significant field ministry experiences on top of a common core of major studies.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Exegete, interpret, and apply selected passages of Scripture from a variety of literary types in keeping with their original intended meanings.
2. Prepare sermons and structure learning experiences, then present both acceptably.
3. Manage the resources (financial, technological, and human) of the local church.
4. Plan and conduct a variety of church services and ceremonies.

This program presents in three tracks: MINISTRY, LEAD, and LEAD/MOL.

The MINISTRY track provides maximum transferability of credit for students coming from other institutions or changing degree programs at SAGU. All Church Leadership students enroll in this track at first using basic admissions guidelines.

The LEAD track provides significant transferability of credit but also provides more targeted, immersive internship experiences. Students must carry a 2.75 gpa and participate in directed assessment techniques to qualify for the LEAD track in year two. Students on this track will need to supply their own transportation to approved internship locations. Students anticipating moving into the LEAD track are required to take 3 hours of the LEAD Seminar Series during their first year of study. Any student who elects to leave the LEAD track may graduate from the MINISTRY track or other degree programs whenever the specific requirements for those degree programs are completed.

The LEAD/MOL track provides students an opportunity to fast track an outstanding undergraduate ministry preparation program into a master's degree in organizational leadership. This program is for students who are academically strong and highly motivated and have met the standards for the LEAD track. Students get a head start on the master's degree by enrolling in 12 hours of "shared credit." This credit fulfills undergraduate and some graduate degree requirements at the same time and the studies are provided via distance education delivery. Students need a 2.75 minimum gpa average to apply for admission to the graduate school in this program and they must apply and gain admittance to the graduate school by the end of their 2nd year. Students will need to achieve a 3.0 gpa on all graduate work to earn a graduate degree from SAGU.

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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

3 hours from the following:

ENG 2233 American Literature I

ENG 2243 American Literature II

ENG 2273 Introduction to Literature

GES 1122 Strategies for Student Success

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 Science

PHY 1113 Physical Science

3 hours from the following:

MTH 1113 College Mathematics

MTH 1123 College Algebra

Physical Education: 4 hours

PED 2232 Wellness and Lifestyle

2 hours from activity courses without duplication: PED 1101-2291

General Biblical Studies: 24 hours

BIB 1143 The Church in Mission

BIB 2213 Bible Study

CMN 2213 Foundations of Church Ministries

REL 1133 Authentic Christianity

REL 1153 New Testament Literature

REL 1163 Old Testament Literature

THE 2113 Introduction to Theology and Apologetics

THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine and History

MINISTRY TRACK 69 Hours

Major Studies: 12 hours

BIB 3483 Hermeneutics

CMN 3183 Church Resource Management

CMN 3333 Biblical Preaching

PMN 4413 Pastoral Leadership (Internship based course)

Major Electives: 24 hours

Students will select additional courses totaling 24 credit hours from the following course designators:

BIB/CFM/CMN/COM/COU/CPR/DRA/GRK/HEB/ICS/MED/MUS/PHL/PMN/PSY/REL/THE/YSM

Nine (9) hours of the major elective courses must be intern based courses* (PMN 4413 brings the total required internship based courses to 12 hours) with any of the designators listed above.

*Internship based courses are specifically identified in each of the Church Ministries degree programs.

General Electives: 33 hours

These courses may come from any discipline.

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 126 Hours

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LEAD TRACK 69 Hours

Major Studies: 33 hours

BIB 3483 Hermeneutics
CMN 3183 Church Resource Management
CMN 3333 Biblical Preaching
PMN 4413 Pastoral Leadership (Internship based course)
LEAD Seminars (3 hours)
LEAD Internship (12 hours)
Protégé 1 & 2 (6 hours)

General Electives: 36 hours

These courses may come from any discipline.

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 126 Hours

LEAD/MOL TRACK 69 Hours

Major Studies: 33 hours

BIB 3483 Hermeneutics
CMN 3183 Church Resource Management
CMN 3333 Biblical Preaching
PMN 4413 Pastoral Leadership (Internship based course)
LEAD Seminars (3 hours)
LEAD Internship (12 hours)
Protégé 1 & 2 (6 hours)

General Electives: 24 hours

These courses may come from any discipline.

Shared Credit Studies: 12 hours

LDR 5253 Spiritual Formation
LDR 5213 Research Literature and Technology
LDR 5283 Motivation, Teams, Coaching and Mentoring
LDR 5233 Foundations of Leadership: History, Theory, Application and Development

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 126 Hours

Additional Undergraduate Program Requirements:

1. Thirty (30) hours of the student's overall program must be 3000-4000 level courses.
2. All course prerequisites must be met according to the academic catalog before taking any course.
3. Consultation with the student's program coordinator is highly recommended in the development of this major.
4. Students are encouraged to take one or more minors in relation with this degree program.

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Additional Undergraduate Program Stipulations

1. All full-time students are to include one Bible, theology, or religion course each semester until degree requirements have been satisfied.
2. First-year students enrolled full-time are to include GES 1122 in their first semester schedule.
3. First-year students are to enroll in activity physical education courses each of their first two semesters at SAGU. Exceptions will be granted only with approval of the College Dean.
4. Veterans with at least 6 months of service may apply for and receive 4 hours of credit for physical education. Contact the Registrar's Office.

Accelerated Graduate Program Opportunity:

The LEAD/MOL track requires formal admittance to the Harrison Graduate School in a timely manner. Students who successfully complete this track will graduate from SAGU with a bachelor's degree in Church Leadership and a 36 credit hour Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership (MOL). This accelerated Master's degree consists of 12 hours of graduate level "shared credit" and an additional 24 hours of graduate course work identified in the graduate catalog. All graduation requirements in the graduate school must be met to receive the MOL. Please see the Harrison Graduate School catalog.