HARRISON GRADUATE SCHOOL

ABOUT

The Harrison Graduate School was established in 1996 and now offers 19 master’s degrees and one doctoral degree. Courses are offered through evening/weekend classes, online courses and specialized seminars to provide a variety of options for your convenience.

- Southwestern Assemblies of God University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate, baccalaureate, masters, and doctorate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Southwestern Assemblies of God University.

- SAGU’s Bible and Church Ministries program produces among the highest number of credentialed ministers and approved missionaries in the Assemblies of God.

- SAGU is among the oldest Assemblies of God Universities (established in 1927).

- Our student-faculty ratio is 11:1. Small class sizes lead to a more personal education experience.

- SAGU offers a convenient academic delivery model through online, evening and weekend courses. Some courses are even offered as a summer intensive for the Behavioral Sciences online requirements.

- 17 of our 20 programs can be completed entirely online.
The MA in History provides the background needed to understand the world and explain it to others. The online delivery system was easy to use and made it possible for me to study while I continued working in my career. Now I’m able to pursue two passions – History and teaching in the classroom!

Terri Roberts, History Graduate
EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

UNDERGRADUATE PREREQUISITES
Applicants must have at least 2 years’ teaching experience prior to beginning the program.

PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT (12 HOURS)
- Research Literature & Technology
- Differentiated Learning Strategies
- Teaching Students of Diverse Cultures
- Studies in Classroom Management

CORE COMPONENT (9 HOURS)
- Educational Leadership for Public Schools
  or Educational Leadership for Private Schools
- School Legal Issues
- Principalship

RESEARCH AREA COMPONENT (9 HOURS)
- Principles & Practices of Early
  Advanced Strategies in Reading
- Advanced Strategies in Learning
- Language Arts/Reading Curriculum

PRACTICUM COMPONENT (6 HOURS)
- Internship in Administration

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP SPECIALIZATIONS
- Christian School Administration
- Public School Administration

EDUCATION NOTABLES
- 100% passing rate for state certification exams.
- SAGU professors have doctorates from prestigious, accredited universities.
- All courses are biblically integrated.
- 99% of education graduates receive job placement following graduation.

“ My degree in Educational Leadership, has most importantly made me a better educator. The degree has opened doors for me and it has allowed me to grow as a person and as a professional. I now view decision making and educational situations with a more global perspective. I feel this ultimately allows me to serve my students and families in a greater way while making a lasting impact on our world! ”

Sarah Beratto
Educational Leadership
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

UNDERGRADUATE PREREQUISITES (9 HOURS)

PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT (12 HOURS)
- Research Literature & Technology
- Differentiated Learning Strategies
- Teaching Students of Diverse Cultures
- Studies in Classroom Management

CORE COMPONENT (12 HOURS)
- Language Arts/Reading Curriculum
- Mathematics Curriculum
- Social Studies Curriculum
- Science Curriculum

RESEARCH AREA COMPONENT (6 HOURS)
- Instructional Leadership in Curriculum & Assessment
- Principles & Practices of Early Childhood Education
- Advanced Strategies in Reading
- Advanced Strategies of Learning

CURRICULUM SPECIALIZATIONS
- Curriculum Studies
- Early Childhood
- History

SCHOOL COUNSELING

UNDERGRADUATE PREREQUISITES (9 HOURS)

PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT (12 HOURS)
- Research Literature & Technology
- Educational Leadership & Supervision for Public Schools
- Teaching Students of Diverse Cultures
- Instructional Leadership in Curriculum & Assessment

CORE COMPONENT (12 HOURS)
- School Guidance & Counseling
- Differentiated Learning Strategies
- Studies in Classroom Management
- Crisis Intervention

RESOURCE AREA COMPONENT (6 HOURS)
- Introduction to Play Therapy
- Principles & Practices of Early Childhood Education
- Personal Lifestyle & Career Development

PRACTICUM COMPONENT (6 HOURS)
SAGU Behavioral Science graduates have a 90% first time pass rate on the National Counselor Examination for Licensure and Certification (NCE).

CAREERS IN BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Academic sports psychologist
Addictions counselor
Clinical psychiatrist
Clinical therapist
Consulting services director
Management consultant
Marriage or family counselor
Military psychologist
Occupational psychologist
School counselor
Social behavioral scientist
Teacher

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences
Psychological Methods and Research Design
Professional Orientation, Ethical and Legal Issues
Human Growth and Life Span Development
Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy
Biological Basis of Behavior
Methods and Techniques in Counseling
Social and Cultural Diversity
Tests and Assessment
Cognitive Assessment*
Objective Personality Assessment *
Advanced Learning Theory and Applications
Clinical Psychopathology
Advanced Psychopathology and Treatment Planning
Capstone in Clinical Psychology
Practicum in Clinical Psychology (225 clock hours)
Advanced Practicum in Clinical Psychology (225 clock hours)

RELATED ELECTIVES: 12 Hours
(Select 12 hours from one of the two following tracks)

General Clinical Track (four of the following courses):

Marriage and Family Counseling
Psychopharmacology
Methods of Group Counseling
Addictions Counseling
Crisis Intervention
Child and Adolescent Assessment and Treatment Planning *

Play Therapy Track
(Leads to Certification as Play Therapist)
Introduction to Play Therapy
Play Therapy with Varied Populations and Techniques
Advanced Play Therapy
Families, Parents and Teachers in the Play Therapy Process

* On Campus Only
SCIENTIFICS

CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

- Psychological Methods and Research Design
- Professional Orientation, Ethical and Legal Issues
- Human Growth and Life Span Development
- Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy
- Methods and Techniques in Counseling
- Marriage and Family Counseling
- Social and Cultural Diversity
- Methods of Group Counseling
- Addictions Counseling
- Tests and Assessment
- Crisis Intervention
- Personal Lifestyle and Career Development
- Clinical Psychopathology
- Ethical and Legal Issues in Professional Practice
- Integrative Issues in the Behavioral Sciences
- Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences
- Advanced Psychopathology and Treatment Planning
- Pre-Practicum
- Practicum in Counseling Psychology
  (150 clock hours)
- Advanced Practicum in Counseling Psychology
  (150 clock hours)

* On Campus Only

HUMAN SERVICES COUNSELING (NON-CLINICAL)

- Professional Orientation, Ethical and Legal Issues
- Methods and Techniques in Counseling
- Marriage and Family Counseling
- Social and Cultural Diversity
- Integration Issues in Behavioral Sciences
- Human Growth and Life Span Development
- Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy
- Crisis Intervention
- Personal Lifestyle and Career Development
- Practicum in Human Services Counseling
  (3 hours – 150 Clock hours)

PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor’s degree in Counseling, Psychology or a related field.
- Prerequisite courses will be required for students who have not completed a degree in one of these fields.

"I have been blessed with a supportive, spiritual body of fellow students who have become vital resources and colleagues in the field. I have found this aspect of the educational experience at SAGU to be beneficial and encouraging, both as a student and a counselor. Harrison Graduate School enabled me to become the person I am today emotionally, spiritually, educationally and professionally. For that I will be eternally grateful."

Tiffany Rinas, Counseling Psychology,
Graduate 2009
SAGU’s MBA develops student’s leadership skills and sharpens their business acumen under experienced, expert faculty. The program is taught from a biblical worldview with an emphasis on professional ethics and integrity. The program will give students an increased awareness of the global marketplace.

The degree helps students become more effective leaders by acquiring an array of management tools, learning theories and communication skills. Students learn business and financial strategy—planning ahead to make the most effective use of limited resources.

**BUSINESS**

**PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT (33 HOURS)**
- Statistics and Analytics for Business Professionals
- Global Business Finance and Economics
- Global Teams and Leadership
- Operations Management
- Business Ethics
- Information Systems for Managers
- Organizational Strategy
- Strategic Business Leadership
- Advanced Marketing Strategies
- Managerial Decision Making
- Organizational Behavior

**CAPSTONE (3 HOURS)**

**TOTAL HOURS 36 HOURS**
ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The curriculum blends the exploration of conceptual and theoretical aspects and models of leadership in the context of present and past leaders with key concepts pertaining to leadership within organizations. Graduates should be able to identify and develop their unique personalities, gifts and assets within a framework of servant leadership; demonstrate leadership knowledge, capabilities and characteristics needed to impact positively the church or marketplace; and create a dynamic plan to manage personal and professional growth.

LEARN HOW TO
- Communicate effectively
- Motivate others individuals to create high-performing organizations
- Effect change in an organization by applying leadership theories and models
- Solve leadership problems and resolve organizational issues
- Promote and nurture individual growth in others to achieve organizational goals

RESEARCH COMPONENT (3 HOURS)
Research & Portfolio Development

PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT (30 HOURS)
- Energizing People for Performance
- Foundations of Leadership: History, Theory, Application & Development
- Leadership in Management
- Spiritual Formation
- Leading High-Impact Teams
- Biblical Servant Leadership
- Motivation, Teams, Coaching & Mentoring
- Reinventing Leadership: A Breakthrough Approach
- Strategic Thinking, Planning & Organization Change
- Organizational Communication, Conflict Resolution & Negotiation

PRACTICUM COMPONENT (3 HOURS)
Leadership Practicum
The Master of Bible and Theology trains you for advanced knowledge in the study, interpretation, and application of the Word of God. Employ analytical thinking and utilize basic disciplines and methodologies for independent study of Scripture for your ministry.

The Thesis option is especially designed for and usually limited to students who plan to continue graduate work in a Ph.D. doctoral program. In this option, you take two 3-hour courses of Thesis in the Elective Component of the degree plan. These two courses must be taken in two consecutive regular semesters (Fall-Spring or Spring-Fall, not available in Summer). This option must be approved by the Department of Bible and Theology during the semester prior to your first semester of thesis.
INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT (24 HOURS)
- Research Literature & Technology
- Administrative Leadership in a Missions Context
- Spiritual Dynamics in Ministry Today
- Religion in Contemporary World Society
- Perspectives in Cross Cultural Diversity
- Ministry within Cultural Diversity
- Leadership in Ministry
- Pastoral Care

ELECTIVE COMPONENT (12 HOURS)
- 12 hours from BIB/PTH/THE/COU/EDU/PSY
- or
- 6 hours from BIB/PTH/THE/COU/EDU/PSY
- and a 6 hour thesis

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT (24 HOURS)
- Advanced Leadership of Children & Family Ministries
- Ministering to Children with Challenging Issues
- Strategies for the Spiritual Development of Children
- Research Literature & Technology
- Ministry in the Church

9 HOURS FROM
- Marriage & Family Counseling
- Studies in Classroom Management
- Principals & Practices of Early Childhood Education
- Advanced Strategies in Learning
- Ministry with Cultural Diversity

ELECTIVE COMPONENT (12 HOURS)
- 12 hours from BIB/PTH/THE and/or
- COU/EDU/PSY
M.DIV
MASTER OF DIVINITY

The Master of Divinity offers graduate-level preparation for Christian ministry and postgraduate work. M.Div. students learn and practice careful biblical interpretation, think critically about biblical and contemporary theology and ethics and interact in healthy ways within the diversity of cultures and religions around them. Students receive instruction in counseling methodology and are trained in preaching and public speaking.

The M.Div. prepares students for the pastorate, chaplaincy and doctoral studies that could lead to post secondary teaching.

**BIBLE (15 HOURS)**
- Biblical Hermeneutics
- Biblical Backgrounds
- Nine hours of Bible Electives

**COUNSELING (6 HOURS)**
- Marriage and Family Counseling
- Crisis Intervention

**INTERCULTURAL STUDIES (6 HOURS)**
- Religion in Contemporary World Society
- Ministering Within Cultural Diversity

**PRACTICAL THEOLOGY (12 HOURS)**
- Church Administration
- Leadership in Ministry
- Pastoral Care
- Preaching with Purpose

**RESEARCH COMPONENT (3 HOURS)**
- Research Literature and Technology

**THEOLOGY (15 HOURS)**
- Doctrines of the Pentecostal Movement
- Systematic Theology I
- Systematic Theology II
- Six hours of Theology Electives

**PRACTICUM (3 HOURS)**
- BIB/CFM/COU/ICS/PTH/THE 6443 Practicum

**ELECTIVE COMPONENT (12 HOURS)**
**OR CHOOSE A SPECIALIZATION THAT REPLACES THE 12 HOURS OF ELECTIVES**

**SPECIALIZATIONS**
- BIBLICAL LANGUAGES
- BIBLICAL STUDIES
- COUNSELING
- CHAPLAINCY
- INTERCULTURAL STUDIES
- FAMILY MINISTRY
- PASTORAL THEOLOGY
- THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

15 HOURS FROM BIB/ICS/CFM/COU/EDU/PTH/THE.

**THESIS OPTION:** Two thesis courses are required (6 hours), with an additional 9 hours of electives selected from BIB/ICS/CFM/COU/EDU/PTH/THE. *The thesis option is not available to Master of Divinity students who did a thesis in an M.A. degree program.*
D.MIN
DOCTOR OF MINISTRY IN LEADERSHIP & CREATIVE COMMUNICATION

The Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degree in Leadership and Creative Communication offers spiritual, academic, leadership, and media resources to be effective communicators of the Gospel. Church leaders learn to thrive in a media-saturated society and to enhance their sermon presentation and online ministry presence through media.

The 30-hour graduate program offers three hours of instruction each semester, with three on-campus seminars — connecting students with top-tier ministry leaders.

Students discover the process of vision casting, sermon series preparation, and the use of creative ministry teams. Students are equipped to integrate philosophies and cultural trends in their expository preaching. The program culminates with a doctoral research project which makes an unbiased, disciplined contribution to the church while enriching future ministry.

PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT (24 HOURS)
- Fresh Approaches to Preaching in a Post-modern Era
- Creative Communication and Technology
- Vision, Planning and Creativity
- Spiritual Formation and Self Improvement
- God and Popular Culture
- Organizational Behavior
- Ethics
- Foundations of Leadership: History, Theory, Application and Development

PRACTICUM COMPONENT (6 HOURS)
- Project I
- Project II

“Every time that I upgraded my education, new doors opened for me. They opened even before I knocked.”

Rob Blakney, D.Min, Assistant Dean