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**Statement of Purpose:**

The purpose of Southwestern Assemblies of God University (SWAU) is to prepare undergraduate and graduate students spiritually, academically, professionally and interculturally so as to successfully fill evangelistic, missionary and church ministry roles and to provide quality educational and professional Christian service wherever needed throughout the world.
President’s perspective

Kermit S. Bridges, D.Min. President

Endowed Scholarships

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We are all called to be uncommon – an uncommon light, an uncommon influence or an uncommon voice. Blending into the crowd does not cut it. If we allow ourselves to remain silent and blend in with the common culture, we may find ourselves irrelevant with no voice at all.

These are turbulent times. Terrorist organizations like ISIS make routine missions and study trips a safety risk. Yet, SAGU Lions continue to serve vigilantly in some of the most treacherous countries.

Human trafficking remains a heartbreakingly prevalent problem throughout the world. And SAGU Lions lead the charge to bring women and children out of bondage.

Christians more often than ever see an affront to our religious liberties and Christian values domestically. Just moments up the road in Midlothian, Texas, a school district recently covered a memorial plaque honoring a donor because of a reference to God.

Let us not deceive ourselves to think that the affront comes only from those outside the walls of the church. We have begun to see a change inside the church as well – one where the affront comes only from those inside the church.

We are called to lead an uncommon life radically different from anything else this world sees. It is the very thing that will enable us to change the culture.

Your moments – your unique position – affords you perfect opportunities. What does God need you to do with your time to live an uncommon life?

Consider the story of Samuel. Is it your desire to live in such a way that your encounter with God compels you to alter the course of a nation? Is it your desire to have an intimacy and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit?

SAGU remains more committed than ever to our core values – Bible-based education, academic excellence, spiritual formation, Pentecostal distinction, missions-mindedness, servant leadership and community and personal wellness. These values set us apart and give us a global influence.

As you will read on page 20, we have now completed our fourth year toward Mission TEN, with more than 100 destinations reached in that time. Students and alumni continue to sign up for this historic initiative.

Meanwhile, we continue to develop our curriculum and prepare servant leaders who will shake the world. I encourage you to take a fresh look at the leadership programs now offered through SAGU – a Bachelor of Arts in Church Leadership, LEAD internships, a Master of Arts in Organization Leadership, a Master of Business Administration and a Doctor of Ministry in Leadership and Creative Communication.

Now is the time for uncommon leadership. Partner with us in prayer and financial support to raise up a generation of uncommon leaders.

Thankful, but concerned...

I love missions and am thankful that God has blessed me to be able to support His Mission around the world. One of the great reasons I am thankful to minister at SAGU is our strong commitment to missions. SAGU is producing students in both the marketplace and the pulpit that are making a major impact on this world for Jesus Christ. I believe because of our great purpose in world evangelism He is blessing this University. We are seeing our contributions rise on almost every level.

There is one level of contributions that concerns me – our churches. The level of support from our churches has remained stagnant since 1996. The actual number of churches supporting us has actually fallen since that time. The Lord is providing in other ways, so why am I concerned? I am convinced that with the decrease in support from churches, we are probably seeing a decrease in prayer as well. As a former pastor, I know that my church prayed for the missionaries and missions organizations that we supported. We might make it financially with a decrease in churches supporting us, but we cannot make it without their prayers.

As an alumnus, a pastor, or perhaps even both, would you consider making SAGU a part of your regular support? I am confident that with your finances, we will be the recipient of your prayers as well. We are in need of both.

Irby McKnight
Vice President for Advancement

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SAGU sends team for archaeological excavation at Tell es-Safi, Israel

SAGU sent a team of eight students and faculty for archaeological excavation in Tell es-Safi, Israel, from July 5-25, 2014. Led by SAGU instructor, Eric Welch, the SAGU team worked with more than 100 volunteers from around the world to better understand the history of Tell es-Safi and some of its most well-known inhabitants, the Philistines.

Tell es-Safi is identified as biblical Gath, best known as the hometown of the Philistine champion Goliath (1 Samuel 17). Under the leadership of Professor Aren Maeir of Bar-Ilan University (Israel), the excavations at Tell es-Safi add important new information to the way scholars understand Gath and its place in biblical history.

As a joint effort between SAGU’s Ancient Studies program and the Department of Communication Arts, the SAGU team included faculty member Rob Price and a team of SAGU media students who filmed a documentary about the excavation. Ancient studies majors, Kristen Flake, participated in her second excavation at Tell es-Safi. Under the watchful eye of Welch, Flake trained as a square supervisor, a staff position typically held by those with graduate degrees. “I’m excited to take what I’ve learned in the classroom and put it to the test in the dirt,” said Flake. “It says a lot about SAGU that we’re not just learning archaeology in a classroom, but actually doing archaeological research in Israel.”

SAGU joined major research universities from around the world, including Bar-Ilan University (Israel), the University of Melbourne (Australia), the University of Manitoba (Canada) and the University of Kansas.

“Loyd Uglov, head of SAGU’s History Department, is proud of what the new Ancient Studies program has accomplished in four years. “We constructed the Ancient Studies major to equip students with tools to understand the time and space of the Biblical world. We are thrilled to see our students enter into international research environments where they have the opportunity to put their skills into practice while living out a positive Christian testimony to those around them.”

Sherman Mountain Boys perform at Assemblies of God Centennial Celebration

The Sherman Mountain Boys is a national award-winning bluegrass band from Jasper, Arkansas, that is comprised of four students from SAGU. They were the 2012 Silver Dollar City Youth in Bluegrass Band of the Year, as well as three-time nominee for the Country Gospel Music Association’s Bluegrass Band of the Year.

In addition to performing at the Assemblies of God Centennial Celebration on August 7-9 in Springfield, Missouri, in front of more than 5,000 visitors from 120 nations, the Sherman Mountain Boys are also the musical group for this year’s National Assemblies of God Fine Arts Celebration.

The Sherman Mountain Boys will be performing at the SAGU Fine Arts Celebration on Friday August 8, in front of a large crowd of thousands, showcasing their talent and their Christian testimony. They are a widely sought-after group and have performed at many large conferences and events.

SAGU alumni and professor release free youth ministry eBook

SAGU alumni Taylor Johnson, Wade Bearden, Preston Ulmer and professor Dr. Garland Owensby collaborated to write a free eBook, “Depleted: Dealing with Difficult Moments in Youth Ministry.”

Johnson, youth pastor at The House of Hope in Waxahachie, Texas, described his motivation for the eBook, “I’ve had a lot of great conversations with these writers about ministry and the difficult moments they’ve faced. It was always so refreshing to hear others talk about having the same problems I’ve gone through. I wasn’t alone! I wanted a way to share that feeling with others.”

Bearden, a contributor to Christianity Today and Preaching.com, discusses the ministry and life demands of being bi-vocational. Johnson speaks to the issue of cynicism in ministry and how easy it is to fall into that trap. Ulmer shares about recovering from the hurt that is often encountered in ministry. Owensby is a youth and student ministries professor at SAGU. He holds a Master of Science in Practical Theology, and a Doctor of Educational Ministries.

“Many people find themselves exhausted and emotionally depleted from ministry and this book speaks to those who are struggling.”

SAGU alumnus creates “Every Kid Deserves a Ball”

Alumnus David Flores created a non-profit organization called Every Kid Deserves A Ball that hosts El Golazo de Tu Vida soccer camps for students from kindergarten to ninth grade in San Miguel, El Salvador.

Flores graduated in 2012 with a Bachelor of Arts in Education and began teaching at Palmer Elementary School in Palmer, Texas, after graduation. He uses his vacation time every year to give back to the impoverished communities where he grew up in El Salvador.

SAGU offers Chemical Dependency Counseling Minor

SAGU now offers a Chemical Dependency Counseling Minor that leads to licensure as a licensed chemical dependency counselor (LCDC). There is a growing demand for LCDCs. Job growth is predicted to rise much faster than the national average (27% expected growth between 2010 and 2020).

Dr. John Savell, associate professor for counseling and psychology, explains, “This degree will prepare students to help individuals struggling with addictions and allows the opportunity to be licensed in those states that offer an addictions license. This minor doesn’t only focus on addictions with drugs and alcohol, but addresses other addictions such as sexual, digital, gambling and many more.”

The first stage in obtaining the LCDC includes six courses in the subject area of addictions followed by 300 hours of approved supervised fieldwork. Once completed, the individual may apply to the state to become a counselor intern. This designation allows the individual to begin the second stage, which includes accumulating 4,000 hours of approved supervised experience working with chemically dependent individuals. In addition, the individual must pass a written chemical dependency counselor examination and hold an associate degree or higher.

The degree can be completed either online or on-campus. For those interested in obtaining the minor and licensure online outside of the state of Texas, students should contact their local state agency that oversees the LCDC licensure to verify the courses SAGU offers meet state qualifications.
SAGU launches extension sites coast-to-coast

SAGU has added 14 active online extension sites this fall, offering courses across the nation. Vice President of Enrollment and Retention Eddie Davis said, “SAGU has aggressively embraced the strategy of extension sites in order to provide an accessible education to students who do not fit the mold of a traditional on-campus or online student.”

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SAGU welcomes first D.Min. cohort

Harrison Graduate School (HGS) celebrated its first Doctor of Ministry cohort during the Fall 2014 semester under the leadership of Robert Harden, D.Min., Dean of Harrison Graduate School. The 30-hour graduate program offers 3 hours in the fall, spring and summer semesters to complement the schedules of its students, many of whom are active in full-time ministry.

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ATHLETIC NEWS

SAGU women’s basketball team returns from ministering overseas

Members of the SAGU Lady Lions basketball team recently returned from a trip to Juan Dolio, Dominican Republic. The trip wasn’t a search for sand, surf, and sun for summer break, but rather a missions trip to spread the love of Jesus to local women and children.

The team held a basketball camp for local boys teaching the basics of basketball and giving out over 100 Spanish New Testament Bibles after the clinic. For junior Taylor Hill coaching at the camp was the highlight of the week, “My favorite part of the trip would have to be the basketball camps. I loved the fact that the children living in the orphanage. The women on our team fell in love with the children, but more importantly, they now have a greater love for Jesus Christ.”

The week was also spent passing out gifts to girls in the local orphanage and children living in the Lily House, a home for former prostitutes. Coach Adlon Beadles believes the trip had a lasting impact on all that went, “We all cried right before our eyes. When you experience God like this, it changes you. We were so blessed through this experience. This time we experienced Him unfolding His plan right before our eyes. When you experience God like that, it changes you. We were so blessed through this experience.”

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Bostwick was appreciative of the hospitality they received, saying, “We are thankful for how gracious the Angolan Basketball Federation and the Angolan citizens were. Premier 1º de Agosto were great hosts.

What Angola has accomplished over the past 10 years dominating African basketball is nothing less than amazing.”

Because of the pre-season nature of the tournament, SAGU was allowed to add two veterans to the team – Caleb Gentry, a decorated SAGU alumnus who played in SAGU’s trips to the NAIA national tournament, and Steve Briggs, one of Bostwick’s former players at Oklahoma Wesleyan University.

Briggs, who also played professionally in Germany since graduation, was named MVP for his 26-point showing in the overtime win. Briggs remained in Angola and agreed with 1º de Agosto to play this season.

Off-court, SAGU players and coaches visited a school for orphans and special needs children. Austin Freese, who works for Sport Tours International, wrote, “SAGU played a pick-up game with them and the crowd of over 200 children cheered whenever anyone scored. SAGU is graceful and at ease in these situations, which always make them fun.”

Bostwick added, “Our service opportunities with two schools and the Living Water Assembly of God Church were life changing. It was great to see what God has done over the past 12 years since the end of their civil war.”

The team was invited as special guests for lunch at the US Embassy. For many, it was their first introduction to life in foreign service. Diplomats educated the players on the history of the US-Angola relationship. Bostwick was also able to connect with the President of the Angolan Basketball Federation.

Reflecting on the trip, Coach Bostwick said, “Many times you look back and see God’s fingerprint on things. This time we experienced Him unfolding His plan right before our eyes. When you experience God like that, it changes you. We were so blessed through this experience.”

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Moments later she briskly returns, visibly bothered. Her breathing is noticeably deepened as she walks down the aisle. “Get your stuff, we have to go!” Driving quickly, not a word is spoken. The silence seems louder than anything he has ever heard. As they pull up to Audubon Soccer Complex in Garland, Texas, his mother springs out of the car instructing him and his sister to stay put. Through the back window of his mother’s red convertible, he can only see the flashing lights on the front of the ambulance. Five minutes later, his mother returns and exclaims, “We are going to the emergency room. Your father has had a heart attack!”

William’s father was walking back to his truck after a soccer match when he suddenly felt a massive pressure on his chest. He leaned over the back of his tailgate trying to catch his breath. His friend Billy, who happened to park next to him, asked, “Biff, are you alright?” As his father thrust his hand toward Billy clutching his cell phone, he could only utter one word – ambulance.

During transportation from the emergency room to ICU, William catches a glimpse of his hero. With doctors and nurses pushing him quickly down the halls, he sees his mother holding his father’s hand. “I died, I died” his father says. During his emergency surgery, he died on the operating table. The doctors used a defibrillator to revive him and placed a stint in his main artery.

With his father still in ICU and his mother remaining at the hospital, William returns home alone. Not knowing what to do, he picks up his guitar – a moment that proves to be a defining moment – finding comfort in music. Though his father is now fully recovered, William still feels that deep connection with music. He and a friend founded a recreational home studio and began recording music projects. But, William has also discovered a deep love for marketing. Where do music and marketing converge? William explains that his passion is now to expand their studio and use marketing and networking to help bands go from the basement to the big time.

“The Dallas music scene has unbelievable talent. Living in Dallas is an amazing opportunity to connect with bands and network with the movers in the industry,” he explains. At the heart of William’s drive is a lingering question: How powerful is the song that is never heard? He wants to bring bands from obscurity to the ears of millions.

William Elliott, Business Marketing major
- Captain for Lion soccer
- University scholarship recipient
- Dean’s list regular

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Angela Antoine, English major
University scholar
Top 10% of African-American scholars
Award-winning pianist, storyteller.

Angela is a creative. Quiet and watchful, she isn’t one to attract attention. But, when she explains a plot or her characters, something changes. They take life in the room. She has such a deep connection with her creations that they become a part of her. In the way God created man, she creates characters to deliver an underlying message of Christ.

Angela’s passion for writing came at a young age. Sitting in her living room, she improvised stories for hours. With her family gathered around, she described the conflict and struggle of her characters and how the resolution of the story correlated with a Christ-like nature. It is amazing to think that her voice might have never been heard.

After the birth of her older sister, Angela’s mother Parthenia was diagnosed with a serious disease and was advised not to have another child. Being a doctor, Parthenia understood the gravity of the situation when she learned she was pregnant with Angela. Five months into the pregnancy her kidneys started to shut down and her doctor insisted an abortion was vital for her own safety. Willing to sacrifice herself for her child, she refused. She told the doctor that if she went into a coma, to keep her alive until she delivered the baby.

At nearly full-term, she realized something was wrong. She rushed to the hospital where the doctors struggled to find the baby’s heartbeat. When they finally discovered a heartbeat, they also discovered Angela was face down in only an inch of remaining fluid. After an immediate delivery, Angela and her mother survived.

Angela says, “God has such a big plan for my life. It was by His works I was born and my mother survived. God has called me to use my words to impact the world.”

Through the complications of her birth, God prevailed. Angela was chosen.
Each of the last two years SAGU has set records for the number of students choosing to live and attend classes on campus. If growth continues, it is evident that SAGU will require new facilities for students to live and learn.

Planning is already underway for a new phase of development involving two new facilities.

**6-STORY DORMITORY**
First, SAGU is evaluating a new dormitory with two possible building sites. The new facility would provide amenities similar to those of Teeter and Bridges Halls.

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**
A new administration building would replace the current Davis Hall, which is located at the center of campus. When constructed, the position of the new building would open room to create a central mall from the entrance of the newly constructed Hagee Communication Center to the Barnes Student Center.

**THE NEED**
Miraculous provision paved the way for the Hagee Communication Center. President Bridges explains that for these new facilities to be possible, the university will need key donors who believe in the purpose of SAGU to step forward and help prepare SAGU for a new era of growth.
Two short years into his teaching career, Justin had earned Hudson Middle School Teacher of the Year, Sachse Teacher of the Year and Rookie of the Year. He sets foot in the classroom each day with a cheery disposition and a desire to do more than simply expand minds.

Yet, Justin’s own childhood led through rough terrain – a journey that weaved the fabric of his character. As a small child, Justin was thrown into the role of being a pillar for his younger sister, mother and grandmother. Justin’s parents were alcoholics, one of several circumstance leading to him living with his grandparents. Briefly recounting some of the trying experience, Justin describes an incident in 2001. When his grandfather passed away, his mother again turned to drugs and alcohol. Justin recalls as a high schooler having to pick up his drunken mother at the side of the road.

But, God had already laid a path for Justin’s life. It was during the time living with his grandparents that Justin recalls a knock at the front door. “With a big smile, seven year-old Justin opened the door to find a man holding a gift and a Bible. “What’s your name?” the man asked. “Justin,” he replied. The man then began to explain his Christian faith.

The idea of Jesus was familiar to Justin. His grandparents previously attended church, but drifted away. He was so interested in this man and his message. So, when the man offered a weekly ride in the church bus to service, Justin was compelled to go.

Every Sunday from the age of 7 Justin would set his alarm, wake up, get dressed and eat breakfast before the bus arrived. After a few months of attending, one of the church leaders noticed Justin and said, “I can’t believe how motivated that young boy is to hear God’s word. God has a special calling on his life.”

One afternoon when Justin was still a boy he returned home and proclaimed to his grandmother, “I want to be a youth pastor!” Justin observed the difference that his youth pastor was making in the lives of others – the same man who invited him to church two years before – and he wanted to do the same.

That simple declaration is emblematic of Justin’s determination and focus. When he chose to attend SAGU, he knew he wanted to make a difference and wouldn’t stop until he discovered his precise calling. He ultimately realized that education was the path he needed to follow.

According to the Department of Education, the average public classroom size in the United States is 20 for elementary schools and 23.4 for secondary schools. The transformative power of teaching as a career has the potential to directly impact more than 700 students, and indirectly impact thousands more students, parents, administrators and teachers. Justin’s goal is to show them that there is always hope.

“Whoever spares his life spares his soul.” – Proverbs 14:12

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“This is the value of the teacher, who looks at a face and says there’s something behind that and I want to reach that person, I want to influence that person, I want to encourage that person, I want to enrich, I want to call out that person who is behind that face, behind that color, behind that language, behind that tradition, behind that culture. I believe you can do it. I know what was done for me.”

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35 NEW DESTINATIONS PLANNED FOR 2015

Angola   India   Russia   United States
Antiguá   Lebanon   Samoa   Vanuatu
Austria   Lesotho   South Africa   Vietnam and
Canada   Mozambique   South Korea   Yunnan Province
Dominica   Palau   Switzerland   Zimbabwe
Dominican Republic   Papua New Guinea   (additional sensitive countries
Greenland   Paraguay   Taiwan   excluded for protection of
Guyana   Portugal   Togo   partners and students)
Pablo and son, Don Dunlap. His youngest son, Wildon Dunlap, preceded him in death.

Leroy Nelson (1959) passed away February 2, 2014. He and his wife Maxine were married for 60 years. Survivors include his wife, his sons, Dan, Joe and Rob, four grandchildren, one granddaughter, brother Dave; and sister Linda.

Ruth (Sorrow) Ayres (1939) passed away March 6, 2014, in Venice, Fl. Ruth and her late husband Earl enjoyed traveling and were known for their hospitality, acts of kindness and service. She is survived by 3 step-children, 11 step-grandchildren, 20 step-great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Thomas R. Collins, age 88, went to be with the Lord on April 4, 2014. He was born in Manassas, OK, on Nov. 4, 1925, to Abbie (Gibbs) Collins. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Jessie Lee Collins; brothers Eugene Collins and J.B. Collins; and sisters Geneva Walker, Thelma Hembree and Jewel Eileen Collins. He leaves precious memories with his son Tommy Collins and his wife Nancy; daughter Shelley Bohannon and her husband Gary; son Marcie Conley; 4 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

James Usey EJ (1941), 85, passed away September 1, 2014. He was born on July 18, 1969, in Kemna, Texas. At the time of his passing he resided in Rancho Mirage, California, where he worked for Luxury Homes by Keller Williams Realty.

Olin M. Davis, age 82, passed away on March 22, 2014. He was a draftsman by trade and worked in the steel and construction industry for 57 years; for 31 of those years, he was self-employed. He is survived by his wife of 41 years Gail Rodgers Davis; his children Marin (Glady) Davis Brummett, Kimble and Brian (Teresa) Davis, George (Dondra) Davis, and Russ Davis-Rogers; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Chance Hamilton, age 30, passed away June 28, 2014, in Jenks, OK. Dr. Brummett was ordained as an Assemblies of God minister in 1953. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Religion from Southwestern College, Oklahoma City, and a Master of Arts from Bethany Nazarene University. He received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from SAGU.

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He is remembered fondly for his dedication and commitment to the college’s students. He was honored the Honorary Alumnus Award at SAGU Homecoming in 2004. Dr. Brummett and his wife pastored churches throughout Arkansas, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Minnesota before retirement in 1995.

President Kermit Bridges said of the passing: "H.A. Brummett impacted the lives of thousands of students at SAGU during his service as a faculty member and president from 1978-1982, and through continued support in his subsequent years of pastoral ministry. I am proud to have attended SAGU during his presidency and privileged to have been influenced by his life and ministry."

### Former President H.A. Brummett passes

Herdel A. Brummett passed away on Monday, June 23, 2014, in Tulsa, OK. He was 84 years old. He was born Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Broken Arrow, OK. He married Minnie Papp-Durantle C gib on October 1, 1949, in Jenks, OK.

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In 1966, he entered the army as a military chaplain to be of service during the Vietnam War. He continued that career for 30 years until May, 1995, when he retired as a Colonel. During his tour of duty in Vietnam in 1967, he was exposed to Agent Orange which led to Lewy Body Dementia.

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He was at the forefront of the Jesus People revolution during the 1970’s while in the Army. At one post, Post Sill, OK, he was able to lead over three thousand troops to the Lord during a 3-year period. Many of these are in active ministry today. His awards included Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Award (5th Award), Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3d Award), Air Force Good Conduct Medal and National Defense Medal (w/ Bronze Star).
Quick Facts

**Enrollment**.................................1,984

**Student/teacher ratio**........21:1

**Cost per year**......................$25,790
Based on full-time tuition with room and board for 2014-2015.

**Cost per hour**
Undergraduate on-campus............................$619
Undergraduate online.....................................$560
Graduate......................................................$560

**Doctoral dissertation fee**.............$1,000

**Financial aid**.........92% awarded financial aid

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**Doctorate**
- Leadership and Creative Communication

**Master’s**
- Business Administration
- Counseling Psychology
- Human Services Counseling (Non-Clinical)
- Education
  - Curriculum Development
  - Christian School Administration
  - Early Childhood/Elementary Education
  - Early Education Administration
  - Middle and Secondary Education
  - Principalship
  - School Counseling
- History
  - Education Track
  - Thesis Track
  - Non-thesis Track
- Master of Divinity
- Organizational Leadership
- Theological Studies
  - Bible and Theology
  - Children and Family Ministries
  - Intercultural Studies
  - Practical Theology

**Bachelor’s**
- Accounting
- Ancient Studies
- Bible and Theology
- Biblical Studies
- Business Administration
- Children and Family Ministries
- Church Leadership
- Church Planting and Revitalization
- Communication Studies
- Counseling
- Counseling Ministries
- Criminal Justice
- Digital Media Arts

**Associate**
- Bible
- Business Administration
- Early Childhood Education
- Education
- English
- General Business
- General Studies
- Media
- Music
- Psychology
- Social Studies

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2 Offered on campus or online.

3 Partially offered online; some on-campus coursework required.

4 Offered online only.