About Harrison Graduate School

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 convenient options.

- SAGU is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).
- 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.
- 17 of our 20 programs can be completed entirely online.
“I found myself frustrated with the educational options available for aspiring Pentecostal scholars in California. Sensing the lead of the Holy Spirit, and encouraged by a generous scholarship, I moved to the Dallas area to attend the Harrison Graduate School. God has blessed me richly through the learning that has taken place. I was impressed with the friendliness of the professors, the ethnic diversity among the students, and the small student to professor ratio, which guarantees individual time with my instructors.”

John Cleveland, M.Div., Graduate Spring 2009

The Master of Divinity offers graduate-level preparation for Christian ministry and post-graduate 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. M.Div. students can concentrate on a particular field by taking twelve credit hours of electives in that field: Biblical Studies, Counseling, Intercultural Studies, Practical Theology or Theological Studies.

Required Courses for Major (57 hours)
Bible: 15 hours of Bible Electives
Counseling (6 hours)
  Marriage & Family Counseling
  Crisis Intervention
Intercultural Studies (6 hours)
  Religion in Contemporary World Society
  Ministering Within Cultural Diversity
Practical Theology (9 hours)
  Leadership in Ministry
  Pastoral Care
  Preaching with Purpose
Theology (18 hours)
  Research Literature & Technology
  Issues in Contemporary Theology
  Biblical Theology: Old Testament
  Six additional hours of Theology
Practicum (3 hours)
Elective Component (15 hours)

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. Should you elect the thesis option, you are not required to complete the Graduate Comprehensive Examination.

*The thesis option is not available to Master of Divinity students who did a thesis in an M.A. degree program.
Curriculum Development Specialization

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

Undergraduate Prerequisites (9 hours)
- PSY 2323 Developmental Psychology
- PSY 3463 Theories and Principles of Learning
- RDG 3123 Literacy Instruction I
“Furthering your education can improve your teaching skills and open new opportunities in the field. You will benefit from the convenience of evening or online classes, experienced professors, and gaining an advanced degree while continuing your present teaching position.”

Dr. Donna Townsend
Education

“The education I have received in Harrison Graduate School has prepared me as a leader in education and ministry. My studies have given me a deeper understanding and passion for God’s Word and a greater vision to reach the children of the world for Jesus Christ.”

Bethany Moore, M.Ed. Curriculum Development, Graduate Spring 2009

Master of Education Programs

Principalship

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 & Supervision for Public Schools
- School Legal Issues
- Principalship

Research Area Component (9 hours)
- Principles & Practices of Early Childhood Education
- Advanced Strategies in Reading
- Advanced Strategies in Learning
- Language Arts/Reading Curriculum

Practicum Component (6 hours - 160 Clock hours)
- Thesis Track: Master’s thesis in lieu of the comprehensive examination and 6 hours of non-core credits.

Middle & Secondary Education

Undergraduate Prerequisites (9 hours)
- Foundations of Education
- Developmental Psychology
- Theories and Principles of Learning

Professional Component (18 hours)
- Technology in Educational Settings
- Research Literature & Technology
- Differentiated Learning Strategies
- Teaching Students of Diverse Cultures
- Studies in Classroom Management
- Advanced Strategies of Learning

Resource Area Component (12 hours)
- Advanced Studies in Teaching English as a Second Language
- Advanced Strategies in Reading
- Language Arts/Reading Curriculum
- Mathematics Curriculum
- Social Studies Curriculum
- Science Curriculum
- Instructional Leadership in Curriculum & Assessment
**Education Notes**

- SAGU has a 100% passing rate for state certification exams.
- SAGU professors have doctorates from well-known accredited universities, such as Texas A&M and St. Louis University.
- All courses are biblically integrated.
- 99% of Education graduates receive job placement following graduation.

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**Early Childhood/Elementary Specialization**

**Undergraduate Prerequisites**
- Developmental Psychology
- Theories and Principles of Learning
- Literacy Instruction I

**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 (6 hours)**
- Principles & Practices of Early Childhood Education
- Advanced Strategies in Reading

**School Counseling**

**Undergraduate Prerequisites**
- Applicants must have at least two years of teaching experience prior to beginning the program.

**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 - 160 Clock hours)**
Master of Arts Programs

History

Professional Component (9 hours)
- Research Literature & Technology
- Biblical Backgrounds
- Historiography

History Education Track (33 hours)
- American South
- American West
- Medieval Europe
- Modern Europe 1848-1945

(12 hours from these courses)
- Differentiated Learning Strategies
- Teaching Students of Diverse Cultures
- Studies in Classroom Management
- Advanced Strategies of Learning

History Non-Thesis Track (30 hours)
- 18 hours of History
- 3 hours for Research Project

History Thesis Track
- 15 hours of History
- 6 hours for Thesis (over a 2 semester period)

Other History Course Options
- Religion in America
- Ages of Faith
- Military History
- Selected Topics
- Historical/Cultural Study Tour

For Education Track students these prerequisites may be required
- Foundations of Education
- Developmental Psychology
- Theories and Principles of Learning
"I graduated from SAGU in 2002 with a degree in business, so I was already familiar with the School of Distance Education. I knew that through distance education it would be possible to get the degree that I needed without interrupting the other areas of my life. That was the path that I chose to pursue. I have studied a wide range of historical topics from Medieval European History to the American South. I have also been exposed to theories and techniques that will allow me to be an effective teacher. I recommend this program to anyone interested in changing their career to education."

David Helms, M.A. in History with Teacher Certification, Graduate Spring 2009
Counseling and Psychology

“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 in the early stages of my career. Harrison Graduate School enabled me to become the person I am today emotionally, spiritually, relationally, educationally and professionally. For that I will be eternally grateful.”

Tiffany Rinas, Counseling Psychology, Graduate May 2006

Master of Science Programs

Clinical Psychology

Research Component (3 hours)
- Psychological Methods & Research Design *

Professional Component (39 hours)
- Ethical and Legal Issues
- Methods and Techniques in Counseling
- Integrative Issues in the Behavioral Sciences
- Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy
- Psychopharmacology
- Human Growth and Life Span Development
- Tests and Assessment
- Cognitive Assessment
- Objective Personality Assessment
- Cognitive Behavior and Therapy
- Clinical Psychopathology
- Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences
- Advanced Psychopathology and Treatment Planning

Practicum Component (6 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.
SAGU Counseling graduates have a 90% first time pass rate on the National Counselor Examination for Licensure and Certification (NCE).

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**Bible & Theology**

**Professional Component (24 hours)**
- Leadership in Ministry
- Pastoral Care
- Research Literature & Technology

**9 Hours of Bible Courses**
- Biblical Hermeneutics
- Biblical Backgrounds
- Studies in Lucan Writings
- Unity of the Bible
- Studies in the Historical Books

**6 Hours from the following**
- Issues in Contemporary Theology
- Spiritual Dynamics in Ministry
- Christian Worldview in a Pluralistic Society
- Biblical Theology: Old Testament
- Systematic Theology I
- Systematic Theology II
- Reformation Theology

**Elective Component (12 hours)**
- Non-thesis & thesis options

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**Practical Theology**

**Professional Component (24 hours)**
- Research Literature & Technology
- Leadership in Ministry
- Ministry within Cultural Diversity
- Pastoral Care
- Practical Theological Issues in Ministry
- Administrative Leadership in a Missions Context
- Spiritual Dynamics in Ministry Today

**3 Hours from**
- Church Administration
- Church Growth & Evangelism Strategies

**3 Hours from**
- Nurture Ministries in the Church
- Preaching with Purpose

**Elective Component (12 hours)**
- Non-thesis & thesis options
Bible & Theological Studies

“I have been so blessed by the classes offered in Children and Family Ministries. The professors show genuine interest in the students’ ministries and lives. I believe that the preparation that has gone into each class is evident in the way that students walk away with the ability to carry out what we have learned, in a ‘real life’ situation.”

Julie Brier, M.A. in Children and Family Ministries

Master of Arts Programs

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
- Family 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
Organizational Leadership

The 36-credit program will prepare leaders from a broad range of institutional settings to positively impact their organizations and communities. As other graduate degrees offered at SAGU, this program equips students to fulfill the mission of the university through increased professional and ministerial effectiveness and preparation for future academic training.

The curriculum of the program 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. Upon completion of the degree, graduates should be able to identify and strategize for the development of 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.
Research Component (3 hours)
Research and 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

Practitioners

Greg Beadles
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer for the Atlanta Falcons

Douglas Clay
General Treasurer for the Assemblies of God

Bryan Jarrett
General Council Executive Presbyter & Senior Pastor

Scott Wilson
Author & Senior Pastor
The MBA degree encourages a deep passion for lifelong learning. Skills from an MBA can be applied to any field, including emerging and niche fields, allowing for new and diverse career opportunities regardless of the economic climate.

SAGU’s MBA students will develop their leadership skills and sharpen their business acumen under experienced, expert faculty. The program is taught from a biblical worldview with an emphasis on professional ethics and integrity. Continuing SAGU’s core value of missions-mindedness, the program will give students an increased awareness of the global marketplace.

The degree will help students become more effective leaders by acquiring an array of management tools, learning theories and communication skills. Students will learn business strategy — planning ahead to make the most effective use of limited resources. Students will also learn how finances affect strategy and the bottom line of business.

SAGU’s online cohort model caters to the needs of working adults students, many of whom are already professionals in their careers. Students can work around their demanding schedules by working at their own pace with the flexibility of SAGU distance education platform.
Professional Component (33 hours)
Advanced Marketing Strategies
Applied Business Research
Business Ethics
Business Leadership
Corporate Finance
Global Business Economics
Managerial Accounting
Managerial Decision Making
Management Information Systems
Organizational Behavior
Organizational Strategy

Capstone/Synthesis (3 hours)
Leadership Practicum

Total Hours 36 hours
Doctor of Ministry in Leadership and Creative Communication

“You never change the message of the Gospel, but to be effective in ministry, you must constantly change your method of reaching people. SAGU’s Doctor of Ministry is the next step in our commitment to train church leaders for the 21st Century.”

Dr. Robert Harden

The Doctor of Ministry in leadership and creative communication will provide students the spiritual, academic, leadership, homiletic, and media resources to be effective communicators. The program will prepare church leaders to communicate effectively in a media-saturated society and to enhance their sermon presentations and online ministry presence through media.

The 30-hour graduate program will offer three hours in the fall and spring and six hours in the summer to create schedules conducive to students who are actively engaged in ministry. The program will combine distance education with campus seminars to connect students with top-tier leaders. Students will have the opportunity to engage in environments such as The Oaks Fellowship “Think Tank” to enhance the learning process.

In addition to learning the foundations of leadership, students will learn about the process of vision casting, sermon series preparation, and the use of creative teams. The program also teaches students how to employ different philosophies and cultural implications into their expository preaching. D.Min. students will also delve into the idea of finding God within popular culture movies, music, TV, art, fashion and sports.
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
Foundations of Leadership: History, Theory,
   Application and Development
Business Ethics

Practicum Component (6 hours)
Dissertation 1
Dissertation 2