



Academic Degree Programs

Messenger College offers both a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry and a Bachelor of Arts in Counseling. Both degree programs require satisfactory completion of 129 credit hours.

Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry

In addition to the concrete and philosophical goals of the institution, the following program objectives are related specifically to the B.A. in Christian Ministry.

1. Foundational Bible knowledge, which contributes to the formation of a Christian worldview, enabling the graduate to apply biblical truth to contemporary and cultural issues.
2. Competency in general education.
3. Skills for effective oral, written, and visual communication including the basic use of technology.
4. Leadership competencies and professionalism appropriate to their role and sphere of influence.
5. In addition, each concentration includes specific outcomes deemed essential to that concentration.

We believe every student comes to us with unique gifts, talents and strengths that are God given because of a specific life-call. We know you desire to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to be excellent in the area of ministry where you are most passionate. Because of this, we have included a variety of electives in the Christian Ministry program that allow students to choose areas in which they are most interested.

Students will complete fifteen courses (45 credit hours) in the General Education Core. Courses will cover subjects in English, Math, Science, History, Government, Psychology, Sociology, Language and Communication. Students will complete a 3-credit hour course in Academic Success at the beginning of their degree program and a 3-credit hour course in Senior Seminar at the end of their degree program.

The Messenger College Core course requirements include eighteen courses (54 credit hours) of Bible and ministry courses to prepare students to succeed in their calling. Courses include Old Testament, New Testament, Spiritual Formation, Theology, Organizational Leadership, Church Administration, Acts, Church History, Apologetics, and others.

The Christian Ministry Degree includes a focus on Pastoral Ministry and its many facets which is intended to help a student identify their gifting and calling. Students are asked to identify an area of interest when they declare their degree; electives are then selected based on those interests and scheduling. Students will complete seven courses (21 credit hours) in Pastoral Ministry and select three additional courses (9 credit hours) of ministry electives.

Please see the Messenger College [Academic Catalog](#) for specific and detailed course information on all our degree programs.



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Bachelor of Arts in Counseling

In addition to the concrete and philosophical goals of the institution, the following program objectives are related specifically to the B.A. in Counseling.

1. Demonstrate competence in the major concepts in psychology/counseling.
2. Acknowledge the Lordship of Christ over their personal lives and ministries and the fellowship of the church.
3. Accept the challenges and opportunities of ministry within their chosen major after leaving college.
4. Integrate the knowledge and principles of counseling into a biblical worldview.
5. Articulate a proper relationship between psychology and Christian faith.
6. Demonstrate academic competence in preparation for advanced study related to this field.
7. Successfully apply knowledge and techniques of counseling in supervised field experience.

NOTICE CONCERNING COUNSELING DEGREE AND LICENSURE

The Bachelor of Arts in Counseling is not intended to lead to licensure/certification. Additional educational requirements must be met prior to applying for licensure/certification. The Bachelor of Arts in Counseling is intended to provide a foundation for pastoral care within the local church and further study. Students are advised to contact their state licensure boards/agencies to obtain a list of requirements for licensure/certification prior to starting the degree if licensure/certification is desired.

Students pursuing a degree in Counseling will complete fifteen courses (45 credit hours) in the General Education Core. Courses will cover subjects in English, Math, Science, History, Government, Psychology, Sociology, Language and Communication. Students will complete a 3-credit hour course in Academic Success at the beginning of their degree program and a 3-credit hour course in Senior Seminar at the end of their degree program.

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In addition to the General Education and Messenger College Core courses, students will complete an additional thirteen courses (39 credit hours) specific to Counseling. The Counseling Core includes both introductory and advanced courses such as Counseling Children & Adolescents, Counseling the Adult Population, Crisis Intervention and Management, Pastoral Care & Counseling, and Advanced General Counseling, just to name a few.

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