



Academic Degree Programs

Messenger College offers a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry, an Associate of Arts in Christian Ministry, and a Bachelor of Arts in Counseling. Both Bachelor degree programs require satisfactory completion of 129 credit hours; the Associate degree requires completion of 60 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. Upon completion of the program, students should be able to:

1. Effectively teach and communicate the biblical message, orally, visually, and in written form, utilizing technology when appropriate.
2. Learn to fulfill pastoral roles in ministry settings.
3. Demonstrate leadership competencies and professionalism appropriate to their role and sphere of influence in a ministry capstone course.
4. Function appropriately and effectively in professional fields of service, as evidenced by the satisfactory completion of a ministry internship.

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.

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Associate 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 A.A. in Christian Ministry. Upon completion of the program, students should be able to:

1. Develop foundational biblical and theological knowledge that allows the student to articulate elements of a Christian worldview.
2. Effectively research and communicate elements of the general education and core curriculum, utilizing technology when appropriate.
3. Demonstrate characteristics of leadership and spiritual formation.
4. Identify the unique elements of the Pentecostal Doctrine and have the educational equivalency to operate as an ordained minister in the Pentecostal Church of God if desired.

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. Students will be able to select an elective course that could come from the general education core or be used for a ministry elective.

Students will complete eight courses (24 credit hours) in the General Education Core. Courses will cover subjects in English, Humanities, Philosophy, Sociology, and Communication. Most students will complete a 3-credit hour course in Academic Success at the beginning of their degree.

The Messenger College Core course requirements include twelve courses (36 credit hours) of Bible and ministry courses to prepare students to succeed in their calling. Courses include Old Testament, New Testament, Spiritual Formation, Theology, Essentials of Leadership, Life of Christ, Church History, Biblical Interpretation, and others.

The Associate of Arts in Christian Ministry Degree parallels the ministerial study path for individuals seeking to pursue credentials with the Pentecostal Church of God.

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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. Upon completion of the program, students should be able to:

1. Effectively evaluate the major concepts of psychology and counseling and the relationship of each to the Christian faith.
2. Display progressive competency in the major concepts of counseling.



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3. Demonstrate academic competence in preparation for advanced study by successful completion of a counseling capstone course.
4. Successfully apply and assess, and adapt if needed, the knowledge and techniques of counseling in a supervised field practicum.

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.

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.

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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