

Department of Christian Ministries (CHMN)

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Mission Statement:

The Department of Christian Ministries seeks to help students understand the theology, nature, and challenges of Christian ministry and to prepare students for effective ministry in the 21st century.

A Major in Christian Ministries (CHMN) must satisfy the Basic Requirements and the requirements in one of the following five patterns:

Basic Requirements:

CHMN 1003	Spiritual Formation
CHMN 1023	The Practice of Ministry
CHMN 2023	Biblical Exegesis
PHIL 1003	Introduction to Philosophy
BSTH 3303	Baptist Heritage
BSTH 4403	ChristianTheology

Christian Ministries-Pastoral (42 hours)

Basic Requirements.....	18
Evangelism & Church Growth, CHMN 3403	3
Interpersonal Comm., SPCH 3033	3
Homiletics, CHMN 3413.....	3
Pastoral Ministry, CHMN 3423.....	3
Christian Counseling, CHMN 3103 or Christian Ethics, CHMN 3013.....	3
Ministry Internship, CHMN 3433.....	3
Biblical Studies.....	6

Christian Ministries-Education (42 hours)⁵

Basic Requirements.....	18
Introduction to Christian Education, CHMN 2203.....	3
Christian Education of Children, CHMN 3203.....	3
Evangelism & Church Growth, CHMN 3403	3
Homiletics, CHMN 3413.....	3
Christian Counseling, CHMN 3103.....	3
Ministry Internship, CHMN 3433.....	3
Biblical Studies.....	6

Christian Ministries-Youth (39 hours)

Basic Requirements.....	18
Evangelism & Church Growth, CHMN 3403	3
Introduction to Youth Ministry, CHMN 2223.....	3
Advanced Youth Ministry, CHMN 3323.....	3
Homiletics, CHMN 3413.....	3
Ministry Internship, CHMN 3433.....	3
Biblical Studies.....	6

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⁵CHMN-Education majors are strongly encouraged to pursue a minor in "Education in the Christian School" in the School of Education

Christian Ministries-Counseling (39 hours)

Basic Requirements.....	18
The Counselor, CHMN 2103	3
Group Dynamics in Christian Counseling, CHMN 2123	3
Christian Counseling, CHMN 3103.....	3
Issues in Christian Counseling, CHMN 3113, CHMN 3123, CHMN 4143, or CHMN 4163.....	3
Ministry Internship, CHMN 3433.....	3
Biblical Studies.....	3
Christian Ethics, CHMN 3013 or Professional Ethics, ETHC 3023	3

Christian Ministries-Missions (42 hours)

Basic Requirements.....	18
Introduction to Christian Missions, CHMN 2303	3
Evangelism & Church Growth, CHMN 3403	3
Missions Methodology, CHMN 3303 or Contemporary Cults, CHMN 3323 or Cont. Issues in Missions, CHMN 3343.....	3
World Religions, PHIL 3043.....	3
History of Missions, CHMN 4303.....	3
Cross Cultural Communication, CHMN 4313	3
Ministry Internship, CHMN 3433.....	3
Biblical Studies.....	3

Special Note: Students with a major in Christian Ministries (CHMN) may not seek a major or minor in Biblical Studies and Theology (BSTH), but they may seek a major or minor in Philosophy and Ethics (PHIL). They may also seek a second minor in Greek (GREK) or Hebrew (HEBR).

A Minor in Christian Ministries (CHMN) must satisfy the following requirements: (a total of 21 hours):

CHMN 1003	Spiritual Formation
CHMN 1023	The Practice of Ministry
CHMN 2023	Biblical Exegesis
BSTH 3303	Baptist Heritage

Nine (9) additional hours from the Department of Christian Ministries, including at least three (3) hours at the Junior/Senior level.

1003. Spiritual Formation.

A course focusing on the personal spiritual development of students preparing for Christian ministry. **Fall, Spring.**

1023. The Practice of Ministry.

An introduction to Christian ministry, including theological foundations and practical applications. **Fall, Spring.**

*Students choosing Christian Ministries-Counseling will be required to complete a second major in Psychology. This course of study is intended to prepare students to attend seminary or graduate school in Psychology. Successful completion of any course(s) within this program will not qualify the student for practice or licensure as a professional counselor.

- 2023. Biblical Exegesis.**
This course is designed to develop the student's skill in doing biblical exegesis (the study and interpretation of the Bible). Prerequisites: CORE 1113, 1123. **Fall, Spring.**
- 2103. The Counselor.**
A study of the personality and task of the Christian counselor. **Fall of odd-numbered years.**
- 2123. Group Dynamics in Christian Counseling.**
A study of the biblical basis for the group process in Christian counseling. **Fall of even-numbered years.**
- 2203. Introduction to Christian Education.**
A study of the biblical basis, methodology, and content of education in the local church. **Spring of even-numbered years.**
- 2223. Introduction to Youth Ministry.**
An introduction to the foundations, relationships, and programming of youth ministry in the local church. **Spring of even-numbered years.**
- 2303. Introduction to Christian Missions.**
A study of the biblical basis of missions, current missiological trends, and Baptist involvement in missions. **Fall of odd-numbered years.**
- 3013. Christian Ethics.**
See ETHC 3013. **Fall of even-numbered years.**
- 3073. Christian Ministries Study Trip.**
This course consists of a study trip providing international or national missions experience. The focus will be on the study of missions through classroom preparation and practical application on the mission field. **Summer of odd-numbered years.**
- 3103. Christian Counseling.**
A study of principles and techniques of counseling with attention given to certain problem areas confronting Christian counselors. **Spring.**
- 3113. Dating, Courtship, and Marriage (Issues Course).**
An examination of the process of dating, courtship, and marriage. **Fall 2003.**
- 3123. Human Sexuality (Issues Course).**
An examination of human sexuality from a biblical perspective focusing on issues pertinent to Christian counseling. **Fall 2004.**
- 3203. Christian Education of Children.**
A study of the biblical basis, methodology, and content of the education of children in the local church. **Spring of odd-numbered years.**
- 3223. Advanced Youth Ministry.**
A study of selected life issues encountered by youth and ministers to youth. **Fall of even-numbered years.**
- 3303. Missions Methodology.**
An introduction to missions methods of the past and present with a view to evaluating their biblical relevance and relationship to the expansion of Christianity. **On Demand.**

- 3323. Contemporary Cults.**
An examination of important contemporary cult groups in relationship to the Christian faith. **On Demand.**
- 3343. Contemporary Issues in Missions.**
A study of critical issues in missions, including trends, strategies, and challenges in contemporary global mission endeavors. **On Demand.**
- 3403. Evangelism and Church Growth.**
An introduction to the theology and methods of evangelism and church growth. **Spring.**
- 3413. Homiletics.**
An introduction to the nature, preparation, and delivery of biblical sermons and Bible studies. Prerequisite: BSTH 2023/CHMN 2023. **Fall, Spring.**
- 3423. Pastoral Ministry.**
A study of the practical responsibilities of the pastor including pastoral care and administration of ministries. **Fall of odd-numbered years.**
- 3433. Ministry Internship.**
A supervised ministry intern experience available only to CHMN students. The internship must relate to the pattern the student has selected and must be approved in advance by the Chair of the Department of Christian Ministries and the Dean of the School of Christian Studies. This course will be graded on a Satisfactory-Unsatisfactory basis where Satisfactory is defined as a grade of C or higher and Unsatisfactory is equivalent to any grade below C. **On Demand.**
- 4143. Divorce, Remarriage, and the Stepfamily (Issues Course).**
An examination of divorce, remarriage, and the stepfamily from a biblical perspective. **Fall 2005.**
- 4163. Counseling and the Occult (Issues Course).**
An examination of the occult, including belief systems, motivations for occult involvement, and challenges for the church and the counselor. **Fall 2002/2006.**
- 4303. History of Missions.**
A survey of the expansion of Christianity through missions from Pentecost to the present. **Fall of even-numbered years.**
- 4313. Cross Cultural Communication.**
An introduction to the principles of intercultural communication with a view to preparing students for life and ministry in another culture. **Spring of odd-numbered years.**
- 4406. Supervised Hospital Ministry.**
A supervised practicum designed to help students increase proficiency in interpersonal skills and ministry in a hospital environment. Fulfills Ministry Internship requirement. Prerequisites: Junior standing and faculty approval. **Summer (at Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock).**
- 4801-4893. Special Studies in Christian Ministries.**
Prerequisite: Permission of the Chair of the Department and the Dean of the School. **On Demand.**