



HARRISON GRADUATE SCHOOL



MASTER AND DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

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ABOUT

The 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 a variety of options for your convenience.

- Southwestern Assemblies of God University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate, baccalaureate, masters, and doctorate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Southwestern Assemblies of God University.
- 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. Some courses are even offered as a summer intensive for the Behavioral Sciences online requirements.
- 17 of our 20 programs can be completed entirely online.



HISTORY

MASTER OF ARTS

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 (30 HOURS)

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

CAREERS IN HISTORY

College Professor
Corporate Historian
Historic Preservation Professional
Documentary Editor
Diplomat
Museum & Historical Organization

MAY BE REQUIRED FOR EDUCATION TRACK STUDENTS

Foundations of Education
Developmental Psychology
Theories and Principles of Learning

OTHER COURSE OPTIONS

Religion in America
Ages of Faith
Military History
Selected Topics
Historical/Cultural Study Tour

“ The MA in History provides the background needed to understand the world and explain it to others. The online delivery system was easy to use and made it possible for me to study while I continued working in my career. Now I’m able to pursue two passions – History and teaching in the classroom! ”



Terri Roberts,
History Graduate

EDUCATION

MASTER OF EDUCATION

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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 for Public Schools
or Educational Leadership for Private Schools
School Legal Issues
Principalship

RESEARCH AREA COMPONENT (9 HOURS)

Principles & Practices of Early
Advanced Strategies in Reading
Advanced Strategies in Learning
Language Arts/Reading Curriculum

PRACTICUM COMPONENT (6 HOURS)

Internship in Administration

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP SPECIALIZATIONS

- Christian School Administration
- Public School Administration

EDUCATION NOTABLES

- 100% passing rate for state certification exams.
- SAGU professors have doctorates from prestigious, accredited universities.
- All courses are biblically integrated.
- 99% of education graduates receive job placement following graduation.



“ My degree in Educational Leadership, has most importantly made me a better educator. The degree has opened doors for me and it has allowed me to grow as a person and as a professional. I now view decision making and educational situations with a more global perspective. I feel this ultimately allows me to serve my students and families in a greater way while making a lasting impact on our world! ”

Sarah Beratto
Educational Leadership



CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

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

CURRICULUM SPECIALIZATIONS

- Curriculum Studies
- Early Childhood
- History

SCHOOL COUNSELING

UNDERGRADUATE PREREQUISITES (9 HOURS)

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)

BEHAVIORAL

CAREERS IN BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Academic sports psychologist
Addictions counselor
Clinical psychiatrist
Clinical therapist
Consulting services director
Management consultant
Marriage or family counselor
Military psychologist
Occupational psychologist
School counselor
Social behavioral scientist
Teacher

SAGU Behavioral Science graduates have a 90% first time pass rate on the National Counselor Examination for Licensure and Certification (NCE).



CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences
Psychological Methods and Research Design
Professional Orientation, Ethical and Legal Issues
Human Growth and Life Span Development
Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy
Biological Basis of Behavior
Methods and Techniques in Counseling
Social and Cultural Diversity
Tests and Assessment
Cognitive Assessment*
Objective Personality Assessment *
Advanced Learning Theory and Applications
Clinical Psychopathology
Advanced Psychopathology and Treatment Planning
Capstone in Clinical Psychology
Practicum in Clinical Psychology (225 clock hours)
Advanced Practicum in Clinical Psychology (225 clock hours)

RELATED ELECTIVES: 12 Hours

(Select 12 hours from one of the two following tracks)

General Clinical Track (four of the following courses):

Marriage and Family Counseling
Psychopharmacology
Methods of Group Counseling
Addictions Counseling
Crisis Intervention
Child and Adolescent Assessment and Treatment Planning *

Play Therapy Track

(Leads to Certification as Play Therapist)

Introduction to Play Therapy
Play Therapy with Varied Populations and Techniques
Advanced Play Therapy
Families, Parents and Teachers in the Play Therapy Process

* On Campus Only

SCIENCES

CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Psychological Methods and Research Design
Professional Orientation, Ethical and Legal Issues
Human Growth and Life Span Development
Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy
Methods and Techniques in Counseling
Marriage and Family Counseling
Social and Cultural Diversity
Methods of Group Counseling
Addictions Counseling
Tests and Assessment
Crisis Intervention
Personal Lifestyle and Career Development
Clinical Psychopathology
Ethical and Legal Issues in Professional Practice
Integrative Issues in the Behavioral Sciences
Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences
Advanced Psychopathology and Treatment Planning
Pre-Practicum
Practicum in Counseling Psychology
(150 clock hours)
Advanced Practicum in Counseling Psychology
(150 clock hours)

** On Campus Only*

HUMAN SERVICES COUNSELING (NON-CLINICAL)

Professional Orientation, Ethical and Legal Issues
Methods and Techniques in Counseling
Marriage and Family Counseling
Social and Cultural Diversity
Integration Issues in Behavioral Sciences
Human Growth and Life Span Development
Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy
Crisis Intervention
Personal Lifestyle and Career Development
Practicum in Human Services Counseling
(3 hours – 150 Clock 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.

“ 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. Harrison Graduate School enabled me to become the person I am today emotionally, spiritually, educationally and professionally. For that I will be eternally grateful. ”

**Tiffany Rinas, Counseling Psychology,
Graduate 2009**



MBA

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

SAGU's MBA develops student's leadership skills and sharpens their business acumen under experienced, expert faculty. The program is taught from a biblical worldview with an emphasis on professional ethics and integrity. The program will give students an increased awareness of the global marketplace.

The degree helps students become more effective leaders by acquiring an array of management tools, learning theories and communication skills. Students learn business and financial strategy—planning ahead to make the most effective use of limited resources.

CAREERS IN BUSINESS

- Business analyst
- Corporate investment banker
- Data analyst
- Entrepreneur or business owner
- Financial planner
- Human resources officer
- Marketing or advertising executive
- Non-profit manager
- Project manager
- Sales executive
- Social media manager
- Stockbroker

BUSINESS

PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT (33 HOURS)

- Statistics and Analytics for Business Professionals
- Global Business Finance and Economics
- Global Teams and Leadership
- Operations Management
- Business Ethics
- Information Systems for Managers
- Organizational Strategy
- Strategic Business Leadership
- Advanced Marketing Strategies
- Managerial Decision Making
- Organizational Behavior

CAPSTONE (3 HOURS)

TOTAL HOURS 36 HOURS



ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

MASTER OR ARTS

The curriculum 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. Graduates should be able to identify and develop 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.

LEARN HOW TO

- Communicate effectively
- Motivate others individuals to create high-performing organizations
- Effect change in an organization by applying leadership theories and models
- Solve leadership problems and resolve organizational issues
- Promote and nurture individual growth in others to achieve organizational goals

RESEARCH COMPONENT (3 HOURS)

Research & 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



BIBLE & THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

MASTER OF ARTS

The Master of Bible and Theology trains you for advanced knowledge in the study, interpretation, and application of the Word of God. Employ analytical thinking and utilize basic disciplines and methodologies for independent study of Scripture for your ministry.

The Thesis option is especially designed for and usually limited to students who plan to continue graduate work in a Ph.D. doctoral program. In this option, you take two 3-hour courses of Thesis in the Elective Component of the degree plan. These two courses must be taken in two consecutive regular semesters (Fall-Spring or Spring-Fall, not available in Summer). This option must be approved by the Department of Bible and Theology during the semester prior to your first semester of thesis.

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT (24 HOURS)

- Research Literature & Technology
- Leadership in Ministry
- Ministry within Cultural Diversity
- Pastoral Care
- Practical Theological Issues in Ministry
- 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 & THEOLOGY

RESEARCH COMPONENT (3 HOURS)

- Research Literature and Technology

BIBLICAL COMPONENT (12 HOURS)

- Biblical Hermeneutics
- Biblical Backgrounds

6 graduate hours of electives from BIB courses

THEOLOGICAL COMPONENT (12 HOURS)

- Doctrines of the Pentecostal Movement
- Systematic Theology I
- Systematic Theology II

3 graduate hours of electives from THE courses

ELECTIVES COMPONENT (9 HOURS)

- Non-thesis & thesis options



CAREERS IN BIBLE & CHURCH MINISTRIES

Author
 Chaplain
 Children, family or youth pastor
 Church planter
 Coach
 Community outreach leader
 Community relations coordinator
 Conference director
 Evangelist
 Foreign or domestic missionary
 Program manager at a non-profit
 Ministry director
 Ministry leader
 Program director
 Rehabilitation counselor
 Senior or lead pastor
 Social worker
 Sociologist
 Spiritual care counselor
 Teacher
 Volunteer engagement director
 Youth & children coordinator
 Youth director

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

M.DIV

MASTER OF DIVINITY

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.

BIBLE (15 HOURS)

Biblical Hermeneutics
Biblical Backgrounds
Nine hours of Bible Electives

COUNSELING (6 HOURS)

Marriage and Family Counseling
Crisis Intervention

INTERCULTURAL STUDIES (6 HOURS)

Religion in Contemporary World Society
Ministering Within Cultural Diversity

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY (12 HOURS)

Church Administration
Leadership in Ministry
Pastoral Care
Preaching with Purpose

RESEARCH COMPONENT (3 HOURS)

Research Literature and Technology

THEOLOGY (15 HOURS)

Doctrines of the Pentecostal Movement
Systematic Theology I
Systematic Theology II

Six hours of Theology Electives

PRACTICUM (3 HOURS)

BIB/CFM/COU/ICS/PTH/THE 6443 Practicum

CHOOSE YOUR
SPECIALIZATION

ELECTIVE COMPONENT (12 HOURS)
OR CHOOSE A SPECIALIZATION THAT
REPLACES THE 12 HOURS OF ELECTIVES

SPECIALIZATIONS

BIBLICAL LANGUAGES

BIBLICAL STUDIES

COUNSELING

CHAPLAINCY

INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

FAMILY MINISTRY

PASTORAL THEOLOGY

THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

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

D.MIN

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY IN LEADERSHIP & CREATIVE COMMUNICATION

The Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degree in Leadership and Creative Communication offers spiritual, academic, leadership, and media resources to be effective communicators of the Gospel. Church leaders learn to thrive in a media-saturated society and to enhance their sermon presentation and online ministry presence through media.

The 30-hour graduate program offers three hours of instruction each semester, with three on-campus seminars — connecting students with top-tier ministry leaders.

Students discover the process of vision casting, sermon series preparation, and the use of creative ministry teams. Students are equipped to integrate philosophies and cultural trends in their expository preaching. The program culminates with a doctoral research project which makes an unbiased, disciplined contribution to the church while enriching future ministry.

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
- Ethics
- Foundations of Leadership: History, Theory, Application and Development

PRACTICUM COMPONENT (6 HOURS)

- Project I
- Project II

“Every time that I upgraded my education, new doors opened for me. They opened even before I knocked.”

**Rob Blakney, D.Min,
Assistant Dean**



