Master of Arts in Ministry, Leadership and Culture

Deepen your faith. Empower your community.

As the world grows more complex, your ability to lead with confidence and navigate change is crucial. This degree empowers you with biblical and innovative approaches to life-changing ministry and engages our ever-changing culture. Discover how to guide individuals and diverse communities toward transformational growth in Christ and make a real-world impact. Your personal growth and legacy of life-changing leadership starts here!



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Be equipped with crucial skills for visionary and spiritual leadership.

A Master of Arts Degree in Ministry, Leadership and Culture will enhance theological understanding, creativity and ability to adapt to an ever-changing world. Deepen your biblical understanding and expand your ability to engage constructively within diverse communities. Here's why this degree is the best investment in your vocation:

- **Career Opportunities:** Open doors for various roles such as pastoral leaders, executive pastors, chaplains, nonprofit and community leaders and more.
- **Impactful Change:** Make a difference in the lives of individuals and the broader community as you lead with wisdom, integrity and prayer.
- **Competitive Edge:** Set yourself apart with advanced skills and biblical understanding.
- **Innovative Practices:** Identify and implement ministry initiatives to enhance the church's reach and relevance in a rapidly changing world.
- **Cultural Competence:** Adapt to the needs of cultural and social contexts as you bridge cultural divides, promote peace and foster kingdom expansion.
- **Community Engagement:** Cultivate spiritual growth and life-giving relationships within your church or nonprofit organization.
- **Specialized Expertise:** Address theological questions and ministry challenges with an in-depth understanding of Scripture and theology.
- **Global Perspective:** Develop a broad perspective on ministry practices in a globalized world.





FPU Program Highlights

Unit Count of Program: 48

- Gain **new perspectives** from nationally known guest faculty and cross-cultural experiences.
- Personal support from your **personal ministry coach** or spiritual director.
- Join a community of other church and non-profit leaders who personally **support one another.**
- **Prayerful and practical experiences** as you serve in a local church or nonprofit organization.
- Engage with **faculty** who take an interest in your success.
- **Fully accredited** by the Association of Theological Schools (www.ats.org) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (www.acswasc.org).
- **Travel with your cohort** for three one-week residencies.
- **Offered fully online.**

Curriculum for the M.A. in Ministry, Leadership and Culture

This program prepares you to become a transformative leader in a wide range of ministry environments. You'll learn effective prayer techniques, theological insights and influential skills. The practical experience you'll gain in communicating the Gospel in culturally relevant ways will make a lasting impact by fostering life-change and engaging communities.

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Required Courses (48 units)

Course Prefix	Required Courses	Units
BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION		
BIB 721	The Kingdom, the Church, and the Mission of God	3
BIB 734	Understanding, Interpreting and Listening to Scripture	3
BIB 744	Exploring God's Self-Revelation	3
BLIT 700	Journeying Deep Into Scripture	3
HIST 724	The Story of Radical Renewal Movements Through Church History	3
THEO 718	Following Jesus, Living Out the Implications	3
PERSONAL AND HOLISTIC FORMATION		
BIB 724	Engaging the Bible with New Eyes	1.5
MIN 706	Discerning Personal Vocation and Calling	1.5
MIN 710	Spiritual Formation	1.5
MIN 721	Building a Deep and Sustainable Life	3
RADICAL AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION		
MIN 718	Effective Contemporary Public Communication	3
MIN 736	Entrepreneurial Leadership of Non-Profit Organizations	1.5
MIN 738	Collaborative Leadership	1.5
MIN 755	Transformative Outreach for Disciple-Making	1.5
MIN 757	Forming a Community of Mercy, Justice and Peace	3
MIN 759	Conflict and Peacemaking within Organizations and Communities	1.5
MIN 768	Serving Resiliently Through Crises and Trauma Must be taken for 3 units	1.5-3
THEO 725	Investigating Western Culture and Local Contexts	3
SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING		
MIN 749	Cross-Cultural Experience	2.5
MIN 790	Creative Capstone Project	2

The courses listed above provide a sample overview of our program. Please meet with your academic advisor or visit **fpu.edu/catalog** to finalize your course registration and sequence.

Application and Admission Information

To be considered for admission to the M.A. in Ministry, Leadership and Culture, please submit the following items:

- ☐ **Completed Application for Admission**: **fpu.edu/applysem**
- ☐ **Official college/university transcript(s)** verifying receipt of a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution and any post-baccalaureate work.
  - If you are currently finishing up your degree, please submit current transcript.
  - A final transcript will need to be submitted before you may enroll in classes.
  - If you have not completed a bachelor's degree and are applying for special admittance, send all official collegiate transcripts if applicable.
  - Transcripts can be sent electronically by your institution to **trans.evaluator@fresno.edu** or via mail in an envelope sealed by your institution to:

    Fresno Pacific University
    Office of the Registrar
    1717 S. Chestnut Ave.
    Fresno, CA 93702
- ☐ If your cumulative GPA for your bachelor's degree is below 2.5 (4.0 scale), a letter of explanation is required.
- ☐ **Short Answer Questions** – During the application submission process, you will be asked to respond to some short answer questions in your application portal. These questions will help us get to know your character and career goals. Your file will not be reviewed for admission until your responses are received.
- ☐ **Reference Forms** – Two reference forms are required for the M.A. in Ministry, Leadership and Culture program. One spiritual reference from a pastor or other ministry leader (not a family member) and one academic reference.
  - After you submit your application, your listed references will be contacted via email with a link to provide their recommendation.
- ☐ **Writing Sample** – Submit three or more pages of original writing that you would consider some of your best work.
- ☐ **Program Interview** – After submitting your application materials, including transcripts, a representative will contact you to schedule an interview.



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