

# Master of Arts in Christian Ministry

Advance your ministry and biblical understanding in a program designed to develop effective Christian leaders, covering everything from a life of prayer to organizational leadership in an ever-changing culture. Discover how to thrive in ministry and profoundly impact the communities you serve.





# Expand your Ministry Horizons

Getting an M.A. in Christian Ministry can open a world of opportunities, especially if you are passionate about serving others and deepening your understanding of Bible and Christian leadership.

Explore various approaches to ministry that empower you to transform lives through a commitment to prayerful, spiritual and holistic leadership.

- ▶ Develop **practical skills** in preaching, outreach, justice and management, essential for effective ministry in diverse cultural contexts.
- ▶ **Impactful Leadership:** Equip yourself to serve more effectively, addressing contemporary issues with a solid biblical and theological foundation and practical insights.
- ▶ Experience **deep community** with like-minded individuals, mentors and professors who are all active in varied ministry roles.
- ▶ Cultivate **personal and spiritual growth** through rigorous academic study, reflection and engagement with other experienced leaders.
- ▶ **Credentialing and Certification:** Many denominations and organizations require advanced theological education for credentialing and ordination, making a master's degree essential for career progression.
- ▶ **Career Advancement:** Whether you're already in ministry or planning to enter, a master's degree can open doors to higher positions and responsibilities within churches, nonprofits or educational institutions.
- ▶ Gain a **broader understanding** of global Christianity and learn how to engage in cross-cultural ministry effectively, preparing you for a post-Christian and interconnected world.





# Program Highlights

Unit Count of Program: 48

- ▶ Crafted to **enrich your knowledge** and enhance your ability to adapt and innovate within varied cultural settings.
- ▶ Explore various philosophies of ministry that empower you to **transform lives** through a commitment to spiritual growth and biblical leadership.
- ▶ Join a **professional network** of seasoned ministers, church leaders and global experts.
- ▶ **Integrated and practical experiences** as you serve in a local church or non-profit organization.
- ▶ **Fully accredited** by the Association of Theological Schools ([www.ats.org](http://www.ats.org)) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges ([www.acswasc.org](http://www.acswasc.org)).
- ▶ **Bridge to Ministry Pathway** option available for undergraduate students considering an M.A. in Christian Ministry.
- ▶ **Offered fully online**

# Shaping the Heart and Soul

From in-depth biblical exegesis to practical applications in contemporary ministry, each course is designed to enhance your leadership skills and equip you for Kingdom service. Explore a wide range of subjects that prepare you to engage thoughtfully and creatively in your ministry. Through this program, you'll transform your passion for ministry into effective, life-changing leadership.

## Master of Arts in Christian Ministry (48 units)

Course Prefix	Required Courses	Units
<b>Biblical and Theological Reflection (21 units)</b>		
BIB 709	Bible Knowledge Requirement Seminar	0
BIB 720	The Church and God's Mission in the World	3
BIB 725	Understanding, Interpreting and Teaching Scripture	3
BIB 750	Old Testament Theology	3
BIB 752	New Testament Theology	3
THEO 712	The Story of the Church and Its Theology	3
THEO 730	Discipleship and Ethics	3
	Journeying Deep Into Scripture — Biblical Literature Elective	3
<b>Personal and Holistic Formation (6 units)</b>		
COUN 724	Interpersonal Communication and Family Systems	2 - 3
MIN 704	Discerning Vocation and Calling	1
MIN 712	The Charismatic Experience	1.5
MIN 714	Spirit, Character, and Transformation	1.5
<b>Missional and Practical Application (16.5 units)</b>		
MIN 718	Effective Contemporary Public Communication	3
MIN 750D	Cross-Cultural Encounter: San Francisco	1.5
MIN 753	Leading Organizations and Volunteers for Mission	3
MIN 762	Exegeting and Serving Your Neighborhood	1.5
MIN 768	Serving Resiliently Through Crises and Trauma	1.5 - 3
MIN 793A	The Practice of Ministry I	1.5
MIN 793B	The Practice of Ministry II	1.5
THEO 719	Exploring Secular Culture & Connecting with Secular People	3
<b>Integration and Specialization (4.5 units)</b>		
	Specialization elective units	1.5
BIB 790CM	Senior Seminar - Christian Ministries	3
MIN 770 CM	Ministry Discernment - Christian Ministry	0

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

# Application and Admission Information

To be considered for admission to the M.A. in Christian Ministry program, please submit the following items:

- ❑ **Completed Application for Admission** and \$45 non-refundable application fee.  
[fpu.edu/applysem](http://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 the current transcript.
    - A final transcript must be submitted before you 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](mailto:trans.evaluator@fresno.edu) or via mail in an envelope sealed by your institution to:  
  
**Fresno Pacific University**  
**Office of Registrar**  
**1717 S. Chestnut Ave**  
**Fresno, CA 93702**
- ❑ **If your cumulative GPA** for your bachelor's degree is below a 2.5 GPA (4.0 scale), a letter of explanation is required.
- ❑ **Short Answer Question** - 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 references are required for the M.A. in Christian Ministry. One spiritual reference from a pastor or other ministry leader (not a family member), and one academic reference.
  - Form can be found at [fpu.edu/sem-ref](http://fpu.edu/sem-ref)
- ❑ **Writing Sample** - Submit three or more pages of original writing that you would consider some of your best work.
- ❑ International applicants must submit additional documentation including English Proficiency Score (TOEFL=minimum of 550 PBT or 79 iBT, IELTS=6.5), certified transcripts through an FPU approved service, copy of passport, visa information and a statement of financial support.

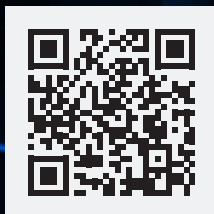
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