

Pastoral Training Program (M-PT)

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Sheep is the term often used in the Bible for the believing flock. By nature, sheep require a leader. Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, has ordained pastors as undershepherds for the work of protecting, instructing, and guiding His children. The office of pastor is a high and holy place in God's order for the church. The local church is central in the divine plan of evangelizing the world. Though many people today de-emphasize the importance of the church, need abounds, opportunity beckons, and God calls men into the pastoral ministry.

The major in Pastoral Training is structured to provide the best in either preparatory or comprehensive training for the preaching ministry. To answer the call of God and fulfill the office of pastor, one must obtain sound training. For faithful study and service, there is a reward, "a crown of glory that fadeth not away" (1 Peter 5:4).

PASTORAL TRAINING PROGRAM GOALS

- 1. The student should evidence an ability to think his way through the entire field of theology so that he will know both what he believes and how to support his conviction by**
 - a. successfully completing T-SY 401, T-SY 402, and M-PT 400 with a minimum 2.5 GPA;
 - b. earning favorable evaluation from his mentors; and
 - c. successfully completing the Ministry Capstone Exam by scoring a minimum of "Acceptable."
- 2. The student should evidence an ability to prepare and deliver biblically sound messages in an effective manner by**
 - a. successfully completing M-PT 202, M-PT 301, M-PT 302, and M-PT 400 with a minimum 2.5 GPA; and
 - b. successfully demonstrating such ability in Christian service ministry.

- 3. The student should evidence an ability to relate the teachings of the Word of God to various problems of life, that he may guide others in solving these problems, by**
 - a. successfully completing M-PT 304 with a minimum 2.5 GPA,
 - b. successfully demonstrating such ability in his internship and Christian service ministry, and
 - c. successfully completing the Ministry Capstone Exam by scoring a minimum of "Acceptable."
- 4. The student should evidence a willingness and ability to do the work to which God has called him, by**
 - a. successfully completing M-PT 400, M-PT 203, and M-PT 204 with a minimum 2.5 GPA;
 - b. successfully demonstrating such willingness and ability in his internship and Christian service ministry with "Favorable" evaluations; and
 - c. successfully completing the Ministry Capstone Exam by scoring a minimum of "Acceptable."

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

PASTORAL MAJOR

Degree: Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts*
Credit Hours: 134-136

Minors: Student must choose either Greek or Counseling.

First Year--Fall

G-HU	101	Music Appreciation	3
G-CO	101	English I	3
G-SS	101	The Family	3
B-SU	101	O.T. Law, History & Poetry	3
B-RE	101	Intro. to Bible Study	3
M-ME	101	Personal Evangelism	2
			17 hrs.

Spring

G-SS	102	Intro. to Psych. & Counseling	3
G-CO	102	English II	3
B-SU	102	O.T. Prophets	3
B-SU	104	N.T. Survey	3
B-RE	102	Christian Experience	2
M-ME	102	Intro. to Missions	2
			16 hrs.

Second Year--Fall

G-CO	203	Speech I	2
G-HI	201	Western Civilization I	3
G-HU	201	Intro. to Philosophy	2
T-SY	201	Doctrine I	3
B-AN	203	Matthew	3
B-AN	201	Genesis	2
M-PT	203	Church Administration	3
			18 hrs.

Spring

G-CO	206	Public Speaking	2
G-HI	202	Western Civilization II	3
G-HU	204	Contemporary Ethical Issues	3
T-SY	202	Doctrine II	3
M-PT	204	Pastoral Theology	3
M-PT	202	Intro. to Homiletics	2
			16 hrs.

Third Year--Fall

G-NM	301	Physical Science	3
B-AN	303	Romans	3
T-SY	301	Doctrine III	2
G-SS	301	American Heritage	3
M-PT	301	Homiletics I	3
B-RE	301	Greek I	3 or
M-LC	635	The Bible & Counseling	3
			17hrs.

Spring

G-NM	302	Biological Science	3
B-AN	304	Acts	2
T-SY	302	Doctrine IV	2
T-SY	304	Apologetics	3
M-PT	302	Homiletics II	3
B-RE	302	Greek II	3 or
M-LC	632	Crisis Counseling	3
M-PT	304	Pastoral Counseling	2
			18 hrs.

Fourth Year--Fall

T-HI	401	Baptist Faith & Practice	3
T-SY	401	Systematic Theology I	3
G-SS	401	Human Relationships	3
M-MU	405	Song Leading	2
B-RE	401	Greek III	3 or
M-LC	621	Ministering to the Aging	2 or
M-LC	641	Marriage & Family Couns.	2
M-PT	400	Pastoral Internship	0
M-LC	401	Serving on the Pastoral Staff	2
			15-16 hrs.

Spring

G-HU	202	Intro. to Literature	3
T-SY	402	Systematic Theology II	3
G-NM	606	College Mathematics**	3
M-LC	402	Teaching Methods	3
B-RE	402	Greek IV	3 or
M-LC	642	Counseling Adolescents	2
M-ME	414	Principles of Church Planting & Church Growth	3
			17-18 hrs.

* The B.A. requires 12 hours of New Testament Greek in place of counseling classes or 4 semesters of a foreign language.

** Competency in mathematics must be met (see page 61).