

# Online Bachelor of Science in Christian Service & Formation

120 Credit Hours

## Admission Requirements:

- Submit official high school and/or college transcripts.
- Complete the online program application accompanied by a non-refundable processing fee.
- Students are not required to submit ACT or SAT test scores.

## Cost:

- Per Credit Hour - \$395
- A \$300 resource fee will be administered per part of term.
- Total cost of degree program will vary depending on transfer credits.



## Graduation Requirements:

Students must earn a 2.0 GPA or higher to meet graduation requirements and complete at least 33 advanced hours.



## Locked-In Tuition

Once you enroll in a bachelor's degree program at ACU Online, our Locked-In Tuition plan guarantees you'll pay the same price for your entire program.

## Job Outlook in Texas:



**32,589 Jobs**

Open in 2020\*



**26,252**

Unique Postings (9/16-12/21)



**\$61,800** per year

Median Earnings

## Acquired Skills:

### Top Hard Skills

- Curriculum Development
- Marketing
- Lesson Planning
- Spiritual Care

### Top Common Skills

- Teaching
- Communications
- Research
- Leadership

\*Filtered by the proportion of the national workforce in these occupations with a Bachelor's degree. Source Emsi Analyst 2022.

## Major Requirements:

### BIBLE REQUIREMENTS

**BIBL 320 - Introduction to Biblical Interpretation** This course explores various methods of biblical interpretation with emphasis on the tools needed for responsible, insightful, and creative Bible study in the context of ministry.

**BCSO 322 - Biblical Interpretation II\*** This advanced course builds upon the methods analyzed in BIBL 320 Introduction to Biblical Interpretation. Students will explore the tools needed for responsible, insightful, and creative Bible study in the context of ministry.

**BIBL 454 - The Prophetic Literature of the Old Testament** Background and message of the prophetic books.

### THEOLOGY/HISTORY REQUIREMENTS

**BIBT 342 - Christianity in Culture** Students will investigate the relationship of basic Christian values with some of the realities of contemporary culture. The class is also intended to promote the practice of theological reflection.

**BIBH 432 - Story of Christian Spirituality** Systematic historical and analytical survey of the ways in which Christians have pursued the spiritual life from the early days of Christianity to the present day. Emphasis on key historical figures, primary sources, and developing critical tools for interpreting and evaluating Christian spiritual expressions.

### MINISTRY & MISSION

**BMIS 270 - Living the Mission** This introductory missions course familiarizes students with key themes and dimensions of the world Christian movement, beginning with an overview of God's continuous engagement with human culture from Genesis to our contemporary 21st century context. Using both biblical and historical biographies, the course gives special emphasis to how God has brought about Kingdom blessings by using ordinary people motivated by the mission dei ("the mission of God") in their own particular cultural contexts.

**BCSO 311 - Pastoral Ministry\*** This introductory course helps students understand the personal, relational and theological dynamics of pastoral ministry and provides practical skills and tools for the nurture and care for others in a ministry context.

**BMIS 371 - Religion in Global Contexts** Through the exploration of religious change in the world, this course engages students with major anthropological and sociological debates on religion, secularism, and global modernity. Using a variety of methodological approaches to the study of religion, it equips students to thoughtfully address a variety of religious thoughts and practices from a uniquely Christian perspective.

**BMIS 420 - Gospel in a Multicultural World** This course enables students to develop a theology of mission by looking at the biblical basis of mission and sharpening their understanding of the gospel. Students will grapple with the challenge of interpersonal identification and models of communication. Students will explore methods of planting meaningful communities of faith in various cultural contexts.

**BIBM 401 - Christian Leadership** The course prepares students in all majors to think critically about how they practice Christian leadership in the church and in the world.

### SPIRITUAL FORMATION REQUIREMENTS

**BCSO 335 - Spiritual Formation I\*** This course is an introduction to the history of Christian spirituality with an emphasis on the history of Christian spiritual disciplines. Students will explore the spiritual disciplines found in the Hebrew scriptures, Gospels and life of the early church while practicing spiritual disciplines and reflecting upon implications for life, ministry and cultural engagement.

**BCSO 435 - Spiritual Formation II\*** This advanced course explores the history of Christian spirituality and disciplines from 100 CE through the 21st Century. Students will practice spiritual disciplines and reflect upon implications for life, ministry and cultural engagement.

**BIBM 439 - Teaching and Learning for Spiritual Formation** This course explores teaching and learning in both formal and informal contexts for the purpose of spiritual formation. Emphasis is given to the theory and practice of teaching, principles of learning, and the organization of planned learning experiences within the church.

**BMIS 421 - Mission as Spiritual Formation** Christian spiritual formation is the process of being conformed to the image of Christ for the sake of others. To this end, this course will help students as they participate in the mission of God: (1) to develop a contextually-nuanced theological and practical approach to spiritual growth and soul care, and (2) to cultivate space for the Spirit to work through the practice of a variety of spiritual disciplines learned from other cultures and religious faith traditions.

### CAPSTONE

**BIBM 391 - Ministry in Context** A biblical and practical approach to the responsibilities, struggles, and relationships of the minister and missionary.

**BIBM 429 - Field Education** Problems and methods of a practical nature studied in a "laboratory" situation. Permission of Bible department chair required. May not be taken as the upper-level Bible requirement in the University Requirements for non-majors or for a Bible minor.

**BCSO 491 - Christian Service and Formation Capstone\*** This course is the final segment of three courses designed for the training and formation of Christian Service and Formation majors. It is preceded by BIBM 391 (Ministry in Context) and creates the opportunity for students to critically and theologically reflect on their ministry context, educational journey and spiritual formation.

\*Identifies a course that is pending university approval.

### ELECTIVES

26 hours of electives.

### GENERAL EDUCATION/UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS:

**56 hours of general education and university requirements are needed to fulfill this degree. Specific courses will be determined based on a student's incoming transfer credits.**

Please see the ACU Catalog for full program details.