



Online Bachelor of Science in Christian Ministry & Spiritual Formation

120 Credit Hours

Admission Requirements:

- Submit official high school with a minimum 2.5 GPA and/or college transcripts with a minimum 2.0 GPA.
- Complete the online program application accompanied by a non-refundable processing fee.
- Students are not required to submit ACT or SAT test scores.



Graduation Requirements:

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

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.



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:



64,896 Job

Open in 2022*



15,865

Unique Postings (01/22-11/23)



\$55,200 per year

Median Earnings

Acquired Skills:

Top Hard Skills

- Spiritual Care
- Theology
- Hospice
- Spiritual Counseling

Top Common Skills

- Leadership
- Communication
- Planning
- Teaching

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

Major Requirements:

BIBLE REQUIREMENTS

BIBO 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.

BCMO 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.

Select one of the following:

BIBO 453: The Devotional and Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament An exegesis of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon.

BIBO 454: The Prophetic Literature of the Old Testament Background and message of the prophetic books.

BIBO 455: Exodus and Joshua

This course explores the books of Exodus and Joshua as a unified narrative of God's promise kept. Special attention is given to themes of liberation, vocation, and communal identity, as well as the tension between building for the empires of the age and building for the Kingdom of God.

BIBO 458: The Synoptic Gospels A detailed study of one of the synoptic gospels, either Matthew, Mark, or Luke.

BIBO 461: The Corinthian Letters Historical, exegetical and practical study of these two significant letters.

BIBO 364: Pauline Mission and Message

Surveys the life and writings of one of the most important and influential leaders of the early church. It explores the cultural context of Paul's work and writings as well as the concepts expressed in his letters.

THEOLOGY/HISTORY REQUIREMENTS

BITO 491: Theology A systematic study of the basic doctrines of Christian faith, including God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, human nature, sin, the church, and eschatology. Students will learn the biblical foundations and historical development of these views, along with their pastoral and spiritual implications.

Select one of the following:

BITO 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.

BCMO 442: Contemporary Ecclesiology Introduces the field of ecclesiology and explores contemporary challenges and faithful modalities of church in post-Christian America. Topics include church in scripture, characteristics of faithful churches, navigating change, and fresh expressions of church.

MINISTRY & MISSION

BMSO 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.

BCMO 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.

BIMO 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.

Select one of the following:

BMSO 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.

BMSO 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.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION REQUIREMENTS

BCMO 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.

BMSO 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.

Select one of the following:

BCMO 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.

BIMO 439: Teaching and Learning for Spiritual Formation This

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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.

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BIMO 391: Ministry in Context A biblical and practical approach to the responsibilities, struggles, and relationships of the minister and missionary.

BIMO 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.

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BCMO 491: Christian Ministry and Spiritual 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.

ELECTIVES

26 hours of electives.

GENERAL EDUCATION/UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

56 hours of general education and university requirements are needed to fulfill this degree, including 9-15 hours of Bible courses. Specific courses will be determined based on a student's incoming transfer credits.

Please see the ACU Catalog for full program details.