

# BA in Christian Ministries

45 units

The Christian ministries major (<https://www.apu.edu/theology/programs/christian-ministries-major/>) provides the student with a broad perspective in the field of religion, and academic preparation involving theory and professional training. Graduates are prepared for more-specialized graduate study and given the conceptual and technical resources for effective service in Christian ministry. Courses are available in practical theology, pastoral work, Christian education, missions, and urban ministry.

## Career Opportunities

Graduates with a Christian ministries major assume positions in local churches as pastors, directors of Christian education, and youth pastors; in Christian schools as teachers and administrators; and in parachurch or nonprofit organizations as leaders and staff members, in the United States and other countries.

## Requirements

Successful completion of the major requires a 2.5 cumulative GPA in all courses required for the major.

Code	Title	Units
<b>Specific APU Core general education requirements for Christian Ministries Majors</b>		
CORE 100	Cornerstones	
PHIL 100	Introduction to Philosophy	
SOT 250	Theology and the Christian Life	
SOT 150	Understanding the Old Testament: Creation, Covenant, Exile, Restoration	
SOT 200	Understanding the New Testament: Christ, Redemption, Community, New Creation	
<b>Undergraduate Division Core</b>		
SOT 3XX/4XX	Upper-Division Bible Course <sup>1</sup>	3
Select one of the following:		3
PHIL 301	Practical Ethics	
PHIL 303	Reasons for Faith: Exploring the Rationality of the Existence of God and Christianity	
PHIL 315	History of Ancient Philosophy	
PHIL 316	Medieval Philosophy	
PHIL 320	History of Early Modern Philosophy	
PHIL 325	History of 19th and 20th Century Philosophy	
PHIL 330	Ethics	
Select one of the following:		3
SOT 371	Church History: Apostolic Era to the Eve of the Reformation	
SOT 372	Church History from the Eve of the Reformation to the Present	
Select one of the following:		3
SOT 421	Senior Seminar: Church and Society	
SOT 483	Senior Seminar: Theology and Social Issues	
SOT 451	Senior Seminar: Biblical Theology and Ethics	
<b>Christian Ministries Major Core</b>		
SOT 209 or SOT 211	Writing for Christian Practice Introduction to Practical Theology	3
SOT 310	Culture and Ministry	3
SOT 311	Adolescent Development in Family Ministry	3
SOT 411	Christian Ministry Internship I <sup>2</sup>	3
SOT 414	The Art of Leadership <sup>2</sup>	3
SOT 210	Introduction to Contemporary Christian Ministries	3
SOT 312	Theology and Practice of Ministry	3
SOT 415	Spiritual Transformation	3
SOT 212	Studying and Teaching the Bible	3

**Christian Ministries Electives**

Select two of the following:

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SOT 314	Mentoring and Small Groups
SOT 495	Special Topics
SOT 213	Evangelism and Discipleship
SOT 313	Intercultural Ministries <sup>3</sup>
SOT 315	Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling
SOT 413	Christian Mission in the 21st Century
SOT 422	Principles of Preaching
SOT 424	Suffering: Theological and Practical Perspectives on Disabilities
SOT 425	Race, Reconciliation, and Ministry
SOT 427	Ministry Organization and Administration
SOT 418	Exegeting the City
SOT 410	Christian Values and Human Sexuality
SOT 412	Adolescent Issues and Intervention

**Total Units****45**

<sup>1</sup> This is in addition to the APU Core: Upper-Division Bible general education requirement. Students must choose from one of the other upper-division courses offered by the department.

<sup>2</sup> SOT 411 and SOT 414 require concurrent enrollment.

<sup>3</sup> Meets the APU Core: Intercultural Competence general education requirement.

**Program Learning Outcomes****Program Learning Outcomes**

Students who successfully complete this program shall be able to:

1. Demonstrate proficiency in communication.
2. Apply practical theology methodologies in ministry contexts.
3. Develop a healthy awareness of one's self, gifts, and/or callings.
4. Exhibit increased capacities to cultivate inclusive communities.
5. Demonstrate competence related to skills required for Christian leadership.
6. Articulate how their maturing theology informs their Christian practice.

**Upper-Division Course Options**

Many programs within the School of Theology require students to take one or more courses of upper-division electives, often represented as "SOT 3xx or 4xx Upper-Division [Biblical Studies] course," where [Biblical Studies] may be substituted with a specific discipline within the school.

The following is a list of all School of Theology courses that meet upper-division requirements within School of Theology academic programs. Consult with your advisor or faculty for specific questions.

Upper-Division Biblical Studies (Old Testament)	SOT 340
	SOT 341
	SOT 342
	SOT 343
	SOT 348
	SOT 349
	SOT 351
	SOT 441
	SOT 448
Upper-Division Biblical Studies (New Testament)	SOT 344
	SOT 345
	SOT 346
	SOT 347
	SOT 440

	SOT 442
	SOT 449
Upper-Division Biblical Studies (General)	SOT 443
	SOT 444
	SOT 445
	SOT 446
	SOT 447
	SOT 451
	SOT 495*
	SOT 497*
	SOT 498*
Upper-Division Theology	SOT 370
	SOT 371
	SOT 372
	SOT 373
	SOT 470
	SOT 471
	SOT 472
	SOT 473
	SOT 474
	SOT 475
	SOT 476
	SOT 477
	SOT 478
	SOT 479
	SOT 480
	SOT 481
	SOT 482
	SOT 483
	SOT 495*
	SOT 497*
	SOT 498*
Upper-Division Ministry	SOT 310
	SOT 311
	SOT 312
	SOT 313
	SOT 314
	SOT 315
	SOT 316
	SOT 317
	SOT 318
	SOT 319
	SOT 410
	SOT 411
	SOT 412
	SOT 413
	SOT 414
	SOT 415
	SOT 416
	SOT 417
	SOT 418
	SOT 419

SOT 421

SOT 422

SOT 423

SOT 424

SOT 425

SOT 426

SOT 427

SOT 495\*

SOT 497\*

SOT 498\*

\* Students must complete a Course Substitution form ([https://formstack.apu.edu/workflows/transfer\\_credit\\_course\\_sub/?sso=68153e4da698b](https://formstack.apu.edu/workflows/transfer_credit_course_sub/?sso=68153e4da698b)) in order for SOT 495, SOT 497, or SOT 498 to count as an upper-division requirement for a major or minor.