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Academic Calendar

Fall Semester

2015-2016

New Student Orientation	August 21
On-Campus Classes Begin	August 24
Fall Convocation	August 25
MWI Classes Begin	August 31
For the Church Conference.....	August 31-September 1
Labor Day (Classes Canceled)	September 7
Last Day to Apply for December Graduation.....	September 15
SBC Symposium	September 28-29
Fall Break for On-Campus Classes	October 12-17
Spurgeon Lectures	October 20-21
Thanksgiving Break for all Classes	November 23-27
Christmas Music Chapel.....	December 1
Last Day to Apply for May Graduation.....	December 17
December Commencement.....	December 18
Christmas Break	December 18-January 10

January Term

On-Campus Class Session.....	January 11-15
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Spring Semester

New Student Orientation	January 15
On-Campus Classes Begin	January 18
Spring Convocation	January 19
MWI Classes Begin	January 25
Drummond Lectures	March 1-2
Spring Break for Online Classes	March 14-18
Sizemore Lectures	March 29-30
Easter Break for On-Campus Classes.....	March 21-25
Spring Break for On-Campus Classes	April 11-15
May Commencement.....	May 13

Summer Term

Online Term A Classes Begin	May 16
Southern Baptist Convention.....	June 14-15
Online Term B Classes Begin	June 27

Registration Calendar

Fall 2015	On Campus	Term A - Online	Term B - Online
Schedules Posted	April 1	April 1	April 1
Registration Opens	April 7	April 7	April 7
Early Registration Ends	August 17	August 17	October 12
Late Registration Begins	August 18	August 18	October 13
Classes Begin	August 24	August 24	October 19
Last day to add a class or drop with 100% refund	August 28	August 26	October 21
Last day to drop with 50% refund	September 18	September 4	October 30
Last day to drop without academic penalty	November 1	September 4	October 30
Classes End	December 11	October 15	December 17
Final Exams	December 14-17	n/a	n/a
December Commencement	December 18	December 18	December 18

J-Term 2016	On Campus	Term A - Online	Term B - Online
Registration Opens	October 1	n/a	n/a
Early Registration Ends	December 7	n/a	n/a
Late Registration Opens	December 8	n/a	n/a
Pre-Coursework for J-term Classes Begins	December 14	n/a	n/a
Last day to drop with 100% refund	December 18	n/a	n/a
On-Campus Session	January 11-15	n/a	n/a
Last day to drop without academic penalty	January 11	n/a	n/a
Post-Course Work Ends	February 12	n/a	n/a

Spring 2016	On Campus	Term A - Online	Term B - Online
Schedules Posted	October 1	October 1	October 1
Registration Opens	October 7	October 7	October 7
Early Registration Ends	January 11	January 11	March 14
Late Registration Begins	January 12	January 12	March 15
Classes Begin	January 18	January 18	March 21
Last day to drop with 100% refund	January 22	January 20	March 23
Last day to drop with 50% refund	February 12	January 29	April 1
Last day to drop without academic penalty	April 1	January 29	April 1
Classes End	May 6	March 10	May 12
Final Exams	May 9-12	n/a	n/a
May Commencement	May 13	May 13	May 13

Midwestern Women's Institute		
Fall 2015	Term 1	Term 2
MWI Classes Begin	August 31	October 19
Last Day to Drop MWI Classes	September 14	November 2
MWI Classes End	October 9	December 4
Spring 2016	Term 1	Term 2
MWI Classes Begin	January 25	March 7
Last Day to Drop MWI Classes	February 8	March 28
MWI Classes End	March 4	April 29

Summer 2016	On Campus	Term A - Online	Term B - Online
Schedules Posted	March 1	March 1	March 1
Registration Opens	March 7	March 7	March 7
Early Registration Ends	TBA	May 9	June 20
Late Registration Begins	TBA	May 10	June 21
Pre-Coursework Begins	4 weeks prior to first on-campus session	n/a	n/a
Classes Begin	TBA	May 16	June 27
Last day to drop with 100% refund	Friday of 1st week of pre-course work	May 18	June 29
Last day to drop with 50% refund	1st day of on-campus class session	May 27	July 8
Last day to drop without academic penalty	1st day of on-campus class session	May 27	July 8
Classes End	4 weeks after on-campus class session	July 7	August 18

Biblical Foundation

THE SEMINARY'S IDENTITY

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary is an entity of the Southern Baptist Convention, serving as a community of learning for persons called to ministry. The Seminary's primary source of support is the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program. The Seminary is governed by a board of 35 trustees elected by the Southern Baptist Convention with 7 trustees elected on a rotating basis each year. In accordance with the Program Statement for seminaries adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1979, Midwestern is primarily a graduate professional school. It is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools and the Higher Learning Commission. It provides academic programs leading to the Master of Divinity, Master of Arts, Master of Theological Studies, Doctor of Ministry, Doctor of Counseling, Doctor of Educational Ministry, and Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical Studies, as well as undergraduate studies.

The Seminary's Relationship with The Churches

One Faith, One Task, One Sacred Trust: A Covenant Between Our Seminaries and Our Churches

"You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." II Timothy 2:1-2

For over 135 years, the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention have looked to their seminaries for the training and education of their ministers. These six schools were established and undergirded by Southern Baptists in order that our churches may be served by a more faithful ministry.

This is a critical moment in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention---and for our seminaries. The six seminaries serving this denomination bear a precious and perishable responsibility on behalf of our churches, for we are entrusted with those who will be their ministers, pastors, preachers, and servants.

Looking to the dawn of the twenty-first century, we hereby restate and reaffirm our commitment to the churches we serve, to the convictions those churches hold and honor, and to charge we have received on their behalf.

One Faith

The church of Jesus Christ is charged to contend for the faith once for all delivered to the saints. Our seminaries, charged with the theological formation of ministers, must take this charge as central and essential to our mission. In an age of rampant theological compromise, our seminaries must send no uncertain sound.

Let the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention know that our seminaries are committed to theological integrity and Biblical fidelity. Our pledge is to maintain the confessional character of our seminaries by upholding those doctrines so clearly articulated in our confessions of faith; by teaching the authority, inspiration, inerrancy, and infallibility of the Bible; by maintaining the purity of the Gospel and affirming the identity of Jesus Christ, by whose blood we have been redeemed and in whose name alone salvation is to be found; and by proclaiming with boldness the precious and eternal truths of God's Word.

In this we stand together, and we stand with our churches. We understand that those who teach take on an awesome responsibility, and will receive from our Lord a stricter judgment. We stand before this convention and our churches to declare that we stand together in one faith, serving our Lord Jesus Christ.

One Task

Our mission is to prepare ministers for service. We cannot call ministers, nor appoint them to service. Ministers, called by God and commissioned by our churches come to us in order that they may through our seminaries receive learning, training, and inspiration for service. Preachers, evangelists, missionaries, and those who minister throughout the life of the churches come to our seminaries with the hope that they will leave their programs of study better equipped, armed, and matured for the faithful exercise of their calling.

Our mission is to remain ever true to this task. We declare our unflinching resolve to provide the very finest programs of theological education for ministry. We will match theological fidelity to practical ministry, passion to practice, vision to calling, and honor to service. This is our task.

One Sacred Trust

Our schools are not generic institutions for religious studies. We are the six theological seminaries serving the Southern Baptist Convention. We belong to you--we belong to the churches of this Convention. We are proud to carry your charge, and we declare our fidelity to you as a sacred trust. In this trust we stand before the Southern Baptist Convention, and we stand together.

Through the trustees elected by this Convention, our churches must hold our seminaries accountable to the faith once for all delivered to the saints, to the essential task of training and educating ministers, and to the sacred trust that unites our seminaries and our churches.

As the presidents of your seminaries, we declare our unbending and fervent resolve to uphold all of these commitments. We will lead our institutions so that no harm shall come to your students and ministers; so that they will be rooted and grounded in the truth; so that they will be trained as faithful and effective preachers and teachers; so that they will bring honor to the church and not dishonor; and so that we shall be able to give a good answer and receive a good report when we shall face that stricter judgment which is to come.

This is our pledge, our resolve, our declaration. One Faith, One Task, One Sacred Trust.

Signed by the Presidents of the six Southern Baptist seminaries in the presence of the Messengers to the 140th Session of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Dallas, Texas, June 17, 1997.

The Seminary's Confession of Faith

The Trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, upon the founding of the seminary in 1957, adopted as the Seminary's confession *The Baptist Faith and Message*, which was adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1925. The revisions to *The Baptist Faith and Message* made by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963, 1998 and 2000 have been subsequently adopted by the Trustees. The Seminary's current confession of faith, *The Baptist Faith and Message, 2000*, along with the report of the convention's latest study committee, is as follows:

Report of the Baptist Faith and Message Study Committee to the Southern Baptist Convention. Adopted, June 14th, 2000.

The 1999 session of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, adopted the following motion addressed to the President of the Convention:

"I move that in your capacity as Southern Baptist Convention chairman, you appoint a blue ribbon committee to review the *Baptist Faith and Message* statement with the responsibility to report and bring any recommendations to this meeting next June in Orlando."

President Paige Patterson appointed the committee as follows: Max Barnett (OK), Steve Gaines (AL), Susie Hawkins (TX), Rudy A. Hernandez (TX), Charles S. Kelley, Jr. (LA), Heather King (IN), Richard D. Land (TN), Fred Luter (LA), R. Albert Mohler, Jr. (KY), T. C. Pinckney (VA), Nelson Price (GA), Adrian Rogers (TN), Roger Spradlin (CA), Simon Tsoi (AZ), Jerry Vines (FL). Adrian Rogers (TN) was appointed chairman.

Your committee thus constituted begs leave to present its report as follows:

Baptists are a people of deep beliefs and cherished doctrines. Throughout our history we have been a confessional people, adopting statements of faith as a witness to our beliefs and a pledge of our faithfulness to the doctrines revealed in Holy Scripture.

Our confessions of faith are rooted in historical precedent, as the church in every age has been called upon to define and defend its beliefs. Each generation of Christians bears the responsibility of guarding the treasury of truth that has been entrusted to us [2 Timothy 1:14]. Facing a new century, Southern Baptists must meet the demands and duties of the present hour.

New challenges to faith appear in every age. A pervasive anti-supernaturalism in the culture was answered by Southern Baptists in 1925, when the Baptist Faith and Message was first

adopted by this Convention. In 1963, Southern Baptists responded to assaults upon the authority and truthfulness of the Bible by adopting revisions to the Baptist Faith and Message. The Convention added an article on "The Family" in 1998, thus answering cultural confusion with the clear teachings of Scripture. Now, faced with a culture hostile to the very notion of truth, this generation of Baptists must claim anew the eternal truths of the Christian faith.

Your committee respects and celebrates the heritage of the Baptist Faith and Message, and affirms the decision of the Convention in 1925 to adopt the New Hampshire Confession of Faith, "revised at certain points and with some additional articles growing out of certain needs..." We also respect the important contributions of the 1925 and 1963 editions of the Baptist Faith and Message.

With the 1963 committee, we have been guided in our work by the 1925 "statement of the historic Baptist conception of the nature and function of confessions of faith in our religious and denominational life..." It is, therefore, quoted in full as a part of this report to the Convention:

(1) That they constitute a consensus of opinion of some Baptist body, large or small, for the general instruction and guidance of our own people and others concerning those articles of the Christian faith which are most surely held among us. They are not intended to add anything to the simple conditions of salvation revealed in the New Testament, viz., repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

(2) That we do not regard them as complete statements of our faith, having any quality of finality or infallibility. As in the past so in the future, Baptists should hold themselves free to revise their statements of faith as may seem to them wise and expedient at any time.

(3) That any group of Baptists, large or small, have the inherent right to draw up for themselves and publish to the world a confession of their faith whenever they may think it advisable to do so.

(4) That the sole authority for faith and practice among Baptists is the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Confessions are only guides in interpretation, having no authority over the conscience.

(5) That they are statements of religious convictions, drawn from the Scriptures, and are not to be used to hamper freedom of thought or investigation in other realms of life.

Baptists cherish and defend religious liberty, and deny the right of any secular or religious authority to impose a confession of faith upon a church or body of churches. We honor the principles of soul competency and the priesthood of believers, affirming together both our liberty in Christ and our accountability to each other under the Word of God.

Baptist churches, associations, and general bodies have adopted confessions of faith as a witness to the world, and as instruments of doctrinal accountability. We are not embarrassed to state before the world that these are doctrines we hold precious and as essential to the Baptist tradition of faith and practice.

As a committee, we have been charged to address the "certain needs" of our own generation. In an age increasingly hostile to Christian truth, our challenge is to express the truth as revealed in Scripture, and to bear witness to Jesus Christ, who is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

The 1963 committee rightly sought to identify and affirm "certain definite doctrines that Baptists believe, cherish, and with which they have been and are now closely identified." Our living faith is established upon eternal truths. "Thus this generation of Southern Baptists is in historic succession of intent and purpose as it endeavors to state for its time and theological climate those articles of the Christian faith which are most surely held among us."

It is the purpose of this statement of faith and message to set forth certain teachings which we believe.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Baptist Faith and Message Study Committee
Adrian Rogers, Chairman

The Baptist Faith and Message, 2000

I. The Scriptures

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.

Exodus 24:4; Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 17:19; Joshua 8:34; Psalms 19:7-10; 119:11,89,105,140; Isaiah 34:16; 40:8; Jeremiah 15:16; 36:1-32; Matthew 5:17-18; 22:29; Luke 21:33; 24:44-46; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Acts 2:16ff.; 17:11; Romans 15:4; 16:25-26; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21.

II. God

There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. God is all powerful and all knowing; and His perfect knowledge extends to all things, past, present, and future, including the future decisions of His free creatures. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

A. God the Father

God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. He is all

powerful, all knowing, all loving, and all wise. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men.

Genesis 1:1; 2:7; Exodus 3:14; 6:2-3; 15:11ff.; 20:1ff.; Leviticus 22:2; Deuteronomy 6:4; 32:6; 1 Chronicles 29:10; Psalm 19:1-3; Isaiah 43:3,15; 64:8; Jeremiah 10:10; 17:13; Matthew 6:9ff.; 7:11; 23:9; 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; John 4:24; 5:26; 14:6-13; 17:1-8; Acts 1:7; Romans 8:14-15; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 4:6; Colossians 1:15; 1 Timothy 1:17; Hebrews 11:6; 12:9; 1 Peter 1:17; 1 John 5:7.

B. God the Son

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, fully God, fully man, in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

Genesis 18:1ff.; Psalms 2:7ff.; 110:1ff.; Isaiah 7:14; 53; Matthew 1:18-23; 3:17; 8:29; 11:27; 14:33; 16:16,27; 17:5; 27; 28:1-6,19; Mark 1:1; 3:11; Luke 1:35; 4:41; 22:70; 24:46; John 1:1-18,29; 10:30,38; 11:25-27; 12:44-50; 14:7-11; 16:15-16,28; 17:1-5, 21-22; 20:1-20,28; Acts 1:9; 2:22-24; 7:55-56; 9:4-5,20; Romans 1:3-4; 3:23-26; 5:6-21; 8:1-3,34; 10:4; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2:2; 8:6; 15:1-8, 24-28; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; 8:9; Galatians 4:4-5; Ephesians 1:20; 3:11; 4:7-10; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:13-22; 2:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16; Titus 2:13-14; Hebrews 1:1-3; 4:14-15; 7:14-28; 9:12-15,24-28; 12:2; 13:8; 1 Peter 2:21-25; 3:22; 1 John 1:7-9; 3:2; 4:14-15; 5:9; 2 John 7-9; Revelation 1:13-16; 5:9-14; 12:10-11; 13:8; 19:16.

C. God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He calls men to the Saviour, and effects regeneration. At the moment of regeneration He baptizes every believer into the Body of Christ. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the guarantee that God will bring the believer into the fullness

of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

Genesis 1:2; Judges 14:6; Job 26:13; Psalms 51:11; 139:7ff.; Isaiah 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32; Matthew 1:18; 3:16; 4:1; 12:28-32; 28:19; Mark 1:10,12; Luke 1:35; 4:1,18-19; 11:13; 12:12; 24:49; John 4:24; 14:16-17,26; 15:26; 16:7-14; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4,38; 4:31; 5:3; 6:3; 7:55; 8:17,39; 10:44; 13:2; 15:28; 16:6; 19:1-6; Romans 8:9-11,14-16, 26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:10-14; 3:16; 12:3-11,13; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 5:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; 1 Timothy 3:16; 4:1; 2 Timothy 1:14; 3:16; Hebrews 9:8,14; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 John 4:13; 5:6-7; Revelation 1:10; 22:17.

III. Man

Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God's creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence whereby his posterity inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin. Therefore, as soon as they are capable of moral action, they become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

Genesis 1:26-30; 2:5,7,18-22; 3; 9:6; Psalms 1; 8:3-6; 32:1-5; 51:5; Isaiah 6:5; Jeremiah 17:5; Matthew 16:26; Acts 17:26-31; Romans 1:19-32; 3:10-18,23; 5:6,12,19; 6:6; 7:14-25; 8:14-18,29; 1 Corinthians 1:21-31; 15:19, 21-22; Ephesians 2:1-22; Colossians 1:21-22; 3:9-11.

IV. Salvation

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

A. Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart wrought by the Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace.

Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Saviour.

B. Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and

believe in Christ. Justification brings the believer unto a relationship of peace and favor with God.

C. Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life.

D. Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

Genesis 3:15; Exodus 3:14-17; 6:2-8; Matthew 1:21; 4:17; 16:21-26; 27:22-28:6; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:11-14,29; 3:3-21,36; 5:24; 10:9,28-29; 15:1-16; 17:17; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 15:11; 16:30-31; 17:30-31; 20:32; Romans 1:16-18; 2:4; 3:23-25; 4:3ff.; 5:8-10; 6:1-23; 8:1-18,29-39; 10:9-10,13; 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18,30; 6:19-20; 15:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 2:20; 3:13; 5:22-25; 6:15; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-22; 4:11-16; Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:9-22; 3:1ff.; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; 2 Timothy 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 2:1-3; 5:8-9; 9:24-28; 11:1-12:8,14; James 2:14-26; 1 Peter 1:2-23; 1 John 1:6-2:11; Revelation 3:20; 21:1-22:5.

V. God's Purpose of Grace

Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is the glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility.

All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, and bring reproach on the cause of Christ and temporal judgments on themselves; yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:5-8; 1 Samuel 8:4-7,19-22; Isaiah 5:1-7; Jeremiah 31:31ff.; Matthew 16:18-19; 21:28-45; 24:22,31; 25:34; Luke 1:68-79; 2:29-32; 19:41-44; 24:44-48; John 1:12-14; 3:16; 5:24; 6:44-45,65; 10:27-29; 15:16; 17:6,12,17-18; Acts 20:32; Romans 5:9-10; 8:28-39; 10:12-15; 11:5-7,26-36; 1 Corinthians 1:1-2; 15:24-28; Ephesians 1:4-23; 2:1-10; 3:1-11; Colossians 1:12-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; 2 Timothy 1:12; 2:10,19; Hebrews 11:39-12:2; James 1:12; 1 Peter 1:2-5,13; 2:4-10; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:19; 3:2.

VI. The Church

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the two ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. Each congregation operates under the Lordship of Christ through democratic processes. In such a congregation each member is responsible and accountable to Christ as Lord. Its scriptural officers are pastors and deacons. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture.

The New Testament speaks also of the church as the Body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages, believers from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation.

Matthew 16:15-19; 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-42,47; 5:11-14; 6:3-6; 13:1-3; 14:23,27; 15:1-30; 16:5; 20:28; Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 3:16; 5:4-5; 7:17; 9:13-14; 12; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; 3:8-11,21; 5:22-32; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:18; 1 Timothy 2:9-14; 3:1-15; 4:14; Hebrews 11:39-40; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Revelation 2-3; 21:2-3.

VII. Baptism and the Lord's Supper

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Saviour, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

Matthew 3:13-17; 26:26-30; 28:19-20; Mark 1:9-11; 14:22-26; Luke 3:21-22; 22:19-20; John 3:23; Acts 2:41-42; 8:35-39; 16:30-33; 20:7; Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 10:16,21; 11:23-29; Colossians 2:12.

VIII. The Lord's Day

The first day of the week is the Lord's Day. It is a Christian institution for regular observance. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and should include exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private. Activities on the Lord's Day should be commensurate with the Christian's conscience under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Exodus 20:8-11; Matthew 12:1-12; 28:1ff.; Mark 2:27-28; 16:1-7; Luke 24:1-3,33-36; John 4:21-24; 20:1, 19-28; Acts 20:7; Romans 14:5-10; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; Colossians 2:16; 3:16; Revelation 1:10.

IX. The Kingdom

The Kingdom of God includes both His general sovereignty over the universe and His particular kingship over men who willfully acknowledge Him as King. Particularly the Kingdom is the realm of salvation into which men enter by trustful, childlike commitment to Jesus Christ. Christians ought to pray and to labor that the Kingdom may come and God's will be done on earth. The full consummation of the Kingdom awaits the return of Jesus Christ and the end of this age.

Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 9:6-7; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Matthew 3:2; 4:8-10,23; 12:25-28; 13:1-52; 25:31-46; 26:29; Mark 1:14-15; 9:1; Luke 4:43; 8:1; 9:2; 12:31-32; 17:20-21; 23:42; John 3:3; 18:36; Acts 1:6-7; 17:22-31; Romans 5:17; 8:19; 1 Corinthians 15:24-28; Colossians 1:13; Hebrews 11:10,16; 12:28; 1 Peter 2:4-10; 4:13; Revelation 1:6,9; 5:10; 11:15; 21-22.

X. Last Things

God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.

Isaiah 2:4; 11:9; Matthew 16:27; 18:8-9; 19:28; 24:27,30,36,44; 25:31-46; 26:64; Mark 8:38; 9:43-48; Luke 12:40,48; 16:19-26; 17:22-37; 21:27-28; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; 17:31; Romans 14:10; 1 Corinthians 4:5; 15:24-28,35-58; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Philippians 3:20-21; Colossians 1:5; 3:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 5:1ff.; 2 Thessalonians 1:7ff.; 2; 1 Timothy 6:14; 2 Timothy 4:1,8; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 9:27-28; James 5:8; 2 Peter 3:7ff.; 1 John 2:28; 3:2; Jude 14; Revelation 1:18; 3:11; 20:1-22:13.

XI. Evangelism and Missions

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary effort on the part of all rests thus upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and is expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a Christian lifestyle, and by other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ.

Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:5-6; Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 9:37-38; 10:5-15; 13:18-30, 37-43; 16:19; 22:9-10; 24:14; 28:18-20; Luke 10:1-18; 24:46-53; John 14:11-12; 15:7-8,16; 17:15; 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2; 8:26-40; 10:42-48; 13:2-3; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 3:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:8; 2 Timothy 4:5; Hebrews 2:1-3; 11:39-12:2; 1 Peter 2:4-10; Revelation 22:17.

XII. Education

Christianity is the faith of enlightenment and intelligence. In Jesus Christ abide all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. All sound learning is, therefore, a part of our Christian heritage. The new birth opens all human faculties and creates a thirst for knowledge. Moreover, the cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is co-ordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence, and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches. An adequate system of Christian education is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people.

In Christian education there should be a proper balance between academic freedom and academic responsibility. Freedom in any orderly relationship of human life is always limited and never absolute. The freedom of a teacher in a Christian school, college, or seminary is limited by the pre-eminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists.

Deuteronomy 4:1,5,9,14; 6:1-10; 31:12-13; Nehemiah 8:1-8; Job 28:28; Psalms 19:7ff.; 119:11; Proverbs 3:13ff.; 4:1-10; 8:1-7,11; 15:14; Ecclesiastes 7:19; Matthew 5:2; 7:24ff.; 28:19-20; Luke 2:40; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Ephesians 4:11-16; Philippians 4:8; Colossians 2:3,8-9; 1 Timothy 1:3-7; 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:14-17; Hebrews 5:12-6:3; James 1:5; 3:17.

XIII. Stewardship

God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a holy trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in their possessions. They are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to them to use for the glory of God and for helping others. According to the Scriptures, Christians should contribute of their means cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately, and liberally for the advancement of the Redeemer's cause on earth.

Genesis 14:20; Leviticus 27:30-32; Deuteronomy 8:18; Malachi 3:8-12; Matthew 6:1-4,19-21; 19:21; 23:23; 25:14-29; Luke 12:16-21,42; 16:1-13; Acts 2:44-47; 5:1-11; 17:24-25; 20:35; Romans 6:6-22; 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2; 6:19-20; 12; 16:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8-9; 12:15; Philippians 4:10-19; 1 Peter 1:18-19.

XIV. Cooperation

Christ's people should, as occasion requires, organize such associations and conventions as may best secure cooperation for the great objects of the Kingdom of God. Such organizations have no authority over one another or over the churches. They are voluntary and advisory bodies designed to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of our people in the most effective manner. Members of New Testament churches should cooperate with one another in carrying forward the missionary, educational, and benevolent ministries for the extension of

Christ's Kingdom. Christian unity in the New Testament sense is spiritual harmony and voluntary cooperation for common ends by various groups of Christ's people. Cooperation is desirable between the various Christian denominations, when the end to be attained is itself justified, and when such cooperation involves no violation of conscience or compromise of loyalty to Christ and His Word as revealed in the New Testament.

Exodus 17:12; 18:17ff.; Judges 7:21; Ezra 1:3-4; 2:68-69; 5:14-15; Nehemiah 4; 8:1-5; Matthew 10:5-15; 20:1-16; 22:1-10; 28:19-20; Mark 2:3; Luke 10:1ff.; Acts 1:13-14; 2:1ff.; 4:31-37; 13:2-3; 15:1-35; 1 Corinthians 1:10-17; 3:5-15; 12; 2 Corinthians 8-9; Galatians 1:6-10; Ephesians 4:1-16; Philippians 1:15-18.

XV. The Christian and the Social Order

All Christians are under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in our own lives and in human society. Means and methods used for the improvement of society and the establishment of righteousness among men can be truly and permanently helpful only when they are rooted in the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ. In the spirit of Christ, Christians should oppose racism, every form of greed, selfishness, and vice, and all forms of sexual immorality, including adultery, homosexuality, and pornography. We should work to provide for the orphaned, the needy, the abused, the aged, the helpless, and the sick. We should speak on behalf of the unborn and contend for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. Every Christian should seek to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under the sway of the principles of righteousness, truth, and brotherly love. In order to promote these ends Christians should be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause, always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyalty to Christ and His truth.

Exodus 20:3-17; Leviticus 6:2-5; Deuteronomy 10:12; 27:17; Psalm 101:5; Micah 6:8; Zechariah 8:16; Matthew 5:13-16,43-48; 22:36-40; 25:35; Mark 1:29-34; 2:3ff.; 10:21; Luke 4:18-21; 10:27-37; 20:25; John 15:12; 17:15; Romans 12-14; 1 Corinthians 5:9-10; 6:1-7; 7:20-24; 10:23-11:1; Galatians 3:26-28; Ephesians 6:5-9; Colossians 3:12-17; 1 Thessalonians 3:12; Philemon; James 1:27; 2:8.

XVI. Peace and War

It is the duty of Christians to seek peace with all men on principles of righteousness. In accordance with the spirit and teachings of Christ they should do all in their power to put an end to war.

The true remedy for the war spirit is the gospel of our Lord. The supreme need of the world is the acceptance of His teachings in all the affairs of men and nations, and the practical application of His law of love. Christian people throughout the world should pray for the reign of the Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 2:4; Matthew 5:9,38-48; 6:33; 26:52; Luke 22:36,38; Romans 12:18-19; 13:1-7; 14:19; Hebrews 12:14; James 4:1-2.

XVII. Religious Liberty

God alone is Lord of the conscience, and He has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are contrary to His Word or not contained in it. Church and state should be separate. The state owes to every church protection and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends. In providing for such freedom no ecclesiastical group or denomination should be favored by the state more than others. Civil government being ordained of God, it is the duty of Christians to render loyal obedience thereto in all things not contrary to the revealed will of God. The church should not resort to the civil power to carry on its work. The gospel of Christ contemplates spiritual means alone for the pursuit of its ends. The state has no right to impose penalties for religious opinions of any kind. The state has no right to impose taxes for the support of any form of religion. A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal, and this implies the right of free and unhindered access to God on the part of all men, and the right to form and propagate opinions in the sphere of religion without interference by the civil power.

Genesis 1:27; 2:7; Matthew 6:6-7,24; 16:26; 22:21; John 8:36; Acts 4:19-20; Romans 6:1-2; 13:1-7; Galatians 5:1,13; Philippians 3:20; 1 Timothy 2:1-2; James 4:12; 1 Peter 2:12-17; 3:11-17; 4:12-19.

XVIII. The Family

God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption.

Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to Biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race.

The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family. A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being in the image of God as is her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his helper in managing the household and nurturing the next generation.

Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to their children God's pattern for marriage. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on Biblical truth. Children are to honor and obey their parents.

Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-25; 3:1-20; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Joshua 24:15; 1 Samuel 1:26-28; Psalms 51:5; 78:1-8; 127; 128; 139:13-16; Proverbs 1:8; 5:15-20; 6:20-22; 12:4; 13:24; 14:1; 17:6; 18:22; 22:6,15; 23:13-14; 24:3; 29:15,17; 31:10-31; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 9:9; Malachi 2:14-16; Matthew 5:31-32; 18:2-5; 19:3-9; Mark 10:6-12; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16; Ephesians 5:21-33; 6:1-4; Colossians 3:18-21; 1 Timothy 5:8,14; 2 Timothy 1:3-5; Titus 2:3-5; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Peter 3:1-7.

The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy & Danvers Statement on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood

Consistent with previous actions and expectations by the Midwestern Seminary Board of Trustees, and long-standing policy and procedure of the seminary administration, the Danvers Statement on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood, the Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy, and Midwestern Seminary's own statement on Sex, Sexuality, and Gender Identity, function as guiding institutional documents. These statements and policy function ongoingly as accompanying and complimenting documents to the BF&M 2000, and, like the BF&M 2000, function as instruments of confessional accountability to the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention, thus requiring faculty and instructional staff to believe and teach in accordance with and not contrary to them.

The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy

A Short Statement

1. God, who is Himself Truth and speaks truth only, has inspired Holy Scripture in order thereby to reveal Himself to lost mankind through Jesus Christ as Creator and Lord, Redeemer and Judge. Holy Scripture is God's witness to Himself.
2. Holy Scripture, being God's own Word, written by men prepared and superintended by His Spirit, is of infallible divine authority in all matters upon which it touches: it is to be believed, as God's instruction, in all that it affirms; obeyed, as God's command, in all that it requires; embraced, as God's pledge, in all that it promises.
3. The Holy Spirit, Scripture's divine Author, both authenticates it to us by His inward witness and opens our minds to understand its meaning.
4. Being wholly and verbally God-given, Scripture is without error or fault in all its teaching, no less in what it states about God's acts in creation, about the events of world history, and about its own literary origins under God, than in its witness to God's saving grace in individual lives.
5. The authority of Scripture is inescapably impaired if this total divine inerrancy is in any way limited or disregarded, or made relative to a view of truth

contrary to the Bible's own; and such lapses bring serious loss to both the individual and the Church.

Articles of Affirmation and Denial

Article I

WE AFFIRM that the Holy Scriptures are to be received as the authoritative Word of God.

WE DENY that the Scriptures receive their authority from the Church, tradition, or any other human source.

Article II

WE AFFIRM that the Scriptures are the supreme written norm by which God binds the conscience, and that the authority of the Church is subordinate to that of Scripture.

WE DENY that Church creeds, councils, or declarations have authority greater than or equal to the authority of the Bible.

Article III

WE AFFIRM that the written Word in its entirety is revelation given by God.

WE DENY that the Bible is merely a witness to revelation, or only becomes revelation in encounter, or depends on the responses of men for its validity.

Article IV

WE AFFIRM that God who made mankind in His image has used language as a means of revelation.

WE DENY that human language is so limited by our creatureliness that it is rendered inadequate as a vehicle for divine revelation. We further deny that the corruption of human culture and language through sin has thwarted God's work of inspiration.

Article V

WE AFFIRM that God's revelation within the Holy Scriptures was progressive.

WE DENY that later revelation, which may fulfill earlier revelation, ever corrects or contradicts it. We further deny that any normative revelation has been given since the completion of the New Testament writings.

Article VI

WE AFFIRM that the whole of Scripture and all its parts, down to the very words of the original, were given by divine inspiration.

WE DENY that the inspiration of Scripture can rightly be affirmed of the whole without the parts, or of some parts but not the whole.

Article VII

WE AFFIRM that inspiration was the work in which God by His Spirit, through human writers, gave us His Word. The origin of Scripture is divine. The mode of divine inspiration remains largely a mystery to us.

WE DENY that inspiration can be reduced to human insight, or to heightened states of consciousness of any kind.

Article VIII

WE AFFIRM that God in His work of inspiration utilized the distinctive personalities and literary styles of the writers whom He had chosen and prepared.

WE DENY that God, in causing these writers to use the very words that He chose, overrode their personalities.

Article IX

WE AFFIRM that inspiration, though not conferring omniscience, guaranteed true and trustworthy utterance on all matters of which the Biblical authors were moved to speak and write.

WE DENY that the finitude or fallenness of these writers, by necessity or otherwise, introduced distortion or falsehood into God's Word.

Article X

WE AFFIRM that inspiration, strictly speaking, applies only to the autographic text of Scripture, which in the providence of God can be ascertained from available manuscripts with great accuracy. We further affirm that copies and translations of Scripture are the Word of God to the extent that they faithfully represent the original.

WE DENY that any essential element of the Christian faith is affected by the absence of the autographs. We further deny that this absence renders the assertion of Biblical inerrancy invalid or irrelevant.

Article XI

WE AFFIRM that Scripture, having been given by divine inspiration, is infallible, so that, far from misleading us, it is true and reliable in all the matters it addresses.

WE DENY that it is possible for the Bible to be at the same time infallible and errant in its assertions. Infallibility and inerrancy may be distinguished, but not separated.

Article XII

WE AFFIRM that Scripture in its entirety is inerrant, being free from all falsehood, fraud, or deceit.

WE DENY that Biblical infallibility and inerrancy are limited to spiritual, religious, or redemptive themes, exclusive of assertions in the fields of history and science. We further deny that scientific hypotheses about earth history may properly be used to overturn the teaching of Scripture on creation and the flood.

Article XIII

WE AFFIRM the propriety of using inerrancy as a theological term with reference to the complete truthfulness of Scripture.

WE DENY that it is proper to evaluate Scripture according to standards of truth and error that are alien to its usage or purpose. We further deny that inerrancy is negated by Biblical phenomena such as a lack of modern technical precision, irregularities of grammar or spelling, observational descriptions of nature, the reporting of falsehoods, the use of hyperbole and round numbers, the topical arrangement of material, variant selections of material in parallel accounts, or the use of free citations.

Article XIV

WE AFFIRM the unity and internal consistency of Scripture.

WE DENY that alleged errors and discrepancies that have not yet been resolved vitiate the truth claims of the Bible.

Article XV

WE AFFIRM that the doctrine of inerrancy is grounded in the teaching of the Bible about inspiration.

WE DENY that Jesus' teaching about Scripture may be dismissed by appeals to accommodation or to any natural limitation of His humanity.

Article XVI

WE AFFIRM that the doctrine of inerrancy has been integral to the Church's faith throughout its history.

WE DENY that inerrancy is a doctrine invented by scholastic Protestantism, or is a reactionary position postulated in response to negative higher criticism.

Article XVII

WE AFFIRM that the Holy Spirit bears witness to the Scriptures, assuring believers of the truthfulness of God's written Word.

WE DENY that this witness of the Holy Spirit operates in isolation from or against Scripture.

Article XVIII

WE AFFIRM that the text of Scripture is to be interpreted by grammatical-historical exegesis, taking account of its literary forms and devices, and that Scripture is to interpret Scripture.

WE DENY the legitimacy of any treatment of the text or quest for sources lying behind it that leads to relativizing, dehistoricizing, or discounting its teaching, or rejecting its claims to authorship.

Article XIX

WE AFFIRM that a confession of the full authority, infallibility, and inerrancy of Scripture is vital to a sound understanding of the whole of the Christian faith. We further affirm that such confession should lead to increasing conformity to the image of Christ.

WE DENY that such confession is necessary for salvation. However, we further deny that inerrancy can be rejected without grave consequences, both to the individual and to the Church.

The Danvers Statement on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood

In December, 1987, the newly-formed Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood met in Danvers, Massachusetts, to compose the *Danvers Statement on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood*. Prior to the listing of the actual affirmations that comprise the Danvers Statement, we have included a section detailing contemporary developments that serve as the rationale for these affirmations. We offer this statement to the evangelical world, knowing that it will stimulate healthy discussion, hoping that it will gain widespread assent.

Rationale

We have been moved in our purpose by the following contemporary developments which we observe with deep concern:

1. the widespread uncertainty and confusion in our culture regarding the complementary differences between masculinity and femininity;
2. the tragic effects of this confusion in unraveling the fabric of marriage woven by God out of the beautiful and diverse strands of manhood and womanhood;
3. the increasing promotion given to feminist egalitarianism with accompanying distortions or neglect of the glad harmony portrayed in Scripture between the loving, humble leadership of redeemed husbands and the intelligent, willing support of that leadership by redeemed wives;
4. the widespread ambivalence regarding the values of motherhood, vocational homemaking, and the many ministries historically performed by women;
5. the growing claims of legitimacy for sexual relationships which have Biblically and historically been considered illicit or perverse, and the increase in pornographic portrayal of human sexuality;
6. the upsurge of physical and emotional abuse in the family;
7. the emergence of roles for men and women in church leadership that do not conform to Biblical teaching but backfire in the crippling of Biblically faithful witness;
8. the increasing prevalence and acceptance of hermeneutical oddities devised to reinterpret apparently plain meanings of Biblical texts;
9. the consequent threat to Biblical authority as the clarity of Scripture is jeopardized and the accessibility of its meaning to ordinary people is withdrawn into the restricted realm of technical ingenuity;
10. and behind all this the apparent accommodation of some within the church to the spirit of the age at the expense of winsome, radical Biblical authenticity which in the power of the Holy Spirit may reform rather than reflect our ailing culture.

Affirmations

Based on our understanding of biblical teachings, we affirm the following:

1. Both Adam and Eve were created in God's image, equal before God as persons and distinct in their manhood and womanhood (Gen 1:26-27; 2:18).
2. Distinctions in masculine and feminine roles are ordained by God as part of the created order, and should find an echo in every human heart (Gen 2:18, 21-24; 1 Cor 11:7-9; 1 Tim 2:12-14).
3. Adam's headship in marriage was established by God before the Fall, and was not a result of sin (Gen 2:16-18, 21-24; 3:1-13; 1 Cor 11:7-9).
4. The Fall introduced distortions into the relationships between men and women (Gen 3:1-7, 12, 16).
 - a. In the home, the husband's loving, humble headship tends to be replaced by domination or passivity; the wife's intelligent, willing submission tends to be replaced by usurpation or servility.

- b. In the church, sin inclines men toward a worldly love of power or an abdication of spiritual responsibility, and inclines women to resist limitations on their roles or to neglect the use of their gifts in appropriate ministries.
5. The Old Testament, as well as the New Testament, manifests the equally high value and dignity which God attached to the roles of both men and women (Gen 1:26-27, 2:18; Gal 3:28). Both Old and New Testaments also affirm the principle of male headship in the family and in the covenant community (Gen 2:18; Eph 5:21-33; Col 3:18-19; 1 Tim 2:11-15).
6. Redemption in Christ aims at removing the distortions introduced by the curse.
 - a. In the family, husbands should forsake harsh or selfish leadership and grow in love and care for their wives; wives should forsake resistance to their husbands' authority and grow in willing, joyful submission to their husbands' leadership (Eph 5:21-33; Col 3:18-19; Tit 2:3-5; 1 Pet 3:1-7).
 - b. In the church, redemption in Christ gives men and women an equal share in the blessings of salvation; nevertheless, some governing and teaching roles within the church are restricted to men (Gal 3:28; 1 Cor 11:2-16; 1 Tim 2:11-15).
7. In all of life Christ is the supreme authority and guide for men and women, so that no earthly submission-domestic, religious, or civil – ever implies a mandate to follow a human authority into sin (Dan 3:10-18; Acts 4:19-20; 5:27-29; 1 Pet 3:1-2).
8. In both men and women a heartfelt sense of call to ministry should never be used to set aside Biblical criteria for particular ministries (1 Tim 2:11-15; 3:1-13; Tit 1:5-9). Rather, Biblical teaching should remain the authority for testing our subjective discernment of God's will.
9. With half the world's population outside the reach of indigenous evangelism; with countless other lost people in those societies that have heard the gospel; with the stresses and miseries of sickness, malnutrition, homelessness, illiteracy, ignorance, aging, addiction, crime, incarceration, neuroses, and loneliness, no man or woman who feels a passion from God to make His grace known in word and deed need ever live without a fulfilling ministry for the glory of Christ and the good of this fallen world (1 Cor 12:7-21).
10. We are convinced that a denial or neglect of these principles will lead to increasingly destructive consequences in our families, our churches, and the culture at large.

MBTS Policy on Sex, Sexuality, and Gender Identity

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and College's policy regarding sex, sexuality, and gender identity is grounded in our long-standing institutional religious identity. This identity, in turn, is grounded in the teachings of the Bible as understood in the Seminary's confessional commitment—the Baptist Faith & Message 2000. This policy is intended to address transsexualism, transgenderism, and related gender identity issues.

We affirm that God's original and ongoing intent and action is the creation of humanity manifest as two distinct sexes, male and female. We also recognize that due to sin and human brokenness, our experiential perception of our sex and gender is not always that which God the Creator originally designed, and yet affirm further God's capacity to heal and transform our brokenness in keeping with His purposes and will. With this foundational understanding of creation, fall, and redemption, we do not support or affirm the resolution of tension between one's biological sex and one's experiential perception of gender by the adoption of a psychological identity discordant with one's birth sex. Similarly we do not support or affirm attempts to change one's given biological birth sex via medical intervention in favor of the identity of the opposite sex or of an indeterminate identity. Although as a Christian residential institution of higher learning we will respect those whose moral views diverge from ours, we will make institutional decisions in light of this policy regarding housing, student admission and retention, employment hiring and retention, and other matters. The full policy, of which this is a summary, is available from the Human Resources office.

Perspective

PROFILE

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary is a professional graduate school which also incorporates Midwestern College. The Seminary is an entity of the Southern Baptist Convention which offers a community of higher learning for persons called to ministry. The Seminary and thus, the College, is supported by the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program and is governed by a board of trustees who are elected by the Convention. In fulfilling their stewardship for the Seminary and College, the trustees have adopted the SBC's *Baptist Faith and Message, 2000* as the institution's Statement of Faith.

Purpose Statement of the Southern Baptist Seminaries

Southern Baptist theological seminaries exist to prepare God-called men and women for vocational service in Baptist churches and in other Christian ministries throughout the world through programs of spiritual development, theological studies, and practical preparation in ministry.

Mission Statement of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary serves the church by biblically educating God-called men and women to be and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Core Values

Veritas / Truth – “Know”

We believe that the Bible is the inspired, authoritative, inerrant Word of God, and thus it instructs, motivates, and guides us in all areas of ministry. We are committed to helping students understand, communicate, practice, and defend biblical truth.

Pietas / Devotion – “Be”

We seek to model and to instill in the lives of our students supreme devotion to the Lord. We seek to provide an atmosphere for students that cultivates consistent discipline and balanced spiritual growth that validates their call to ministry. We strive to accomplish this through biblically based teaching and by providing opportunities to develop a lifestyle of Christian love and integrity. We believe Christ-like relationships with God, family, church, community, and the world are essential and should be cultivated.

Missio / Evangelism – “Do”

We believe the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ is to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the Gospel to all nations. It is the duty of every Christian to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a Christian lifestyle, and by other methods in harmony with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We believe in the primacy of the local church in the work of evangelism. We prepare students to worship God, evangelize the lost, edify believers, and establish biblically-based churches for the purpose of glorifying God.

We prepare students to be leaders who demonstrate commitment to ministerial calling, cultural sensitivity, and doctrinal integrity from a Southern Baptist perspective. We seek to develop leaders who exemplify and communicate the Great Commission in their ministry settings.

Teaching and Learning Values

We seek to train students to integrate biblical teaching within Midwestern's theological context in the construction of a Christian worldview. We strive to accomplish this training by developing analytical, constructive, and interpretative competencies with an emphasis on integrative theological study as a base for the development of professional skills.

Institutional Objectives

Teaching Objectives

We seek to integrate biblical teaching within Midwestern's theological context to equip students to mature in their Christian worldview and in their professional ministry skills.

Learning Outcomes

Through exegetical, theological, and practical educational processes, MBTS will produce students who

- Believe that the Bible is inspired, authoritative, and inerrant (2 Tim 3:15-16; 2 Pet 1:19; Mt 5:17-18)
- Understand and apply biblical truth (Rom 15:3-5; Jn 17:17)
- Exemplify biblical leadership and doctrinal integrity in ministry (1 Pet 5:2-4)
- Demonstrate Christ-likeness in seeking and cultivating all relationships (Eph 4:30-32; Col 3:12-13)
- Manifest a developing and disciplined Christian life (Gal 5:22-23; 2 Pet 1:5-7; 1 Tim 4:7)
- Commit themselves to fulfilling the Great Commission in worshipping God, evangelizing the lost, disciplining believers, and establishing healthy biblical churches in culturally relevant ways (Mt 28:18-20; Eph. 4:11-14; 1 Cor. 9:19-23).

These institutional objectives and learning outcomes were approved by the faculty of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary on November 1, 2007, and adopted by the Board of Trustees in fall, 2008.

Accreditation

Midwestern College maintains professional and academic accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). HLC is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and the U.S. Department of Education (USDE).

The HLC awarded Midwestern accreditation of its professional master's degree programs in March 1971 and its professional Doctor of Ministry program in April 1975. The undergraduate associate degree programs were approved in 2004. On August 12, 2005, the HLC extended Midwestern's accreditation to include the Bachelor of Arts degree. In 2008, the HLC approved the PhD program. In the summer of 2010, the HLC approved Midwestern Baptist College to offer the Master of Arts degree, Theological Studies major as an entirely online degree program. The HLC approved the college-based Doctor of Counseling degree (DCoun) and the expansion of the Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministries and the Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies and the addition of double majors to both degrees in May 2013. Accreditation by this diversified and comprehensive agency assists Midwestern in accomplishing its professional objectives and commends its graduates to the larger academic and professional communities.

In order to meet the needs of our constituencies, Midwestern may offer parts of degree programs in extension programs of study. Occasional course-offering sites are those where courses are offered less frequently than on an annual basis. Ongoing course-offerings sites offer a range of courses for credit, but less than half of an approved degree program. To earn a degree at either occasional or ongoing sites, students must take additional hours via distance learning, on-campus or a combination of the two based on the degree sought. Courses taken through Midwestern Baptist College or Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at extension sites maintain professional and academic accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) in the United States and Canada. Both HLC and ATS are recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

Questions or appeals regarding accreditation issues and/or matters needing outside mediation may be directed in writing to at the Higher Learning Commission, 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, Illinois 60604, or by phone at 800-621-7440. Additional information may be obtained from the HLC web page at www.hlcommission.org.

Affiliation

Midwestern is a member of the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR). A corporate entity located in the United States, ASOR carries on its foreign operations through grants made to independent centers in the Near East,

such as Jerusalem's Albright Institute of Archaeological Research and Amman's American Center of Oriental Research. Midwestern students have the privilege of attending the Albright Institute without tuition charge and may compete for fellowships offered for research in the Near East. Through its relationship with ASOR, the seminary and its students participate in the work of exploration and excavation in Bible lands, a work that helps unfold information important to theological understanding.

Facilities

The Midwestern campus covers approximately 160 acres of beautiful woods and rolling meadows in North Kansas City, just 10 minutes from downtown Kansas City. The Seminary is strategically located, adjoining I-29, U.S. 69, and U.S. 169 and within five miles of Interstate Highways 35, 70, 435, and 635. This proximity to major transportation networks makes the campus easily accessible and many students and adjunct professors who serve on the field can commute to Midwestern from the surrounding areas.

The campus consists of five main areas: an administrative building, chapel, Trustees Classrooms, student housing, and the Koehn-Myers Center for World Evangelism. The Administrative Complex includes the Library, Administration Building, and Annex which houses Campus Operations.

The Midwestern Seminary library is housed in a three-story building near the center of the campus in the Administration Complex. The collection consists of over 200,000 cataloged volumes in addition to a large body of general and denominational periodicals (625 current subscriptions) and other serial materials. The Library participates in Amigos Library Services, a computerized system of shared cataloging, and the Missouri Bibliographic Information Users System (MOBIUS), a consortium of academic libraries in Missouri. Additionally, many electronic full-text resources and databases are available through the library's website for authorized users.

The Library Curriculum Lab contains the material published by LifeWay Christian Resources, other SBC agencies, and the Woman's Missionary Union. Over 500 items of current materials are on display for students and other interested persons.

The Charles H. Spurgeon Library Collection is presently a part of the Midwestern Library. Charles H. Spurgeon (1834-1892) was one of the most prominent English Baptist pastors of the 19th century. During his lifetime he amassed a substantial personal library. Representing the subject areas of literature, theology, travel, biography, science, hymnody, history and humor, with religion being the largest category, the Collection features great Christian writers and has more than 6,000 volumes including many of Spurgeon's personal works.

The Charles H. Spurgeon Library Collection was acquired from the Spurgeon family by the Missouri Baptist General Association (now Missouri Baptist Convention) when it was available for purchase in London, for 500 pounds

(\$2500) in 1905. Afterward, the Collection was sent on the S.S. Cuban on Dec. 19, 1905, to New Orleans, LA, then on to Kansas City, MO., by the Illinois Central Railroad. The collection was housed at William Jewell College in Liberty, MO for approximately 100 years. Midwestern purchased the collection from William Jewell College on Oct. 10, 2006. Portions of the Collection are on display in Midwestern's main Library, while the remaining items are currently housed in a climate controlled library annex for classification, cataloging and restoration.

The Library Mission Resource Center is a collection of mission artifacts collected from across the world. The late Dr. Lavell Seats, who served as the professor of missions, accumulated the collection over a lifetime. A missionary for 17 years and a teacher for 43 years, Seats began his collection while serving as a missionary in Nigeria, donating the artifacts to the Seminary in 1994. The collection is an educational tool for students who will be working in different cultures as missionaries to give insight into these cultures and traditions. Items include nativity sets, traditional clothing, dolls dressed in ethnic costumes, as well as everyday utensils used in cultures.

The Morton Collection features over 1,000 archaeological artifacts from the Holy Land. These were collected by the late Dr. William Morton, biblical archaeology professor from 1958 to 1984. The Morton-Seats Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology was formed by Midwestern to provide a permanent and public display area for the Morton and Seats collections. It is also a research center for the ongoing archaeological and anthropological study of the ancient and modern people groups in North Africa and the Middle East. Midwestern provides students the opportunity to participate in accredited archaeological excavations and anthropological field studies abroad which supports the Master of Arts in Biblical Archeology degree.

The Trustees Classroom Building houses classrooms, offices for Admissions, Registrar, Financial Services, Financial Aid, Housing and Student Services and a student center in the lower level. Student mailboxes for campus mail are located in the lower level of the Trustees Classroom Building along with the LifeWay campus bookstore, owned and operated by LifeWay Christian Resources. This building serves as an academic and social gathering place.

The Koehn-Myers Center for World Evangelism is named after two martyred missionaries, Bill Koehn and Martha Myers, both of whom attended Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. The Koehn-Myers Center houses the library annex; academic, doctoral, and faculty offices; and a student lounge.

In early 2010, construction of a new chapel complex began and the project was completed in 2013. This facility houses a 1,000 seat auditorium, a banquet hall, and classrooms.

Faculty

The faculty consists of 29 full-time, 6 part-time, 4 administrative faculty members, and approximately 50 adjunct professors.

Student Body Profile

The students at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Midwestern College come from a wide variety of cultural, economic, and geographical backgrounds. By fall of 2014, the enrollment was 1,445 students from 46 states and 17 foreign countries. 330 students were enrolled in undergraduate programs, 545 in master's programs, 551 in doctoral programs, and 19 in the Midwestern Women's Institute.

Trustees

As an institution of the Southern Baptist Convention, Midwestern is guided by a board of trustees elected by the convention at its annual meeting. The trustees elect faculty members who subscribe to The Baptist Faith and Message 2000 of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Midwestern derives a significant portion of its financial support from the SBC Cooperative Program. In addition to Cooperative Program funds and student fees, alumni gifts and endowments from special friends enable Midwestern to further its far-reaching ministry.

Website

Extensive information about Midwestern is available at www.mbts.edu. The site provides an online application form, faculty profiles, news releases, chapel schedules, current course offerings, and much more.

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

MIDWESTERN COLLEGE

DOCTORAL PROGRAM

Doctor of Counseling

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Refer to Seminary Programs

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Bachelor of Arts

Single Major

Biblical Studies

Biblical Studies – Accelerate

Biblical Studies – *Adult Degree Completion*

Christian Ministry

Christian Ministry with Missions Emphasis

Double Majors

Biblical Studies with

Business

Counseling Psychology

Humanities

Worship Ministries

Christian Ministry with

Business

Counseling Psychology

Divinity

Humanities

Worship Ministries

Christian Ministry (Missions Emphasis) with

Business

Counseling Psychology

Divinity

Humanities

Associate Degrees

Associate of Divinity

Associate of Arts

Biblical Studies

Worship Ministries

DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

(NONDEGREE)

Contextualized Leadership Development (CLD)

The Undergraduate Certificate

Midwestern Women's Institute (MWI)

MIDWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

RESEARCH/ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Doctoral

Doctor of Philosophy, Biblical Studies

Ethics

Historical Theology

Ministry

Missiology

New Testament

Old Testament

Preaching

Theology

Master of Theology (ThM)

PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Doctoral

Doctor of Ministry

Apologetics

Care and Counseling

Chaplaincy, Military

Church Revitalization

Ethics

Expository Preaching

Leadership

Doctor of Counseling

Doctor of Educational Ministry

Master's

Master of Divinity

Standard

Online-Standard

Biblical Languages

Christian Education

Church Planting

Counseling

International Church Planting

Leadership

Preaching and Pastoral Ministry

Worship Ministries

Youth Ministry

Korean Standard

Korean Biblical Languages

Korean Counseling

Korean Christian Education

Korean International Church Planting

Master of Arts

Biblical Languages

Master of Arts in Christian Education

Master of Arts in Christian Education with

Worship Ministries

Master of Arts in Counseling

Master of Arts in Worship Ministries

Master of Arts in Worship Ministries with

Christian Education

Master of Theological Studies

Standard

Church Planting

Church Revitalization

Counseling (Korean Track)

Leadership

Ministry (Saddleback)

Missions

Mobilization

Preaching and Pastoral Ministry

Three Fourteen (St. Louis)

DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

(NONDEGREE)

Post-Graduate Certificate

Graduate Certificate

Certificate in Worship Ministries

Midwestern Women's Institute (MWI)

Note: Titles appearing in italics indicate concentrations.

Student Handbook

INTRODUCTION

The Student Handbook clarifies policies designed to provide a safe atmosphere conducive to campus living and academic pursuits. While enrolled, students and family members are responsible for the information contained within the handbook, and with its obligations. Questions or requests for information regarding the Student Handbook may be directed to the Admissions Office.

Midwestern's Core Values and Student Responsibilities

Ministry is Biblical. Because we believe the Bible is God's inerrant word, we believe that every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love. Midwestern students are expected to model this value by showing respect and Christian love toward other students, faculty, staff, and administrators. This respect for other individuals includes an appreciation of cultural backgrounds different from one's own, an understanding of different attitudes and opinions, and an awareness of the consequences of one's actions on the broader community.

Ministry is Leadership. Because we seek to develop leaders who exemplify and communicate God's vision in their ministry settings, we believe students should strive for the highest standard of integrity.

Ministry is Relational. Because we believe Christlike relationships with God, family, church, community, and the world are essential and should be cultivated, students are expected to model kingdom relationships with the various members of the College/Seminary campus. While students are encouraged to share their opinions and convictions, freedom in any orderly relationship of human life is always limited and never absolute. Therefore, students are expected to strive toward high standards of compassion and courtesy in the exercise of their freedoms.

Ministry is Personal and Spiritual. Midwestern seeks to provide an atmosphere for students that cultivates consistent, disciplined, and balanced spiritual growth and that validates the student's call to ministry. Students are expected to progress toward moral and spiritual maturity through the indwelling presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

Ministry is Focused. Midwestern prepares students to be twenty-first century ministers and laymen who demonstrate a commitment to ministerial calling, cultural sensitivity, and doctrinal integrity from a Southern Baptist perspective. Student conduct is expected to reflect these commitments.

Emergencies

For immediate help in an emergency or threatening situation, individuals should call 911—Kansas City's emergency telephone number. This 911 number will reach fire, police, or ambulance service. After relevant information is reported to the 911 operator, campus security personnel should be notified immediately by calling **816-414-3836**. Students may also call this number to report housing emergencies.

In Kansas City, Missouri, emergency preparedness officials test the city's severe weather warning siren system at 11:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month.

COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Nondiscrimination

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or status as a protected veteran. The College/Seminary's nondiscrimination policy applies to all phases of its employment process, its admission and financial aid programs, and to all other aspects of its educational programs and activities. Further, this policy applies to sexual violence and sexual harassment (forms of sex discrimination) occurring both within and outside of the College/Seminary context if the conduct negatively affects the individual's educational or work experience or the overall campus environment. As a protected religious organization, Midwestern College/Seminary does consider religious faith, practice, and character to be relevant criteria in many educational or employment decisions. Retaliation directed to any person who pursues a discrimination complaint or grievance, participates in a discrimination investigation, or otherwise opposes unlawful discrimination is prohibited.

Any person having inquiries concerning the College/Seminary's application of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 or other civil rights laws should contact one of the following:

Director of Human Resources/Title IX Coordinator
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary & College
5001 N. Oak Trafficway
Kansas City, MO 64118
gcrutcher@mbts.edu
816-414-3890

Dean of Students/Deputy Title IX Coordinator
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary & College
5001 N. Oak Trafficway
Kansas City, MO 64118
rhadaway@mbts.edu
816-414-3778

Student Right to Know

Midwestern College/Seminary complies with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (the Clery Act). This act requires Midwestern Seminary to collect, prepare, publish, and distribute campus crime statistics and security policies. This information is distributed to all students and employees annually and posted on the College's web site at www.mbts.edu/consumer-information/#HealthAndSafety or at the Security Office located in the Campus Operations Building or by calling 816-414-3836.

Drug and Alcohol Awareness

Midwestern supports and endorses the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act. Pursuant to this Act MBTS expressly prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or unlawful use of controlled substances, including illicit drugs. The use of alcohol as a beverage by students, whether on or off campus, is prohibited.

The Disciplinary Action section later in this handbook provides details of the sanctions applied for violations of this policy. The entire Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program policy is located on the MBTS website at www.mbts.edu/downloads/site/drugalcohol.pdf under Consumer Information, Safety and Health. Copies of the policy can also be obtained from the Student Development Office.

Facilities and Services for Disabled Students

Midwestern is committed to complying with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This Act requires that no qualified individual with a disability will, by reason of such disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of entities services, programs, or activities or be subjected to discrimination by any such entity. Similar obligations are found in Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Students with disabilities are expected to master the fundamental skills and knowledge that are required for their course of study. Students should not expect Midwestern to excuse them from requirements that are difficult but rather should take the necessary steps to ensure that they are getting the help they need to enable them to meet the program's requirements.

Any student seeking effective auxiliary aids for a current disability is responsible for providing the Admissions Office with timely and adequate documentation of the student's disability by a medical doctor. Acceptable documentation is a necessary prerequisite for proper evaluation of the reasonableness of a proposed accommodation or modification to the rules, policies, and practices of Midwestern. The Admissions Office can provide the student with guidelines for acceptable documentation of a disability. A medical diagnosis will be part of the documentation processing.

The student is responsible for initiating consideration for accommodations relating to course or degree requirements with the Admissions Office. Based on appropriate

documentation and discussion with the student regarding past experiences, the Dean of Students will decide if accommodations are warranted, what accommodations should be recommended, and whether or not MBTS is able to provide the requested accommodations.

Further information is available at the Admissions Office located in the Trustees Classroom Building, by calling 816-414-3733, or on Midwestern's web site at www.mbts.edu/consumer-information/#DisabledStudents

Instructional Facilities and Labs

Information on the institution's instructional facilities is available at the Admissions Office located in the Trustees Classroom Building or by calling 816-414-3733. Also see www.mbts.edu/current_students/library/ for information on library resources at Midwestern.

Campus Safety and Security Report

The Campus Safety and Security Report is available on request from the Security office located in the Campus Operations Building or by calling 816-414-3836. Each fall semester the report is posted on Midwestern's website.

Questions regarding this information may be directed to the Chief of Security.

Peer-to-Peer File Sharing

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) includes provisions that are designed to reduce the illegal uploading and downloading of copyrighted works through peer-to-peer (P2P) file sharing (an approach to content distribution in which digital files are transferred between "peer" computers over the Internet). Consistent with the principles of Midwestern and the expectations for student behavior, Midwestern views education as the most important element in combating illegal sharing of copyrighted material and uses a variety of methods to inform Midwestern's constituents about the law and responses to claims of copyright infringement. (The website <http://www.mbts.edu/consumer-information/#Peer-to-Peer> provides more detailed information.)

Midwestern currently employs an enterprise-class Sonicwall security device for analysis of all inbound and outbound network traffic. Access to P2P protocols is blocked as much as is practical by current technology. When excessive sustained uploading is detected, the Information Technology (IT) department makes an effort to identify the end user's system and notify the user of the issue and possible causes. In extreme cases, when contact cannot be made with the system owner, the data connection is severed until the owner can be reached and the issue resolved.

Students who share files of which they are not the copyright owners are most likely in violation of College/Seminary policy and potentially subject to lawsuit by the copyright holder under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act. Students are responsible for understanding what constitutes legal use of music, movies, software, images, and other copyright works that they own or use. In using

Midwestern's network resources, students agree to abide by the policies and guidelines set forth by Midwestern.

Questions about file sharing may be addressed to Midwestern's Helpdesk by calling 816-414-3763 or by emailing helpdesk@mbts.edu.

Scholarship Fraud

According to the Federal Trade Commission, perpetrators of financial aid fraud often use the following lines to sell their scholarship services; students should avoid any scholarship service or website that says the following:

- "This scholarship is guaranteed or your money back."
- "You can't get this information anywhere else."
- "I just need your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship."
- "We'll do all the work."
- "This scholarship will cost some money."
- "You've been selected by a 'national foundation' to receive a scholarship" or "You're a finalist" in a contest you never entered.

If you believe you've been the victim of scholarship fraud, wish to file a complaint, or want more information, call 1 (877) FTC-HELP or see www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams. On November 5, 2000, Congress passed the College Scholarship Fraud Prevention Act to enhance protection against fraud in student financial assistance by establishing stricter sentencing guidelines for criminal financial aid fraud.

Student Body Diversity

For information about the diversity of Midwestern's student body, students may contact the Registrar's Office in Trustees Classroom Building, or they may call 816-414-3713.

Additional Information

Additional information required by federal laws and/or regulations to be included in this catalog is located on the pages indicated:

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Electronic Communication

Both academic information as well as information related to the student's financial standing with the school (i.e., his or her account balance) will be sent only to the student's MBTS email. The student is responsible for checking his/her MBTS-allocated email account. Even if a student communicates through a personal email account, MBTS will only respond through the student's MBTS email. The student may annually opt out of receiving any electronic (email) communication from MBTS, choosing instead for all communications to be delivered via USPS, by completing the *Opt-Out of Electronic Communication* available online and in the Communications Office (816-414-3709).

New Student Orientation

All newly admitted students taking residential classes are required to attend New Student Orientation (NSO) before their graduation date. NSO is held each fall and spring semester on the Friday before classes start. Online students should complete the zero credit-hour online NSO course. Students should contact the Office of Student Life & Events at 816-414-3810 for questions or details.

Pre-enrollment

Continuing students are encouraged to enroll in classes as soon as online registration is open for the next semester. Pre-enrollment gives students the opportunity to schedule classes before they are filled and for the Financial Aid Office to process financial aid. A pre-enrolled student may add or drop classes before the matriculation due date without a penalty. Paper enrollment forms are available online and in the Registrar's Office.

Prospective Students

Prospective student referrals may be made by contacting the Admissions Office at 800-944- 6287 or by calling 816-414-3733 or by emailing at admissions@mbts.edu. The Admissions Office will contact the prospective student and send information about Midwestern. All prospective students are encouraged to schedule a campus visit.

Online Students

All newly admitted online students are required to complete the online course entitled *New Student Orientation* in the student's first term. Initial enrollment in the course is free. Students who fail to complete the NSO the first time will be enrolled a second time and charged a \$25 fee. Each time students have to retake the course they will be charged this fee.

The *Online Student Handbook*, which is made available to all online students via *Blackboard*, contains all policies and

procedures that are unique to and especially pertinent to online coursework. Online students are responsible for being knowledgeable of its content, which is binding for all online students.

RESPONSIBILITIES- COMMUNITY

Child Endangerment and Abandonment

Children should not be left unattended or placed in any situation which might cause harm or injury to the child. Children should be under adult supervision at all times in campus buildings and facilities. Suspected cases of child neglect should be reported to the Dean of Students, the Vice President of Administration, or directly to the Kansas City Police Department.

Fireworks

No person, group, organization, or program is permitted to possess, offer for sale, explode or cause to explode, any fireworks, firecrackers, or other items that may cause smoke, heat, or sparks within the buildings or on the property of Midwestern College/Seminary. Anyone found in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action. In addition to campus policy, fireworks within the city limits of Kansas City are prohibited by law and violators are subject to penalties under city ordinance 26-3309.

Maintenance

Any need for housekeeping attention, maintenance and repairs in hallways, restrooms, entrances, and other common use areas should be reported to the Campus Operations Office (816-414-3732).

Seal and Logo

Institutional seals and logos are unique, historic symbols of an institution's identity and tradition. They represent the entire institution and, therefore, should be used with care and discretion. The use of Midwestern's seal and/or logo, in its past or present versions, on any publications, website, merchandise, in any electronic communications, or as a feature of any gratuity item, must be approved in advance by the Communications Office.

Smoking

In keeping with our concern for the health and well-being of students, smoking or any other use of tobacco products is not permitted anywhere on the Midwestern campus, including campus housing.

RESPONSIBILITIES-CONDUCT

Disciplinary Action

Disciplinary action may be initiated if a student is involved in immoral or unethical behavior, including the violation of the property rights of others. The following are categories of conduct unacceptable in the College/Seminary community:

- Academic Misconduct. Academic misconduct includes cheating and plagiarism. Students are to refrain from the use of unauthorized aids on examinations and assignments and to turn in only those assignments that are the result of their own efforts and research (i.e., proper citation is to be given for all quotations and/or paraphrasing). Midwestern strongly deplores every form of plagiarism and dishonesty, which are incompatible with the very purpose for which students ought to pursue an education at MBTS. Plagiarism includes "cutting and pasting" sources from the Internet without documentation. Plagiarism offenses will be referred to the Dean of Students.
- Beverage Alcohol or Illegal Drugs. The purchase, possession, or use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on or off campus or as part of any College/Seminary activities, whether that activity is on or off campus. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of any illegal drug or illegal drug paraphernalia is prohibited on or off-campus. A substance of abuse is any form of narcotics, hallucinogenic, "street drugs," beverage alcohol, or any other controlled substances as defined by law. Possession of alcohol or illegal drugs in campus housing will result in immediate suspension. The use of beverage alcohol and illicit drugs, whether on or off campus, is prohibited.
- Gambling. Gambling on- or off-campus or via the internet is prohibited.
- Sexual Impropriety. Sexual impropriety is participation in premarital sex, extramarital sex, homosexual activities or any form of deviant sexual behavior or cohabitation. Pornography is also prohibited. Pornography is the possession, purchase, distribution, or use of any pornographic materials in any form (magazines, photos, CD ROM, games, computer games, Web sites, etc.). The viewing and/or possession of underage pornographic material (Internet, film or paper) is a criminal offense and will result in the notification of the Kansas City Police Department and arrest. Matters of sexual impropriety are otherwise addressed by the Dean of Students in consultation with the Vice President of Administration, the Provost, and President.
- Neglect of Financial Obligations. Failure to pay rent, tuition, fees, or other College/Seminary bills in a timely manner as prescribed by the Financial Services constitutes neglect of financial obligations. Intentionally writing bad checks (i.e., checks with insufficient funds) is prohibited.
- Giving False Information or Altering Records.

- **Theft.** Theft is the unauthorized taking, borrowing and/or keeping of property belonging to others.
- **Abusive or Disrespectful Behavior.**

Personal Abuse. Personal abuse is any behavior that results in harassment, coercion, threat, disrespect and/or intimidation of another person. It is also any unwanted sexual attention toward another person. Actions or statements that cause damage or threaten the personal and/or psychological well-being of a person are also considered personal abuse.

Breach of Peace. Breach of peace is any action which disrupts the peace or which endangers or tends to endanger the safety, health, or life of any person. It also includes the disruption of the functional processes of the College/Seminary by individuals or organizations.

Reckless Behavior. Any behavior that creates a risk or danger to one's self or others in the College/Seminary community is strictly prohibited. This prohibition includes exceeding the posted speed limits on campus.

These listed behaviors and other conduct that are unbecoming of a Christian minister are grounds for disciplinary action. Reports of such conduct off campus will also be investigated, and the student involved may be subject to disciplinary action. Students involved in civil infractions are accountable to civil authorities but may also be subject to discipline by the College/Seminary.

The Dean of Students is immediately responsible for the administration of discipline among students and reports to the Provost and President. Cases involving academic misconduct necessitate the administration of discipline by the Dean of Students.

The purpose of disciplinary action is primarily remedial and redemptive. The following are options available to the administration for both behavioral and academic infractions:

- **Reprimand and Warning.** An official warning that continuation or repetition of an inappropriate behavior will result in a more severe sanction.
- **Fine.** A financial penalty appropriate to the violation.
- **Community Service.** This sanction requires the student to render a designated number of hours as specified service to Midwestern or the community.
- **Probation.** A formal written warning that the student's conduct is in violation of Midwestern's policies. The continued status of the student as a student depends on the maintenance of satisfactory citizenship during the period of probation. Students on probationary status may not hold student leadership or officer positions. Probation may also include the forfeiture of other student privileges, such as student housing or ministry referral assistance. This is considered a second warning.
- **Voluntary Withdrawal.** This sanction allows a student to acknowledge that the student's actions are inconsistent with expectations of the College/Seminary community. The student who voluntarily withdraws must make a formal written request if there is a desire to be readmitted later.
- **Suspension.** Termination of student status at Midwestern for not less than the remainder of the semester. The

student's presence on the campus may be prohibited during this period.

- **Expulsion.** Termination of student status at Midwestern permanently or for an indefinite period of time. This is usually given (but not exclusively) after a first and second warning, depending on the offense.

If needed, the Dean of Students may convene the Student Advocacy Committee to address instances of student misconduct. The committee will be chaired by the Dean of Students and will include a member of the faculty and may include the student's faculty advisor, the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, the Registrar and/or his representative, or other members of the faculty or administration who are listed in the Faculty Handbook. In the case of academic misconduct, the student will be referred to the Dean of Students. If an appeal is made to a decision by the Dean of Students, the Student Advocacy committee led by the Dean of Students in consultation with the Dean of Undergraduate Studies and the Provost may address the situation. This committee may confer with the student in question and will determine appropriate disciplinary action.

Midwestern seeks to be a responsible and redemptive community. In order for this to be true, staff, faculty, and students must accept responsibility to report those actions that might be detrimental to the reputation, well-being, or safety of the Midwestern community or the ministries Midwestern serves. Conduct that is unethical or otherwise inappropriate should be reported to appropriate personnel. The Dean of Students will investigate charges against students and may personally talk with the individual(s) involved and determine if further action is needed. The Vice President of Administration will receive and adjudicate charges against MBTS staff that are not in the Academic Division.

Grievance Process

If a student on occasion feels that the decisions and/or actions by faculty, staff, or fellow students are inappropriate and/or unjustified, the student may choose to appeal the decision and/or action. If the student chooses to do so, the following 4-step grievance process is designed to give biblically-based guidance in resolving a grievance, dispute, or conflict.

If the issue is solely academic in nature and relates specifically to a professor's judgment regarding the student's grade or other similar matters, the student should refer to *Academic Appeal Process* under **ACADEMIC POLICIES** in the **Academic Information** section of this catalog.

1. The student is first to seek to resolve the matter in a specific conference with the faculty member, staff person, or fellow student involved. Careful and thorough attention must be given to achieving a mutual understanding of the perceived problem by determining and agreeing on relevant facts, clarifying perceptions and misunderstandings, and seeking to define the problem in a way that is acceptable to both parties (Matthew 18:15-20).

2. If a student, after a good faith effort to resolve a matter, feels that the problem persists to his injury or disadvantage, the student may appeal to the Dean of Students. The Dean of Students will meet with the student to hear the grievance and take steps to resolve the problem. This meeting shall remain confidential unless legal or protective action is mandated by law. The Dean of Students will work with the student to formulate a plan of resolution.
3. Should the student feel the issue remains unresolved, the student may submit an official grievance to the Student Advocacy Committee for review. If the student's grievance is with the Dean of Students (i.e., if it relates specifically to some decision or action by the Dean of Students), then the student may, after unsuccessfully finding resolution in Step one, bypass Step Two and submit an official grievance directly to the Student Advocacy Committee. A Formal Grievance Form is available on the *Consumer Information* section of the MBTS website.
4. This Formal Grievance Form is to be completed and returned to the Dean of Students within five business days of the unsuccessful attempt to resolve the problem (Step One). The Dean of Students will make a copy for the student's file and forward the grievance form to the Student Advocacy Committee within five business days of receiving it from the student. The Dean of Students will also submit to the Committee Chair his response to the student's formal grievance. The Dean of Students serves as an objective interpreter of policy processing and as a monitor of policy integrity in relation to specific student grievances in consultation with the Student Advocacy Committee.

The Student Advocacy Committee:

1. Will review the filed grievance appeal form submitted by the student.
2. Will review the filed grievance response submitted by the Dean of Students.
3. May make a face-to-face inquiry with the student (or telephone call with an online student).
4. May make a face-to-face inquiry with the Dean of Students (or a telephone call with an online student).
5. May make a face-to-face inquiry with any other party that can assist in determining a solution to the grievance.
6. Will provide one of the following responses:
 - a. The Committee may find that the decision of the Dean of Students accurately reflects the institution's guiding documents and core values and, thus, will direct that his decision be upheld.
 - b. The Committee may find that the decision of the Dean of Students does not in some way accurately reflect the institution's guiding documents and core values. In such a case, the Committee will advise that his decision be amended, stating specifically how it should be amended; and if any additional actions are deemed necessary by the Committee in order to bring resolution in the matter, the committee may so advise.

In this second case (6.b), all Committee decisions shall be reviewed by the Provost prior to announcement and final implementation.

If a student believes that the Student Advocacy Committee has violated the Student Handbook or due process, the student may file a Student Development Committee Grievance Form with Midwestern's Provost. Midwestern's President is the final appeal point. This form is available on the *Consumer Information* section of the MBTS website. This form is to be completed and submitted to the Dean of Students.

RESPONSIBILITIES- EXPECTATIONS

Campus Wide Learning Opportunities

Classes are occasionally moved to accommodate campus-wide learning opportunities. College students are expected to attend these events.

Dress

Maturity, dignity, warmth and a spirit of deference are expected in every venue of College/Seminary life, marked by mutual respect and courtesy. Appearance and attire, whether seasonal or semi-formal, should be modest and Christ-honoring everywhere on campus.

Divorce

Midwestern considers marriage to be a covenant relationship and a healthy marriage to be crucial to any married student's ministry. Any change in a student's marital status (marriage, divorce, separation, legal separation) should be reported to the Admissions Office. Those students who experience divorce or separation after being approved for admission may be asked to withdraw from classes so that appropriate attention might be given to family needs. After one full year of withdrawal, the student may reapply for admission to Midwestern. Consideration of the student's application at that time will be based on what has transpired in the student's marriage and family relationship since the withdrawal.

Opportunities for service in local churches may be more limited for graduates with a divorce than for other graduates. Divorced applicants should explore the realistic assessment of the range of opportunities of service open to them before pursuing training at Midwestern.

Local Church Membership Certification

Midwestern serves the church by biblically educating God-called men and women to be and to make disciples of Jesus Christ. As a school supported by the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention, Midwestern affirms the importance and primacy of the local church in evangelism and missions. Therefore, students are expected to participate actively and regularly in a local church. All

students should join a local church by the end of their first academic year.

Students are classified as “Southern Baptist,” “other (non-SBC) Baptist,” or “non-Baptist” based on the church membership information they provide the College/Seminary at the time of their admission. This denominational status is used to determine the tuition rate the student will pay. A student’s denominational status will not change unless the student joins a church of a different denomination. If a student changes church affiliation he/she must report this change on a new *Local Church Membership Certification* form and return it to the Registrar’s Office by Friday (4 pm) of the first week of each semester in order for the tuition rate to be reflected in the current semester. Students must certify each semester in the matriculation process that they still retain membership in a Southern Baptist church in order to receive the SBC discounted rate. The burden of reporting this information is on the student, not Midwestern.

Chapel Attendance

Chapel is viewed as a vital and distinctive part of the educational experience on Midwestern’s Kansas City campus. Chapel helps define who we are and what we stand for as a Southern Baptist, church-related, and evangelical institution of higher education. All graduate students are strongly encouraged to attend the Tuesday and Wednesday chapel services. College students are required to attend 50% of all chapel services.

Campus Attendance for Online Students

Students enrolled in fall or spring online classes who reside in commuting range of Midwestern’s Kansas City campus will engage in one or more qualifying on-campus activities per course each term. Qualifying activities are those which involve faculty participation, including:

1. One-on-one meeting with each course instructor, course developer, or administrator
2. Chapel services during the term of instruction
3. Faculty led student life events, such as the Midwestern Mission Fellowship, Timothy Groups and Academic Lectures or Workshops.

Students are to report their campus attendance to the Online Studies Office by the last day of their term of study. Commuting range includes all zip codes within a 50 mile radius of campus, including those partially within this area. A complete list of those zip codes can be found online at <http://www.mbts.edu/commuting-range>

SERVICES

Bookstore: LifeWay Campus Store

The bookstore is located on the lower level of the Trustees Classroom Building. It is operated by LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention and is part of the chain of LifeWay Bookstores. The bookstore carries all College/Seminary-required texts, relevant books,

commentaries, and supplies. Many books are discounted 15 percent on cash sales. Special sales are offered periodically. The Bookstore may be contacted by phone at 816-455-3925 or email at mbtstextbooks@lifeway.com.

Midwestern Calendar

All meetings for student organizations, special interest groups, and/or special events must be scheduled on the Midwestern calendar. Students desiring to schedule an event or meeting must schedule the date and campus facilities through the appropriate campus office.

Meetings and events scheduled on the Midwestern calendar can also be listed in the College/Seminary’s News and Announcements email blast that goes out to all students, faculty and on-campus staff. All such announcements must be approved through the appropriate department’s cabinet-level administrator, and should be turned in at least one week prior to the event.

Computer Lab Printing

Printers are available for student use in the Library Computer Lab. Students can print directly from their own personal computers or utilize a lab computer. The library assesses a minimal charge per page for printing.

Employment

International (F-1) Students. U.S. Immigration laws prohibit F-1 students from being employed for wages or working off-campus, and allow only 20 hours of employment for wages or work per week on campus. After the first year of school, qualified F-1 students may seek approval and authorization from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to be employed off-campus. The spouse of an F-1 student holding an F-2 visa is not permitted to work.

Campus. The Human Resources Office is located in the Administration Building. It is the central location for learning about on-campus employment and for submitting applications. Midwestern believes in employing students and student spouses and encourages them to submit applications.

Church-Related. Students desiring church work are encouraged to contact the Office of Institutional Relations. An electronic copy of a resume should be placed on file in this office. Student resumes are then distributed to churches as requested. The College/Seminary encourages students to be in a ministry setting and assists students as they seek ministry positions.

Other Employment. The Admissions Office provides assistance to students in locating off-campus employment. A list of current job opportunities is available through that same office.

Business or Commercial Ventures On Campus. Permission for any business or commercial ventures on campus or within the College/Seminary housing area (including baby-sitting services) must be requested in writing from the Vice President of Administration. Off-campus businesses are not allowed to solicit on campus without written permission from the Admissions Office.

Housing

Individuals in campus housing are subject to rules and regulations deemed necessary for the best interests of all students and families. Students receive information concerning these rules at the time they receive their housing assignment at the start of each semester.

Commuter students who live outside the Kansas City area and must travel to campus for doctoral seminars have the option of guest housing provided through a local hotel at a discounted rate. Please visit the housing page of our website for more information.

Campus Housing. Campus housing units are located on campus and consist of single student dorms, single student apartments, one bedroom apartments for couples, two bedroom apartments for families with 1-2 children, three bedroom apartments for families with 3-5 children, and a few four-bedroom apartments reserved for families with 6+ children. The housing area includes parking space for residents and their guests and a play area for children. The College/Seminary campus is patrolled by 24-hour on-site security.

Each apartment is furnished with an electric range and refrigerator. Some apartments are furnished with a dishwasher. Washing machine and electric dryer hook-ups are provided in some of the units. Units in Rawlings Court are furnished with washer and dryer. Coin-operated laundry facilities are provided in the other apartment buildings. Students should discuss the availability of appliance hook-ups in the unit at the time the housing assignment is determined. Water, trash removal, electric, gas, internet, and cable expenses are included in the rent.

Undergraduate Students Under the Age of 20. Single, undergraduate students under the age of 20 are required to live on campus or live off-campus with an immediate family member.

Meal Plans. Single undergraduate students who are required to live on campus must also purchase a meal plan at the start of each semester. Students residing in the dorms will be required to purchase a full-board plan. Single students residing in the single-student apartment housing will be required to purchase at least a half-board plan.

Undergraduate Move-In Policy. Undergraduates living in the dorms or other single-student housing will be given a firm move-in date before the start of the semester and a firm move-out date at the close of the semester. This scheduling permits institutional maintenance crews to prepare these facilities for next term. Students must inform themselves of these dates as established by the housing office.

Undergraduate Visitation Policy. The institution maintains a visitation policy that applies to all undergraduate single students housed on campus, the details of which are presented to the students at the start of the semester by the residence life staff.

Requirements for Living in Campus Housing. Current full-time students, and students anticipating a full-time load, are eligible to live in campus housing. For this purpose, 'full-time' is defined as 12 credit hours per semester, with no more

than one online course counted toward this minimum. Students from the same family may not count their cumulative hours toward this full-time equivalent. Students taking full-time loads in the spring and fall semesters may reside in campus housing during the January and summer terms, even if they are not taking courses during these times.

Students who withdraw from classes, fail to enroll, or otherwise cease to engage in courses of study at the institution will be expected to move out within thirty days from the qualifying event. Such residents may remain in campus housing only with an approved exception from the Vice President of Administration. Graduating students may contract for and occupy the space until the last day of the month following completion of their residential coursework. Exceptions to this rule must be approved in writing by the Vice President of Administration. Student may occupy campus housing during the time required to earn the degree for which they are enrolled. Students anticipating additional study at the institution must re-apply for housing.

Prohibitions. Beverage alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs are not allowed anywhere on the Midwestern campus, including campus housing. Possession of such in campus housing will result in immediate eviction. Pets are not allowed in College/Seminary housing. All students of MBTS are expected to abstain from beverage alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs on or off campus.

Check-out procedures. Residents of single student housing will be given a firm move-out date following the close of the spring semester. Such students will need to remove all of their belongings from their rooms and complete the check-out process with the Resident Assistant. Residents failing to complete the check-out process will forfeit their entire deposit. Property left in contracted rooms and storage units will be considered abandoned and will be removed at the owner's expense. As monthly rent is not pro-rated, single students vacating a residence during any month will be charged the entirety of that month's rental costs.

Residents preparing to vacate other forms of campus housing (e.g., family) must submit an *Intent to Vacate* notice at least 30 days prior to the anticipated move out date. As monthly rent is not pro-rated, single students vacating a residence during any month will be charged the entirety of that month's rental costs. Residents who fail to return keys or complete the proper exit forms will accrue rental charges until the checkout process is completed and risk forfeiture of their Housing Deposit. MBTS shall remove and dispose of, at the owners' expense, any personal property left in the contracted space or any storage areas after a tenant has vacated a unit.

Vacated units are inspected by campus personnel; and the findings of this inspection, along with the status of the student's accounts receivable record, will determine the amount of deposit refunded.

Limits of Care

Midwestern College/Seminary's purpose is to equip individuals for ministry and educate Christian adults. In the process of equipping students, Midwestern is often asked to

provide pastoral care and counseling. The care provided by Midwestern College/Seminary is defined as pastoral support-care. This provision means the College/Seminary will offer encouragement, advice, prayer, and biblical guidance for our students.

In no way does Midwestern College/Seminary intend to present all its employees as professional caregivers (licensed counselors, psychologists, psychiatrists, etc.). The College/Seminary does not attempt to be the primary caregivers for those with severe problems like clinical depression, addictions, suicide, severe marriage and family problems, etc. In these cases the College/Seminary will refer the individual or couple to a qualified caregiver.

Insurance

The College/Seminary encourages all students to obtain medical and hospitalization insurance for their own protection. A student hospitalization plan is available through providers. HealthCare.gov is a good place to shop for medical insurance. All international students (students holding F-1 or J-1 Visas) are required to show proof of health insurance.

Life insurance is also available through GuideStone for reasonable premium rates. Each student is encouraged to carry some form of life insurance. College/Seminary insurance does not cover the loss of personal property or damage to personal items, whether on-campus or in a College/Seminary housing unit. Each student or resident is encouraged to purchase such coverage from a private insurance carrier.

International Students

International students are welcome at Midwestern, which is authorized under federal law to enroll nonimmigrant international students. Midwestern's specialized programs are appropriate for persons preparing for a career in Christian ministry. International Students may only attend Midwestern's Kansas City campus. New international students may only begin in the fall or spring semesters. International students at Midwestern are expected to be aware of and in compliance with all federal regulations applicable to them. Midwestern does not admit students who are currently out of status with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Lost and Found

The campus "Lost and Found" service is maintained in the Security Office. Items found on campus should be taken to this office, and inquiries regarding lost items should be made there as well.

Parking

All vehicles parked on campus are to have a Midwestern parking sticker which can be purchased in the Security Office.

Post Office and Campus Mail

Student mailboxes are located on the lower floor of the Trustees Classroom Building adjacent to the Lifeway

Bookstore. Each student is assigned a campus box by the Financial Services at New Student Orientation or upon request. Campus boxes are for internal use only, not for the delivery of U.S. mail. Mail sent through the U.S. Post Office should be addressed to the student's home or campus address. Questions concerning student mailboxes should be referred to the Financial Services in the Trustees Classroom Building.

Publications

Academic Catalog. Midwestern's Academic Catalog is the College/Seminary's official statement of curricular offerings and academic policies. The catalog provides information that will enable students to make informed decisions concerning their College/Seminary education. The College may require a student whose enrollment has continued beyond five years to graduate according to the requirements of a catalog issued subsequent to the student's initial registration. Students reenrolling after being out of school for one year or more must return under the requirements of the Catalog in effect when they reenroll.

Midwestern Journal of Theology. The *Midwestern Journal of Theology* is a scholarly journal written to assist Christians and churches in making disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the world. Published twice a year, each issue includes theological and exegetical articles, inspirational sermons, and reviews of important books.

Student Handbook. The Student Handbook is included as a section in the *Academic Catalog* and sets forth policies and procedures pertaining to students and student families. New students are required to submit a signed statement affirming that they have read the Student Handbook. All students and family members are encouraged to be familiar with the Handbook. For any questions or information regarding the Student Handbook, students should contact the Admissions Office at 816-414-3733.

Security

Buildings and grounds are checked periodically. Security-related matters may be directed to **816-414-3836**.

In the event of emergencies threatening life and property, students should **call 911** for immediate help from the KC Fire Department, KC Police Department, or KC ambulance service.

Koehn-Myers Center

The Koehn-Myers Center for World Evangelism is named after two martyred (Yemen, 2003) International Mission Board missionaries, Bill Koehn and Martha Myers, both of whom attended Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. The Koehn-Myers Center houses the Library Annex; Academic, Doctoral, Faculty offices; a student lounge; and the Missions Atlas Project.

Student Advocacy Committee

The Student Advocacy Committee is chaired by the Dean of Students, faculty members, selected staff members, and a student representative. The Committee proactively works

with the Dean of Students for the watch-care of student life issues at Midwestern and ultimately seeks to maintain an environment that enables success for Midwestern students.

OPPORTUNITIES

Midwestern Evangelism Teams (MET)

Midwestern Evangelism Teams (MET) are student-led outreach teams organized to provide practical evangelism opportunities throughout the year. Students participate in weekly evangelistic opportunities throughout the semester with special emphasis on personal evangelism.

Involvement in MET is voluntary and open to anyone at Midwestern who has a heart for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Ministry Opportunities

Over 550 Southern Baptist churches lie within a 100-mile radius of Midwestern. The proximity of this great number of churches makes it possible for a majority of Midwestern students to serve in a ministry setting while pursuing their theological education. Many Midwestern students serve as pastors, assistant pastors, interim pastors, or ministers of music, Christian education, or youth. Students also serve in such specialized ministries as language missions, new work ministries, Christian social ministries, and student work.

The Institutional Relations Office maintains a resource for students and alumni to explore places of service in area churches and across the convention. Students are encouraged to take advantage of this resource by providing an electronic copy of a resume for reference. Ministry inquiries may be directed to the Institutional Relations Office.

Music Opportunities

Chapel Choir lends its voice to campus worship during Tuesday morning chapel services with a variety of rich, Gospel-focused music. Participation is open to all MBTS students and their spouses, as well as faculty, faculty spouses, and staff. Rehearsals take place each Tuesday at 9am—just one hour before chapel. No auditions necessary. Students may enroll for (1) hour class credit at no charge.

Voices of Midwestern is a team that leads worship and represents the school in a variety of on and off-campus settings and is comprised of both vocalists and worship band members by audition only. Auditions are open to both new and current MBTS students (including MWI) but must take place before enrolling. Class credit is (1) hour at no charge. For information about current openings or to schedule an audition, contact the Department of Worship Ministries.

Chapel Band assists in leading worship for weekly chapel services, and participation is open to all MBTS students, spouses, faculty, and staff. Before enrolling, all interested persons must contact the Department of Worship Ministries to discover current openings and schedule a time to

demonstrate musical abilities. Those who take for class credit will be assigned to either the Tuesday or Wednesday band—or both. All others will be assigned as needed. Rehearsals take place at 9am the morning of chapel. One (1) hour class credit is available at no charge.

Student Life

Life outside of the classroom is an important part of the educational experience at Midwestern. Each semester the Office of Campus Culture & Events will publish and publicize a calendar of campus activities for students and their families. A complete list can be viewed at any time by visiting www.mbts.edu/events.

Conferences. Annual conferences and special events are held on campus in the Chapel complex, including the *For The Church* conference held each August. Information regarding other conferences, lectures, and special events hosted on campus is posted regularly at www.mbts.edu/events.

Scheduling Special Activities. Students desiring to hold special activities or meetings on campus should make arrangements through the office of Campus Culture & Events. Events initiated and planned by faculty members are arranged through the Office of Administration.

Student Government Association. The Student Government Association (SGA) is the official organization for student engagement with the administration. Officers for the SGA are elected in the Spring for the coming academic year by the general student body, or nominated by the Dean of students if elections cannot be held. The SGA promotes community, communication, growth, and understanding throughout Midwestern. It serves to establish communication between student and the administration by representing the student body on various committees and provides an outlet for student issues to be voiced on campus.

Student Organizations. Two types of student organizations can be created at Midwestern: official organizations established by the faculty and administration, and student volunteer organizations which are established around a particular student interest.

Student Volunteer Organizations. All student volunteer organizations should contribute in a positive and practical way to the intellectual, spiritual, and professional interests of students. Students interested in forming a new organization are required to have the support of a faculty sponsor. The office of Campus Culture & Events can assist in starting new groups.

Midwestern Women's Institute

Midwestern believes that women were created to be complementary to men, yet unique. Women have unique opportunities and challenges in ministry. Just as men are called to train and prepare for ministry at College/Seminary, women must train and prepare as well. Midwestern Women's Institute exists to equip and prepare the women of Midwestern to fulfill the Great Commission by providing them with biblical training, the support and fellowship of fellow

Kingdom-minded women, and practical preparation for ministry and service.

Students and wives of students at MBTS/College are eligible to graduate through our certificate program. A certificate is presented to those completing the prescribed requirements. Many of the MWI courses are taught by Midwestern's professors, their wives, our administrators, and women serving and ministering in the Kansas City area. These courses are designed to meet the unique needs of women in the ministry. Free childcare is provided by reservation.

Worship and Special Events

The students, faculty, and staff of Midwestern gather together regularly for worship, special lectures, and events.

Chapel

Chapel services are held weekly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the College/Seminary Chapel during the fall and spring semesters. The services offer a variety of preaching, teaching, and other worship opportunities.

Convocation

Convocation is held twice during each school year—a general convocation at the beginning of the fall semester and an academic convocation at the beginning of the spring semester. A ceremonial assembly of all members of the campus community, convocation serves as a launching point for each new semester.

C. W. Scudder “School of the Prophets” Memorial Lectureship in Christian Ethics

In 1991, Lyle Scudder and Kathy Scudder established the C. W. Scudder “School of the Prophets” Lectureship as a memorial to the late Dr. C. W. Scudder, Vice President for Internal Affairs, Senior Professor of Christian Ethics, and Vice President Emeritus at Midwestern Seminary, from 1975-1991. This lectureship focuses on the biblical basis for dealing with contemporary social challenges and ethical issues.

H. I. Hester Lectureship on Preaching

In 1958, Dr. H. I. Hester, the first Chairman of the Midwestern Seminary Board of Trustees, together with Mrs. Hester, instituted the H. I. Hester Lectureship on Preaching. A distinguished authority in the field of preaching delivers a series of lectures.

Lewis A. Drummond Lecture Series

The Lewis A. Drummond Lecture Series on Evangelism was established in 2005 by the widow of Dr. Lewis A. Drummond, Betty Drummond, of Dothan, AL, as an annual, one-week evangelism lecture series dedicated in memory of her husband. At the time of his death in 2004, Dr. Drummond was Evangelism Professor in Residence at the Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove in Asheville, NC and Chancellor of the Schools of Evangelism for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. He served as the Billy Graham Professor of Evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY, from 1968-73, President of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in NC from 1988-92, and was the Billy Graham Professor of Evangelism at

Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, AL, from 1992 until he retired in 2003.

Sizemore Lectureship in Biblical Studies

In 1976, the Midwestern family and many of its friends established the Burlan A. Sizemore, Jr., Lectureship in Biblical Studies as a memorial to Dr. Sizemore. Sizemore, Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Midwestern since 1968, was killed in an auto accident in March 1976. This lectureship brings authorities and scholars to the campus to deliver a weeklong series of lectures on some aspect of biblical studies.

C.H. Spurgeon Lectures on Preaching

The C.H. Spurgeon Lectures on Preaching is designed to serve as a week of inspiration and spiritual renewal for both the Midwestern and area communities. A well-known preacher or denominational leader lectures during this week of worship each year.

Financial Information

The student is responsible for meeting all educational expenses such as tuition, fees, housing, books, etc. All educational charges are due and payable on the published due date of the semester or term for which the student is enrolled.

Tuition and fees are subject to change at the discretion of Midwestern without prior notice in accordance with established policies and procedures. Any revisions will be communicated to students prior to each semester.

Financial Services Office Hours

Financial Services is open to serve students Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Office is closed for chapel services on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Students may also pay enrollment fees, housing costs, library fines, etc.

If students have questions about the financial payment processes or if assistance is needed, students should contact Financial Services at 816-414-3716 or sfs@mbts.edu. Should financial problems concerning payment of bills arise, the student may discuss arrangement for payments with the Director of Financial Services.

TUITION AND FEES

Tuition Differential

Through the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptist churches support the theological education of Southern Baptists enrolled at Midwestern. As a result, the tuition for students who are members of Southern Baptist churches is significantly subsidized and is reflected in a lower tuition rate.

Tuition

Undergraduate Tuition (per credit hour)

On-campus Course	
Southern Baptists	\$250
Other Baptists	325
All Other Students	405
Online/Internet Course	
All Students	300
St. Louis Extension	
All Students	250

Doctor of Counseling

Qualified Southern Baptist Students	
Total	\$9,000
Per semester	1,500
All Other Students	
Total	15,000
Per semester	2,500

Doctoral tuition is assessed for the entire program independent of the student's enrollment in seminar courses.

To maintain active status, doctoral students must successfully complete at least two seminar courses per academic year.

General Fees

Adult Degree Completion Portfolio

One credit hour	\$50
Two credit hours	75
Three to four credit hours	100

Application (nonrefundable)

25

Audit (noncredit, per credit hour, plus other required fees)

80

Course (per course, nonrefundable, amounts listed in course descriptions)

varies

Class Schedule Change

20

Credit by Examination (per credit hour)

35

Dual Enrollment (per class)

350

External Study (per credit hour)

50

Graduation

Undergraduate Degree	125
Certificate or Diploma	50

Graduating Student Class Dues (optional)

varies

Late Payment Fee

25

Late Registration Fee

50

Library and Journal Fee

(Fall and Spring, on campus only)	20
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Music Lesson (nonrefundable, per course)

Private or Elective Music Lessons	
Music Majors	110
Non-Music Major	160
Class Music Lessons	90
Ensemble (e.g., Chapel Choir/Band)	no charge

Registration Fee

Fall/Spring/Summer	100
January (on campus only)	25

Replacement Degree/Diploma

50

Technology (on-campus classes only)

Fall and Spring Semesters	50
January or Summer Terms	25

Transcript (per transcript)

Official	10
Unofficial	5

MWI Course (per credit hour)

Current MBTS student/wife or employee/wife (per credit hour)	10
Non-MBTS student/wife or employee/wife (per credit hour)	20

Doctoral Fees

Audit Fee (noncredit; per credit hour)

\$125

Book Binding Fee

90

Change of Concentration

250

Change of Degree

250

Directed Study

500

Enrollment Maintenance Fee

(per semester, assessed after program standard years until requirements are complete)	1,000
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Inactive Status Fee

(per semester for a maximum of three years
or six semesters) 250

Interrupted Status Fee

(per semester for a maximum of one year
or two semesters)
Prior to start of a term 250
During a term 500

Late Registration Fee

(after the first scheduled day of a seminar—first day
of pre-seminar work, not first day of on-campus) 50

MMPI Test Fee

65

NonDegree-Seeking Credit Fee (per credit hour)

Qualified Southern Baptist Students 250
All Other Students 500

Seminar Drop/Withdrawal Fee

(for withdrawing from a seminar prior to the
first on-campus class session)
59 to 30 days prior 150
29 or fewer days prior 250

Tuition Refund Schedule

Refunds of tuition due to course changes or withdrawal
from courses will be made according to the applicable schedule
below:

Fifteen Week On-Campus Courses

- 100% Withdrawal or drop through the end of the first week
of a semester
- 50% Withdrawal or drop after the end of the first week of
classes through the end of the fourth week of a
semester
- 0% Withdrawal or drop after the end of the fourth week of
a semester

Eight Week Courses

- 100% Withdrawal or drop by the end of the third day of each
term
- 50% Withdrawal or drop after the first Wednesday (4 PM)
of an eight-week term through the Friday (4PM) of the
second week of a term
- 0% Withdrawal or drop after the end of the second week
of a term

Intensive Courses

- 100% Withdrawal or drop through the end of the first week
of pre-course work prior to the first on-campus class
session
- 50% Withdrawal or drop up to the first day of the on-
campus class session (4PM)
- 0% Withdrawal or drop after the end of the first day of
class

MWI Courses

- 100% Withdrawal or drop before the end of the second week
of class
- 0% Withdrawal or drop after the end of the second week
of class

Textbooks

Textbooks typically average \$75 per course and may be
purchased at the LifeWay Campus Store. The bookstore is
located on Midwestern's Kansas City campus. Students may
also order textbooks by calling 816-455-3925 or emailing
mbtstextbooks4686@lifeway.com.

Bookstore Vouchers

Bookstore vouchers are available to students who have
financial aid awards and have excess funds available after
tuition and fees. The bookstore voucher is valid at LifeWay
Campus Store and used to purchase textbooks only. The
bookstore charges will be placed on the student's account.
Vouchers may be requested by completing the matriculation
process.

Requirements for Eligibility:

- Students must be registered in the term in which the book
voucher is requested
- Students must have completed all required documents
requested by Financial Services
- Students must have no outstanding balance.
- Students must have anticipated Title IV financial aid that
exceeds their institutional charges.

HOUSING FEES**Housing**

Only full-time, degree-seeking students in residential
programs may reside in campus housing. Applications for
housing are not accepted until a student has received a notice of
acceptance as a degree-seeking student. All housing rates are
subject to change without notice; however, housing rates are
normally adjusted on an annual basis. Lease information is
available through the Seminary Housing Office (816-414-
3817).

Students who decide not to reside in campus housing after
making application may have the deposit refunded provided
he/she submits the request in writing at least 30 days prior to
the intended date of occupancy. If campus housing is not
available at the time of the request, applicants are placed on a
waiting list based on the date the Housing Office receives the
application and deposit.

Rent for non-family housing (single student dorms) is
billed for the entire semester and is due one week prior to the
start of the semester. Rent for family housing is due on the first
day of each month. A late fee of \$25 is charged after the 10th
of each month. Midwestern reserves the right to request
students to vacate the student housing for nonpayment of rent.
A \$25 charge is assessed for each key that is lost or not returned.
Exceptions to these policies due to exigent circumstances are at
the discretion of the Vice President for Administration. Criteria
that influence exceptions are on file in the Student Housing
Office. The rental rates are inclusive for all utilities (electricity,
gas, trash, water, Wi-Fi, and basic cable).

Deposit (due with application for housing)	
Multiple Occupancy (single student)	\$100
Family Occupancy	250

Monthly Rental Rates

Multiple Occupancy (Singles) (<i>per semester</i>)	\$1,500
One bedroom	455
Two Bedrooms (Families with 1-2 children)	
Basic Unit	625
Renovated	675
All electric with washer/dryer hookups	645
All electric with washer/dryer hookups & dishwasher	755
Rawlings Court	880
3 Bedrooms (Families with 3-5 children)	
Basic Unit	710
All electric with washer/dryer hookups	740
All electric with washer/dryer hookups & dishwasher	880
Rawlings Court	950
4 Bedrooms (Families with 6+ children)	
All electric with washer/dryer hookups & dishwasher	920
Rawlings Court	1,025
Efficiency Apartments (nightly rental rates)	
Single occupancy (one person per room)	60
Multiple occupancy (more than one person)	30

Meal Plans

Midwestern contracts with a third-party vendor to provide food service to its students and staff and offers several meal plan options. Certain students living on campus are required to purchase a meal plan as outlined below. Payments for the meal plan are due one week prior to the start of the semester.

- Undergraduates living in the dorm are required to purchase the full meal plan (18 meals per week).
- Undergraduates living in apartments are required to purchase a 10 meal plan, but may choose to upgrade to a higher plan.
- Graduate students may purchase any meal plan.

Meal Plans	Cost per Semester
Residential Plans:	
18 meals per week	\$1,600
15 meals per week	1,400
10 meals per week	950
Commuter Plans:	
75 meals per semester	525
50 meals per semester	350
25 meals per semester	175

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Matriculation

Matriculation is the process by which students become officially enrolled at Midwestern. This process includes agreement to abide by the institutional code of conduct for students and payment of tuition and other fees. Once a student

has matriculated he/she becomes eligible for access to student services and other facilities. Students must complete the matriculation process each semester of their study at Midwestern.

Matriculation is a mandatory process that confirms the student's attendance, housing (if any), class schedule, and payment arrangements. The process is completed online through the student portal. Failure to complete the matriculation process prior to the deadline may result in a hold on the student's account or cancellation of his/her enrollment in classes.

Financial Responsibility

Institutions of higher learning and especially those that primarily teach Christian principles are responsible for teaching students not only academics but also principles of good citizenship. Financial integrity and responsibility are character traits of the highest priority. Enforcing accountability is a primary tool for teaching students to be responsible citizens. Students are responsible for the costs of attending or taking classes at Midwestern and for living within Midwestern's financial guidelines.

Enrollment in courses or residence in campus housing constitutes a contractual financial obligation of the student to pay tuition and other fees. The student is ultimately responsible for his/her account and should monitor it on a regular basis. Students have access to their account information on the Student Portal which shows tuition amounts billed and paid, scholarships posted to their accounts, bookstore charges, and housing costs.

Tuition Due Dates

Tuition due dates are posted to the website and student portals for each semester and term. Students should review these sources for specific due dates to ensure that their fees are paid in a timely manner.

Fall and Spring Semesters

Tuition and fees for the fall and spring semesters are due one week prior to the beginning of the semester. For term B (classes that begin during the second half of the semester), tuition and fees are due one week prior to term start date.

J-Terms (January, June or July)

Tuition and fees are due the first Monday of the month prior to the month in which the class session occurs. For example, tuition and fees for classes meeting on-campus in January are due the first Monday of December.

Doctoral Programs

Doctoral students are billed twice annually for their program tuition and fees. Tuition and fees are due by August 1 for the fall semester and February 1 for the spring semester.

Impact for Non-Payment

Students who have registered but have not paid tuition and fees by the due date will be dropped for courses in which they

are pre-registered. To be re-enrolled, the student must re-register and pay the required tuition and fees upon enrollment, including a late registration fee. Consult the Registration Calendar and Tuition Refund Schedule for deadline and refunds based on the date courses are dropped.

Undergraduate Payment Options

Three options are available for admitted degree-seeking students to pay their tuition and fees:

- Payment in full
- Monthly payment plan
- Financial aid programs, including scholarships and Federal Student Aid.

Admitted non-degree seeking students may use the monthly tuition payment plan; however, non-degree seeking and conditionally-admitted students are not eligible for scholarships or financial aid.

Payment in Full

One of three methods may be selected for making full payments:

- Mailing a check to MBTS, Attn: Financial Services, 5001 North Oak Trafficway, Kansas City, MO 64118. Payments postmarked by the due dates do not meet the payment deadlines; payments must be received by the due date. Students should allow at least 7-10 days for mailing.
- Payment in person at the Financial Services office located in the Classroom Building (cash and checks only).
- Payment in full by credit card through the Student Portal. Students can click the *Make Payment* button on the *My Ledger* page and follow the prompts.

Monthly Payment Plan

Midwestern contracts with Nelnet to provide a monthly payment plan option to its students. A \$25 nonrefundable enrollment fee is required for each payment plan. A down payment is due upon enrollment in the plan. The remainder is divided evenly, and monthly payments are automatically withdrawn from the participant's checking or savings account on the 5th or 20th day of each month throughout the semester.

Once established by the student, the payment plan is not automatically modified for changes in enrollment or fees. Any changes to the amount required or cancellation of payments must be made through Financial Services ten days prior to the next required draft.

Students should contact Financial Services or refer to the website for further information about enrollment periods and plan options. A link to the payment plan is also provided on the website and student portal.

Financial Aid

Financial aid funds are disbursed according to the regulations for each award program. The Financial Aid section of the catalog provides more information about available financial aid programs. The funds are credited to students' accounts after confirmation of eligibility. For the fall and spring

semesters, funds are typically credited on the Friday of the second week of the semester.

Timing of disbursements is contingent upon the student meeting all conditions for receiving aid. Students who have not received a financial aid award letter before the semester due date should make other payment arrangements while the financial aid process is being completed. Otherwise, the fees are considered late, and the student may incur late payment fees.

Any excess credit balance after financial aid disbursements will be processed within 14 days that the credit balance occurred. The Credit Balance Refunds section listed below provides more information. If charges remain on the student's account after financial aid disbursements or if subsequent charges are made, the student is responsible for making certain the charges are paid on time.

Doctoral Payment Options

Students who do not pay in full are automatically placed on a six-month payment plan of tuition only. Monthly payments are due on the first of each month. A late fee is assessed for each month that payment not received by the first day of the month.

Financial aid is available for the Doctor of Counseling program. Students should refer to the Financial Aid Information section of the catalog or contact the Financial Services Office.

Past Due Accounts

Students with past due financial obligations will receive a financial hold on their account which will preclude the release of grades, degrees, and transcripts. Such students will not be permitted to enroll for future semesters/terms until their past due obligations have been paid. A fee of \$25 is assessed for all outstanding balances every month until the account is paid in full.

Past due account notifications are sent by email to current and former students who have outstanding balances on their account. It is in the best interest of the student to speak with Financial Services to discuss options for resolution on accounts. Students with past due balances that remain unpaid or unresolved may be referred to a collection agency. If so, any collection fees become the student's responsibility.

Returned Checks

A check received for payment of tuition fees but returned for any reason invalidates a student's enrollment and jeopardizes the student's status. All returned checks must be redeemed within two weeks. A \$20 returned check fee is assessed for each check returned by the bank. In addition, appropriate late payment fees may be added. Upon the receipt of the third returned check from a student or member of their immediate family, Midwestern will no longer accept a check in payment of fees and check cashing privileges will be revoked. Future payments for tuition, rents, utilities, etc., will only be accepted in cash, money order, or cashier's check. Bad checks may be subject to collection or prosecution.

Credit Balance Refunds

Credit Balance Resulting from a Course Withdrawal

A student who withdraws from a course or from Midwestern completely is subject to the refund schedule policy. If the refund schedule allows for a refund and if a refund would create a credit balance on a student's account, he/she must request a refund in writing to Financial Services by sending an email to sfs@mbts.edu.

Credit Balance Refund Resulting from Federal Title IV Aid

If receipts of Federal Title IV aid (grants or loans) result in a credit balance, a refund check in the student's name will automatically be mailed to the student. If the student's account is paid partly by a Parent Plus Loan and results in a credit balance, the check is drawn to the borrower to the extent of the Plus loans proceeds.

Federal Title IV aid can only be credited towards institutional charges. Non-institutional charges cannot be paid from Title IV aid. These charges may result in a refund being generated leaving an outstanding balance on the student's account for which the student is responsible. These other charges, as well as future charges, may be paid from excess funds by completing an *Authorization to Hold Funds* form. The authorization is optional and may be revoked in writing at any time.

Students receiving Title IV aid who withdraw completely may be billed for balances resulting from the mandatory return of funds to the U. S. Government.

FINANCIAL AID

Application and Eligibility

For many students, financial aid can greatly affect their decision about whether or not to attend, or which institution they should attend. Because of its importance, the decision to apply for financial aid, and which programs to accept, should be made only with a complete understanding of the application process, benefits, terms, conditions, and other responsibilities.

Financial aid is any grant, scholarship, or educational loan offered for the express purpose of helping a student pay for educationally related expenses. Eligibility for financial aid is determined on the basis of financial need and/or academic achievement. Grants and scholarships are "gift aid" and need not be repaid. Loans must be repaid to the lender over an extended period, typically after the student leaves school.

Applicants for financial aid are required to do the following:

1. Be a fully admitted, degree-seeking student. Nondegree-seeking students and those only auditing classes are not eligible for financial aid.
2. Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Midwestern's school code is 002485.
3. Complete verification when required. Guidelines will be provided to the student for completion of the verification process.

Information provided by the student on the FAFSA is used to generate an Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which takes into account the income and assets of the student and/or parent. The EFC is used to determine the student's financial need. The student's financial need is the difference between the Cost of Attendance and the Expected Family Contribution or EFC. The Cost of Attendance includes the educational expenses:

- Tuition
- Required fees
- Room and board (for students living on and off campus)
- Books and supplies
- Transportation
- Miscellaneous expenses

The amounts for these six educational expenses are the student's estimated Cost of Attendance and they become the student's budget for financial aid purposes. Only the actual tuition, fees, and room and board (for resident students) are charged on the student's college bill. Financial aid recipients are selected on the basis of demonstrated financial need (as stated above) and/or academic achievement. Most financial aid awards are based on full-time enrollment, which is a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester for an undergraduate student.

Students should note that in order to complete a bachelor's degree within four years they must take more than 12 credit hours per semester. Students should consult with their Academic Advisors to plan course loads accordingly.

In order for a student to continue to receive financial aid, the student must maintain financial aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). The policy for determining financial aid Satisfactory Academic Progress is stated below. For more information on financial aid, students may contact Financial Services by calling 816-414-3716 or by accessing the Funding Your Education page found on the Midwestern website: www.mbts.edu

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy

Financial Services of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and College, administers the student financial aid programs from federal and institutional sources. Institutional sources include scholarships and grants. The U.S. Department of Education requires schools to develop and implement policies by which academic progress is evaluated and monitored for all students, even for those students who have not received financial aid in prior terms at Midwestern.

Students must meet the financial aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements to receive federal Title IV aid, which includes Federal Pell Grants, Federal Direct Loans, and Federal Parent PLUS Loans. Midwestern also applies the SAP requirements to monitor eligibility for all institutional aid.

This policy describes the Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) and is in addition to and operates

separately from the Academic Satisfactory Progress requirements for each academic program.

The standards for which students are measured for SAP include Qualitative, Quantitative, and Maximum Time Frame. The academic record of students receiving financial aid is reviewed after the end of each semester. The academic record review is cumulative and includes all courses taken at the student's current academic level.

After the evaluation, letters are sent to all students who have insufficient academic progress and are being placed on either financial aid warning or suspension. The letter also outlines the process a student must complete to be placed on financial aid probation.

For the purpose of determining eligibility for financial aid, a student is certified as being in satisfactory academic standing if that student is making satisfactory academic progress toward his/her educational objective as described below:

SAP Measurements for Undergraduate Students

1. **Quantitative:** Eligibility for most financial aid requires at least half-time enrollment, per regular semester. A student *must* successfully complete 2/3 of attempted coursework at the current level. Withdrawals, incompletes, repeated courses, failure grades, and transfer hours count as attempted coursework. Note: Completion rates are not rounded up.
2. **Qualitative:** To maintain eligibility, a student must maintain the minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
3. **Maximum Time frame:** A student may not exceed a maximum number of attempted hours in any program even if aid was not received during the current term or prior terms. MBTS defines the maximum time frame as 150% of published number of credit hours for the student's declared degree program. For example, a student in a program that consists of 120 hours must not exceed 180 attempted hours. Once a student reaches the maximum time frame allowed, the student is ineligible to receive financial aid. Students may appeal on the basis of coursework not applicable to the current degree program.

SAP Measurements for Doctoral Students

1. The minimum GPA component for doctoral students is measured by the Doctoral Studies Office. Since the doctoral standards are more stringent than the federal SAP requirements, doctoral students permitted to continue enrolling in doctoral seminars or courses are deemed to be making satisfactory academic progress.
2. During the seminar/course phase of the doctoral program, students must complete a minimum of two seminars per semester (i.e. at least 12 credit hours each academic year) to be considered a full time student. During the dissertation phase, students must complete the dissertation within five years of the start of their program. (A full explanation of full and part time status for doctoral students is found later in this section.)

3. For doctoral degree programs, eligibility for federal financial aid ceases after students have been enrolled for five years.

SAP Review and Warning

Financial aid satisfactory academic progress is reviewed at the end of each payment period (semester) by Financial Services. Failure to meet the minimum standard outlined in this policy statement places a student on financial aid SAP warning status for one semester. Students on financial aid SAP warning will remain eligible for federal financial aid for one payment period.

Students on financial aid SAP warning have one semester to correct a progress problem stemming from a low grade point average or lack of credit hour completion. Students placed on academic probation by the Registrar are also considered to be on financial aid SAP warning for one semester and are expected to comply with the requirements of both academic probation and financial aid SAP warning.

Students who do not reestablish satisfactory academic progress after one semester on financial aid SAP warning are no longer eligible to receive federal financial aid and are placed on financial aid SAP suspension. The financial aid SAP suspension appeal process is described below.

SAP Suspension Appeal Process

Students who do not meet the financial aid SAP requirements due to mitigating circumstances may submit a financial aid SAP Appeal to Financial Services to request an extension to receive federal financial aid for one additional semester. Common situations that may cause a student to fail to meet satisfactory progress standards include family difficulties, such as illness/hospitalization, change in employment or other catastrophic, unplanned circumstances.

Appeal process

Step One: Students who choose to follow the appeal process must:

- Submit the Appeal Form to Student Financial Aid Office
 - Student must state why he or she failed to meet SAP requirements
 - Student must state what has changed so that he or she will meet SAP at the next review

Step Two: Student Financial Aid Office will:

- Review the Appeal Form
- Send results of appeal to the student
- Approved appeals include
 - Approval and terms of reinstatement of financial aid eligibility
 - Requirement to meet SAP in next enrollment period (semester) or
 - Requirement to follow an academic plan over an extended period of time
 - Consequences for not meeting terms of approval
 - Approved appeals will result in financial aid being awarded for the enrollment period
- Denied appeals include

- Reasons for denial
- What the student must do to meet SAP
- Denied appeals will not be awarded financial aid until SAP is met

Step Three: Students must continue to meet terms, as established, until SAP is met in order to continue receiving financial aid on a probationary basis. Once SAP is met a student is no longer considered to be on probation. Failure to maintain SAP in a subsequent semester will result in the student being placed on warning for the upcoming enrollment period (semester).

Students are reminded that readmission to Midwestern after an academic suspension or approval of an academic suspension appeal does not automatically reinstate financial aid eligibility after a financial aid suspension. Reinstatement of financial aid eligibility is not retroactive. Reinstatement of financial aid eligibility only affects current or future enrollment periods.

Students Should Monitor Their Academic Progress

Students are responsible for reviewing their grades (including midterm and end of term grades) and comparing their progress to the standards set forth in the financial aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy to ensure that they are aware of their standing.

Students are encouraged to seek assistance through pursuing additional academic advising, arranging for tutoring, or regularly discussing their academic work with their instructors. Students are responsible for monitoring their own academic progress because the review completed by Financial Services may immediately affect their financial aid eligibility for the next term.

Federally Defined Leaves of Absence

Midwestern does not grant federally defined Leaves of Absence for financial aid purposes. If a student must withdraw from school due to circumstances beyond the student's control, Midwestern may determine a withdrawal date related to those circumstances. Midwestern always has the option to use the student's last day of documented attendance at an academically related activity.

A financial aid refund calculation will be made in accordance with current federal regulations and will be processed by Financial Services. For information concerning the current federal financial aid cancellation policies, students should contact a Financial Aid Specialist.

Break in Enrollment

When a student has a break in enrollment and is readmitted, the financial aid SAP status for prior terms applies. For example, if a student is placed on financial aid suspension at the end of the spring term and does not return for the next fall term but returns the next spring term, the student continues in a financial aid suspension status for the spring term.

Definition of Traditional semesters, J-term, & Summer Sessions

A traditional semester is referred to as a standard term (e.g., fall, spring, and summer). A standard term may also be comprised of smaller "sub-terms" (e.g. Term-A). Standard terms are defined as 15 weeks of instruction. Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements are calculated on the satisfactory completion of at least 12 credits in at least 15 weeks of instruction.

J-term credits from classes occurring during the first full week in January are added to the spring term. Any other intensive courses such as academic workshops, etc. are credited within the term in which they are held. Summer intensive courses for the purpose of credit hour load and measurement of progress are combined together into the summer term. The summer term is considered a "trailer" by the Midwestern Financial Aid Office. This notation means that aid processed for the summer term is based on the FAFSA from the prior academic year.

Course Repetitions and Incompletes

Repeated and withdrawn courses count as hours attempted in determining financial aid SAP but do not count as hours earned or completed. As of July 1, 2011, changes in federal regulations allow students to repeat coursework to count toward enrollment status (full-time, half-time, and less than half-time), and they are, thereby, eligible to receive federal student financial aid. Students may repeat a previously passed course once for the purpose of raising the letter grade, and students may repeat a failed course until it has been passed.

Courses in which an incomplete grade is awarded are also counted as hours attempted but not earned or completed until such time as an earned passing grade is issued by the professor to replace the incomplete grade. Per the incomplete grade policy, an incomplete grade not replaced with a passing grade within the time specified on the *Incomplete Grade Form* becomes a failing grade in the financial aid SAP computation.

Change of Major/Additional Degrees

The minimum cumulative GPA and minimum completion rate of the financial aid satisfactory academic progress (SAP) policy are not affected by a change of major or seeking an additional degree within the same degree level (e.g., bachelors, associates). All periods of the student's enrollment at that level are counted in determining financial aid SAP. Once the student reaches the maximum time frame allowed, the student is ineligible to receive financial aid. Students may appeal on the basis of coursework not applicable to the current degree program.

Changed Grades

If a grade is changed, the student is required to notify Financial Services immediately. Financial Services then initiates a review of the effect of the grade change on satisfactory academic progress within 30 days of notification. A grade change late in the term or after the term in question or failure to notify Financial Services may result in the loss of

financial aid eligibility because regulations may limit the time in which aid may be re-awarded or disbursed.

Enrolling in Undergraduate and Graduate Courses during the Same Term

Some students mix undergraduate and graduate courses together in one term. Students must understand that only the courses in the current degree program count towards federal aid eligibility including federal loans.

Example: An undergraduate student enrolls for 9 credit hours of undergraduate courses and 3 credit hours of a graduate course in one term. This student is eligible for federal aid. However, this student may be surprised that he/she is not eligible as a full-time student. Only the 9 undergraduate credit hours apply to the current degree program. The 3 credits of a graduate course are not counted toward aid eligibility.

For financial aid purposes, students enrolled in dual degree programs (e.g. Accelerate) that confer both a bachelor's degree and a graduate degree are undergraduates for the first four years of the program. The student is considered a graduate student in the fifth year.

Transfer Credits

All transfer credit(s) listed on the student's Midwestern transcript are included in the student's financial aid SAP evaluation. Generally, only transfer credit(s) used to satisfy a Midwestern degree requirement is transferred and, therefore, used in the financial aid SAP calculations. See Transfer Credit in the Academic section for more information.

Students Conditionally Admitted

Students who are conditionally admitted are not eligible for financial aid. Students must meet the requirements of their conditional admission to qualify for financial aid in future semesters. Students will be notified by the Registrar's Office when they become fully admitted students. All coursework taken during the conditional admission will be included in SAP calculations.

Remedial and English as a Second Language Course (ESL)

Remedial courses at Midwestern are assigned an academic level lower than the student's program of study or degree level. As such, remedial hours are not counted in determining financial aid SAP. Midwestern does not offer ESL courses. If a student is required to take ESL courses, he/she needs to complete those courses at another college or university. These hours would not be used to satisfy degree requirements at Midwestern and, therefore, would not be counted in determining financial aid SAP at Midwestern.

Federal Title IV Financial Aid Programs Eligibility for Federal Financial Aid

To receive federal financial aid, a student must . . .

- Be a United States Citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Demonstrate financial need (except for certain loans)
- Have a high school diploma or a General Education Development (GED) certificate
- Be a fully admitted degree seeking student
- Certify that he/she is not in default on a federal student loan and does not owe money on a federal student grant
- Have a valid Social Security Number
- Register with the Selective Service if required
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress once in school.

Federal Pell Grant

The Federal Pell Grant awards change yearly and the maximum award is \$5,775 for the 2015-16 award year. These funds are 'gift aid' and do not have to be repaid by the student. Award amounts are based on cost of attendance, enrollment status, and the need analysis information provided on the Student Aid Report (SAR), which is the result of filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Federal Direct Loans

Financial Services strongly encourages students to keep their educational loan indebtedness to a minimum so that it does not affect their ability to accept a future ministry call. Educational debt should not be assumed without serious consideration. Students are encouraged to contact a Financial Aid Specialist to discuss all aspects of applying for, receiving, and repaying loans before the application process.

Before students can receive their first loan funds, they must complete entrance loan counseling. In addition, it is the student's responsibility to complete exit counseling upon graduation, leaving school, or reducing attendance below half-time so that he/she understands all aspects of repayment, deferment, forbearance, consolidation, etc.

To receive a student loan, a student must sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN), a legal agreement committing to repay the loan, using an electronic form. Student can sign the MPN and complete entrance counseling online at <https://studentloans.gov>.

Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans

Federal Direct Loans are low-interest loans available to students who are enrolled at least half-time. Students demonstrating sufficient need, (which is determined by the annual filing of the FAFSA), may be eligible for subsidized loan funds in which the government pays the interest accrued while students are in school and during the 6-month grace period occurring after a student graduates, withdraws, drops below half-time status, or has a break in enrollment.

Students who do not have sufficient demonstrated need or students in graduate programs may be eligible for unsubsidized loan funds. Unsubsidized loans accrue interest from the date of disbursement. Students have the option of allowing the interest

to accrue (adding it to the principle) while they are in school or paying the interest on a quarterly or annual basis. Students are encouraged to consider paying the interest on their loans while they are in school.

Repayment for both the subsidized and unsubsidized loans begins 6 months after students graduate, withdraw, break enrollment or drop below half-time status. (The definitions of full-time status, half-time status, and less than half-time status are defined below.)

Definition of Student Status for Undergraduates

For the purposes of Federal Student Financial Aid, the following student status’ are used to determine eligibility for loans as well as to determine the cost of attendance for undergraduate students.

- **Full-time Status.** For federal student aid purposes, undergraduate students are full-time when enrolled for 12 or more credit hours a semester.
- **Half-time Status.** Undergraduate students are half-time when enrolled for 6 to 11 credit hours a semester.
- **Less than Half-time Status.** Undergraduate students are less than half-time students when enrolled for less than six credit hours a semester.

Definition of Student Status for Graduate Students

For the purposes of Federal Student Financial Aid, the following student status’ are used to determine eligibility for loans as well as to determine the cost of attendance for graduate students.

- **Full-time Status** For federal student aid purposes, graduate students are full-time when enrolled for 9 or more credit hours during a 15-week semester.
- **Part-time Status** Graduate students are half-time students when enrolled for 5 to 8 credit hours during a 15-week semester.
- **Less than Half-time Status** students are less than half-time students when enrolled for less than 5 credit hours during a 15-week semester.

Annual Federal Loan Limits for Undergraduate Students (Effective July 1, 2008)

Student Type	Base Amount (Maximum Subsidized Loan)	Additional Unsubsidized Loan
Dependent Freshman	3,500	2,000
Dependent Sophomore	4,500	2,000
Dependent Junior/Senior	5,500	2,000
Independent Freshman	3,500	6,000
Independent Sophomore	4,500	6,000
Independent Junior/Senior	5,500	7,000

Annual Federal Loan Limits for Graduate Students (Effective July 1, 2012)

Annual Federal student loans for graduate students is limited to \$20,500, or the maximum as determined by the Cost

of Attendance (COA) for the specific program if the COA is less than the annual limit of \$20,500 (see Cost of Attendance for Direct and Indirect costs found earlier in this section).

Aggregate loan limits for Undergraduate Students (Effective July 1, 2008)

- Undergraduate Dependent Students: \$31,000 (no more than \$23,000 of which can be subsidized).
- Undergraduate Independent Students: \$57,500 (no more than \$23,000 of which can be subsidized).

Aggregate Loan Limits for Graduate Students (Effective July 1, 2008)

The aggregate loan limits for graduate students is \$138,500 (no more than \$65,500 of which can be subsidized). Note: Graduate aggregate loan limits include all unpaid loans taken for undergraduate degrees.

PLUS Loans

Parent PLUS Loan Denial

Dependent undergraduate students whose parents are denied eligibility for the Federal PLUS loan have higher additional unsubsidized loan amounts. Freshman and sophomore students may borrow a maximum of \$6,000 in unsubsidized loan funds in addition to their “base loan amount” listed above. Junior and senior students may borrow a maximum of \$7,000 in unsubsidized loan funds in addition to their “base loan amount” listed above.

Federal Direct Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS Loan)

Federal Direct Parent Loans for undergraduate students (PLUS) are low-interest loans available to parents of dependent undergraduate students who are enrolled at least half-time. Credit-worthy parents may borrow up to the full cost of attendance minus all other aid. The borrower is responsible for all interest accrued from the date of each disbursement. Repayment on the full loan amount begins approximately 60 days after the loan is fully disbursed for the academic year.

Federal Graduate PLUS Loans

The Federal Graduate PLUS loan is available to graduate students as additional assistance after the Direct Loans have been utilized. This is a credit-based loan with adjustable interest rates. Students should contact Financial Services regarding this loan option prior to application. As a reminder, the total amount of financial assistance (including scholarships and loans) cannot exceed the student’s cost of attendance.

Federal Student Aid Disbursements

Federal student aid awards will typically be applied to your student account each semester about two weeks after the first day of classes. Funds for students in residential on-campus programs generally are issued in two disbursements, once in the fall semester and once in the spring semester.

Funds for students in online programs are issued in three disbursements, fall, spring, and summer.

Pell Grants

Pell Grants will be disbursed in the following manner:

- After verification the student has begun attendance in each of his registered courses
- Disbursements will be determined based upon enrollment in full semester and 8 week terms (see examples below)
- Pell Grants pay toward current outstanding balances first.

Federal Loans

Loans will be disbursed in the following manner:

- Disbursements will be determined based upon enrollment in full semester and 8 week terms (see examples below)
- Disbursements will occur approximately 14 days after the student becomes eligible (actively attending at least half-time)
- Loans pay toward current outstanding balances first.

Pell Grant Example

An undergraduate student eligible for Pell is enrolled in a 3-credit hour full semester class and a 3-credit hour class occurring during the B-term (second 8-week term) of the semester. This student can expect half of the eligible amount of Pell Grant after the end of the first week of her full semester class and the remaining half after the end of the first week of her B-term class.

If she were taking all full semester classes, her full Pell Grant would be disbursed after the first week of classes. If she were taking two classes in the A-term (first 8 weeks), her full Pell Grant would be disbursed after the first week of classes. If she were taking two classes in the B-term only, her full disbursement of Pell would occur after the first full week of the B-term classes.

**Enrollment and pro-ration of Pell applies to all combinations of enrollment.

Loan Example

An undergraduate student is planning to borrow federal loans and is enrolled in a 3-credit hour full semester class and a 3-credit hour class occurring during the B-term (second 8-week term) of the semester. The student meets eligibility requirements and can expect the full loan to release to his student account approximately 12 days after his B term class begins.

The refund will be processed within 14 days after the funds are showing as paid to the student's account on the student portal. Students in this example can expect to make other payment arrangements until the eligibility requirements are met.

Aid will be delayed in disbursement for any student requiring an award adjustment because of a change in their registration.

If a student were taking a class in the full semester and both the A and B terms, the loan would be disbursed 12 days after the full semester and A term begin. If a student were taking 2 classes in the B-term only, the loan would be disbursed 12 days after the B-term began.

The half-time enrollment and 12 day criteria apply to all combinations of enrollment.

Loan Deferments

Midwestern participates in federal and state funded student aid programs involving loans and grants. Midwestern is eligible to certify deferments for federal or state educational loans obtained through other institutions. To qualify for a loan deferment, graduate students must be enrolled at least half time each semester. Information regarding loans and deferments are available through Financial Services. Typically a deferment form will need to be requested from the student's loan agency or downloaded from the agency's website; the form must then be completed by the student and taken to Financial Services for verification.

Repayment Policy (Return of Title IV Aid)

The federal government mandates that students who withdraw from all classes may only keep the financial aid (federal Title IV grant and loan assistance) they have "earned" up to the time of withdrawal. A student who has federal aid and withdraws before 61% of the semester has elapsed is evaluated according to the U.S. Department of Education guidelines and formula.

To determine the percentage of aid earned, the calendar days completed in the semester are divided by the total days in the semester. Weekends are included, but scheduled breaks that are at least five (5) days in length are excluded. If the student completes more than 60% of the semester, 100% of the aid is earned for the semester. If the student completes 60% or less of the semester, the portion of federal aid determined to be unearned must be repaid to the federal aid programs. The formula used to determine the required return of federal and other student financial aid is finalized within 30 days of the withdrawal date.

For students receiving federal aid, the refund must first be repaid to the Title IV programs, state grants, and institutional funds in accordance with existing regulations in effect on the date of withdrawal and with respect to various types of aid. Financial Services should be contacted for a calculation of the actual amount the student must return.

If a student has not earned all of the federal financial aid received to date at the point of withdrawal, funds are repaid in the following order: Federal Unsubsidized Direct Loan, Federal Subsidized Direct Loan, Federal PLUS Loan, Federal Pell Grant, state grant and scholarship funds, institutional financial aid, outside scholarships.

In the event a student has received funds for living expenses and an overpayment of federal grant funds occurs,

Midwestern notifies the student of the overpayments. The student is responsible for returning the overpayment to the proper federal grant program. Students who fail to repay overpayments are not eligible for additional financial aid funds at any institution until the overpayment has been satisfied.

Cancellation of Federal Financial Aid

Students who have been awarded federal financial aid from Midwestern are subject to the cancellation of their federal financial aid and the removal of the aid previously credited to their accounts for the following reasons:

- Withdrawing from school
- Ceasing to attend classes
- Dropping below half-time status

Cancellation of federal financial aid is made in accordance with current federal regulations and is processed by Financial Services. For information concerning the current federal financial aid cancellation policies, students should contact a Financial Aid Specialist.

Enrollment and Academic Decisions Affecting Your Aid Eligibility

Your financial aid award is an estimate of your federal and institutional eligibility. There are factors that can change, lower, or even eliminate your financial aid eligibility. It is important to understand how academic decisions can affect your financial aid. You are always encouraged to contact financial aid with any questions prior to making any of the following changes:

- Not attending, dropping, or withdrawing from courses and/or terms you are registered to attend
- Completely withdrawing from Midwestern
- Failing to properly withdraw from Midwestern
- Failing to maintain Financial Aid satisfactory academic progress
- Providing incomplete or inaccurate information during the application process
- Receiving additional sources of aid (such as outside grants or private loans)
- Changing enrollment level (some scholarships require full-time enrollment; Stafford loans require half-time enrollment)
- Defaulting on a student loan or having an unresolved federal grant overpayment
- Providing false or misleading information
- Receiving federal aid for the same academic year at another institution
- Repeating a course for which you already received a passing grade more than once.

Cancellation of Midwestern Scholarships and Other Financial Aid

- **Dropping Classes** – Midwestern scholarships and other institutional financial aid require a student to have the official status of “full-time.” A student who drops below full-time status through to the 100% add/drop date loses

eligibility for scholarships and any awarded institutional aid will be removed.

- **Withdrawing from School** – The scholarships of a student who withdraws from school during the institutional refund period, as defined in the Financial Information section of the catalog, are prorated based on the tuition refund schedule for that semester. No scholarship funding is adjusted for students who withdraw after the institutional refund period.

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Educational Assistance

Students may receive benefits under one of the following program chapters:

- 30 - Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty
- 31 - Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (R&E) VetSuccess
- 32 - The Post-Vietnam Veterans' Education Assistance Program, or VEAP
- 33 - Post-9/11 GI Bill
- 35 - Dependents' Educational Assistance program, or DEA
- 1606 - Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve
- 1607 - Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)

The website www.gibill.va.gov/ provides further information.

Applying for Benefits

A student who has previously used his/her VA educational benefits should complete and submit a *Request for Change of Program or Place of Training (VA 22-1995)* or a *Certificate of Eligibility VA (26-1880)* to Financial Services.

A student who has never used VA educational benefits should apply for benefits at www.gibill.va.gov/apply-for-benefits/. A Certificate of Eligibility from the VA will be mailed to the student approximately 6–8 weeks after the application has been processed. The student should then forward a copy of the Certificate to Financial Services. The VA will notify the student in writing if the student is not eligible for benefits.

Once the student is granted benefits and has received a Certificate of Eligibility, the student should enroll in class as a fully admitted degree-seeking student. The student must notify Financial Services any time he/she has a change in enrollment.

As a general policy, Midwestern encourages all current or former military students, especially undergraduates, to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Certification and Payment

Financial Services certifies student enrollment to the VA through VAONCE, which will then send payments directly to Midwestern for Chapter 33 and 31 students.

Veteran students enrolled through Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty (CH-30), Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve (1606) or Reserve Educational Assistance Program–REAP

(1607) must verify enrollment through Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (W.A.V.E.) www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do.

These students are paid directly and should make tuition payment arrangements with the Financial Services Office. If payment has not been received within a reasonable amount of time after certification, the student is responsible for contacting the VA directly to determine the cause. Questions concerning the amount of payment should also be directed to the VA. The VA may be contacted by phone at 888-442-4551 (888-GI BILL1) or by email at <https://gibill.custhelp.com/app/answers/list>

Tuition Assistance Program Eligibility for Active Duty Military, National Guard, and Reservists

Up-Front Tuition Assistance (TA)

Military Tuition Assistance (TA) is a benefit paid to eligible members of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Congress has given each service the ability to pay up to 100% for the tuition expenses of its members.

Midwestern is a signatory of the Department of Defense (DoD) Tuition Assistance Program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and eligible to receive TA. TA is not a loan; it should be viewed as money earned just like base pay. TA is usually paid directly to Midwestern by the individual service for tuition and eligible fees.

Active duty military and reservists interested in obtaining Tuition Assistance must check with their Education Services Officer to determine whether they are eligible. Students are encouraged to contact their Education Office at least 30 days prior to their anticipated enrollment date.

Each service has its own criteria for eligibility, obligated service, application processes, and restrictions. Students should log on to the following links to apply for TA authorization:

Army: www.goarmyed.com/public/public_tuition_assistance_policies.aspx

Navy: www.navycollege.navy.mil/ta_info.aspx

Air Force (Common Access Card required):
www.my.af.mil/faf/FAF/fafHome.jsp

Coast Guard;
<http://www.uscg.mil/d7/airstaMiami/Downloads/D7%20TA%20Request%20Form.pdf>

Once students are approved for TA and are fully admitted, degree-seeking students at Midwestern, they must notify Midwestern's VA Benefits Coordinator for certification and processing. The education office should send payment directly to Midwestern.

Students are encouraged to keep copies of all forms for their records. Students who are eligible for Tuition Assistance may be required to pay the portion of their tuition and fees that are not covered by TA prior to registration.

A final grade report will be submitted electronically to the education office after the student completes the course(s). Students consent to the release of their grade(s) by signing the Tuition Assistance form.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Institutional Scholarships

Institutional scholarships are awarded to qualifying students. As a general rule, Midwestern does not allow the 'stacking' of institutional scholarships unless otherwise noted. Midwestern will award the institutional scholarship that provides the greatest benefit to the student. In most cases, scholarships are awarded on a yearly basis. Therefore, two equal disbursements will be made, half in the fall semester and the other half of the award in the spring semester. Students must be enrolled full-time to be considered for any of the following scholarships, unless otherwise indicated.

Academic Excellence Scholarship. This scholarship is available for the initial academic year of enrollment only to students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher in high school or college transfer work. *(This scholarship is funded in part by the Samuel Ayers and Mildred Ayers Scholarship Fund.)*

Church Match Scholarship. This scholarship is available for the initial academic year of enrollment. Midwestern will match \$250 for any student whose church donates a minimum of \$500 toward their education. A Church Match Scholarship form, found on the web site, must be completed and submitted with the church scholarship. Online students are not eligible for this scholarship. This scholarship may be combined with another institution scholarship.

Fusion Scholarship. Midwestern offers a scholarship to any student who completes Phase 2 of Fusion. This scholarship covers one on-campus class each semester up to three years following completion of Fusion Phase 2. This scholarship is considered an institutional scholarship and cannot be combined with any other institutional scholarships.

Fusion scholarship awarding criteria:

1. You must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress
2. Must be enrolled in fourteen (14) credit hours per semester as an Undergraduate student
3. Admissions application must be completed and student must be fully admitted into a degree-seeking program indicated on this form.

IMB Personnel Scholarship. This scholarship is available to all appointed IMB personnel who are currently completing or who have completed field personnel orientation at the International Learning Center (ILC). This scholarship covers 50% of tuition charges for online and on-campus classes. Eligible IMB Personnel include: Career and Apprentice Missionaries, Journeyman (while on field deployment) and International Service Corps.

Prior to the initial scholarship award, students must complete the IMB Personnel Scholarship form (request from Financial Services). This form must be on file prior to the initial award. If at any time the student ceases to be eligible due to a change in IMB Missionary status, Midwestern must be notified immediately.

Kern Foundation Scholarship. There are a limited number of scholarships available for students in the Accelerate program. Students should contact the director of the program for information on requirements and how to apply.

Returning Journeyman/ISC Scholarship. Awarded to a Journeyman/ISC participant returning within one year of service. A full tuition scholarship for the first two semesters toward a master's degree at Midwestern's main campus (residential courses only). It is non-renewable and applicants may not transfer from another seminary. A letter of certification from the sending organization is required.

Spurgeon Scholarship. The Spurgeon Center offers a limited number of scholarships to students demonstrating exceptional promise in the practice of ministry. Students in the Master of Divinity on campus programs are priority recipients. Recipients of the Spurgeon Scholarship work closely with the Curator of the Spurgeon Library. The scholarship award is \$500 per semester.

Student Leadership Scholarship. The student leadership program is administered annually by the Institutional Relations office. Students chosen to participate in this program receive a scholarship equivalent to one course each semester they serve.

Student's Child Tuition Grant. Children of full-time, degree-seeking students (twelve or more credit hours for undergraduate students and nine or more credit hours for graduate students) are eligible to receive a Student's Child Tuition Grant. The grant is 25% of the child's tuition rate. The grant does not apply to fees. The student's child tuition grant does not apply to children of doctoral students. Online courses do not qualify toward this grant.

Student's Spouse Tuition Grant. Spouses of full-time, degree-seeking students (twelve or more credit hours for undergraduate students and nine or more credit hours for graduate students) are eligible to receive a Student's Spouse Tuition Grant. The grant is 50% of the spouse's tuition rate. The grant does not apply to student fees. The student spouse tuition grant does not apply to spouses of doctoral students. Online courses do not qualify toward this grant.

Endowed Scholarships

Each year Midwestern's students benefit from scholarships donated by individuals and organizations to financially assist students with paying their educational expenses. Scholarships are awarded based on the following criteria: financial need, academic achievement (GPA), major course of study, future ministry plans, and/or recommendations from administration or faculty. To receive primary consideration, students are encouraged to submit the scholarship applications by June 1 for the Fall semester and November 1 for new students in the Spring semester. Recipients may be required to submit a Thank You Letter to the Financial Services Office. Midwestern's scholarship applications are generic, so only one application needs to be completed in order

to be considered for most scholarships. The Endowed Scholarship application can be found on the Funding Your Education page of Midwestern's website. Most endowed scholarships are need based, so the student is also required to complete the FAFSA.

Outside Scholarships

Outside scholarships are scholarships that students will use as additional funding. We encourage students to contact their home Baptist State Convention, State Foundation, Association and/or Church as they may offer scholarships to those seeking ministry degrees. In addition, scholarships may be awarded from retail businesses, etc. Outside scholarship awards combined with other financial aid cannot exceed the cost of attendance.

Financial Services requires written confirmation from the scholarship donor. Notification of the outside scholarship award should be sent as early as possible in order for the scholarship to be included in the financial aid award.

Academic Information

ADMISSIONS

Midwestern College is owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Convention, which subsidizes the educational fees of Southern Baptist students. The academic programs and facilities of Midwestern are open to students of all Christian denominations who meet the requirements for admission.

The College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, or gender in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, or any other programs and activities, and complies with applicable nondiscrimination laws.

Midwestern College offers Doctoral, Bachelor's, and Associate's degree programs. The Associate of Arts, Biblical Studies; the Associate of Divinity; Bachelor of Arts; Christian Ministry (BACM) degree; and, Bachelor of Arts, Biblical Studies (BABS) can be taken entirely online. These programs provide Biblical, theological, and ministry training to people who feel called to continue serving Christ in their current locale.

Midwestern's undergraduate programs are designed for students who have not yet earned an accredited baccalaureate degree but have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent.

General Requirements for Undergraduate

- Possess a high school diploma or its equivalent (i.e., have earned a General Educational Development or GED)
- Be at least 18 years old
- Submit ACT or SAT scores if 21 years of age or younger
- Be able to enunciate a clear testimony of conversion to faith in Jesus Christ.

General Requirements for Doctor of Counseling

- Possess an earned baccalaureate (undergraduate) degree from an accredited institution
- Possess an earned Master's degree from an accredited institution
- Be able to enunciate a clear testimony of conversion to faith in Jesus Christ.

Application Procedures for Degree-Seeking Students

Prospective students should go online at www.mbts.edu and click on "Apply Now" or "Apply Online." All applications are to be initiated online.

The application process includes two components: (1) an online application, and (2) required documents that need to be submitted after the online portion is completed (the applicant will receive this list of documents from the Admissions Office upon completion of the online application).

The online application includes the following:

- Personal information
- Family information
- If applicable, a brief explanation of divorce
- Educational information and history
- A brief written testimony of conversion to faith in Jesus Christ
- Church information
- Background information
- Health information
- Reference information
- Consent to application terms
- \$25 non-refundable application fee

Required documents subsequent to the online application include the following:

- A *Church/Pastor Recommendation Form* certified by the church or pastor where the applicant is a member
- One *Personal Recommendation Form*
- Official transcripts of all academic work from all schools attended from high school to college sent directly to Midwestern's Admissions office
- ACT or SAT scores if 21 years of age or younger
- If applicable, a brief explanation of divorce
- Additional documents may be required from international students (see "International Student Requirements" in this Admissions section).

Submit all application materials to...

Admissions Office
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
5001 N. Oak Trafficway
Kansas City, MO 64118

The applicant will be informed by the Admissions Office regarding the status of his/her application as soon as a decision is reached. All applicants must meet regular admission standards as listed in the College (undergraduate) or Seminary (graduate) catalogs.

Non-English Transcripts

If original transcripts are in a language other than English, they should be accompanied by a complete English translation. Additionally, students submitting non-English

transcripts must have them certified by the World Education Services (WES) or the Foreign Credential Services of America (FCSA).

Send all application materials to the following address:

Admissions Office
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
5001 N. Oak Trafficway
Kansas City, MO 64118

Once all required documents have been submitted to the Admissions Office by the applicant, a decision regarding admission will be made by the Admissions Committee as quickly as possible, and the applicant will be informed of the decision immediately via email.

An applicant may be accepted either unconditionally or conditionally. Students accepted unconditionally may be eligible for institutional scholarships and federal student aid. Those accepted conditionally are not eligible for Financial Aid. Reasons for conditional acceptance may include, but are not limited to such issues as delay in receipt of required documents, prior behavioral issues, low GPA, low ACT/SAT scores, etc.

ACT or SAT Test Score Requirements

Midwestern College requires all undergraduate applicants age 21 and under to submit an ACT or SAT score.

The minimum composite ACT score for admission to the College is 19. ACT scores may be obtained online at www.actstudent.org or by writing ACT Records, PO Box 451, Iowa City, IA 52243-0451, USA. The ACT school code for Midwestern College is 2321.

The minimum SAT score for admission is 430 for Critical Reading and 400 for Math. SAT scores may be obtained online at www.collegeboard.com. Midwestern's SAT school code is 6441.

Conditional Admission

Applicants who do not have a high school diploma may take classes for one semester without the GED. No student may continue beyond one semester until the GED is earned and duly recorded in the Registrar's Office.

Applicants may also be conditionally accepted if the required documents are not fully submitted.

Divorce

Although Midwestern attempts to be a redemptive institution, students with serious family problems should defer college education. Prospective students with divorce in their histories will be asked to note that fact as a part of their application information and to provide the timeline of the divorce. Prospective students with a recent divorce need to wait until one year after the divorce to apply to attend Midwestern. A member of the Admissions Committee may ask for an interview with the prospective student prior to approval for admission.

Dual Enrollment as a High School Student

Prospective students who are under the age of 18 and who have not yet graduated from high school or earned a GED may be eligible for dual enrollment at Midwestern College. High school students may enroll in classes at Midwestern prior to completion of high school provided all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- The student must enroll as a non-degree seeking student
- The student must have and maintain a high school grade point average of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- The student must be at least 17 years old and have junior status by the first day of the Midwestern class
- The student may not take more than six credit hours of college classes during any one semester
- The student is limited to enrolling in 100 level (freshman level) college courses.

Appeals for exceptions may be made in writing to Midwestern's College Admissions Committee.

Fusion

Fusion is a unique partnership between the IMB and Midwestern College. Students begin their 4 year, Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry with a semester of intentional training that prepares them for global missions. The second semester of study deploys students into hard-to-reach places overseas. For the duration of the program, students engage in a rigorous course of study in Kansas City that prepares each student for a lifetime of service in God's Kingdom. For more information the student should contact the Fusion Office at 816-414-3777 or fusion@mbts.edu.

Home School Applicants

Home school students making application must submit an official transcript from a lawfully operated non-public school. High school seniors must submit a transcript showing completion of their first semester of their senior year and a final transcript upon graduation. The transcript should contain the home school's name, address, telephone number, titles of the subjects completed by school year, the numerical (or letter) grade and unit credit earned for each subject, and the date of graduation or completion of study. Nationally standardized test scores (e.g., California or Iowa) must also be submitted directly from the testing agency. If deemed necessary for evaluation, the Admissions Office may also request a portfolio or bibliography of high school course work. Home school applicants must also submit an official score report of the applicant's ACT or SAT examination.

International Students Requirements

TOEFL

In addition to the general requirements for admission to the College, international students (i.e., a student with an F-1, J-1, or R-1 visa) whose native language is not English must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Korean speaking students who are in degree programs taught in Korean, and Spanish speaking students in programs taught in Spanish are exempt from this TOEFL requirement.

The TOEFL score submitted to Midwestern must be from a test taken within two years of the applicant's anticipated first date of attendance. The applicant's TOEFL score report must be sent directly to Midwestern by the Educational Testing Service to be official. Applicants should not send copies of their personal score reports. The minimum TOEFL score for admission to Midwestern is a total score of 80 on the Internet-based test (iBT Test). Other forms of TOEFL exam are not accepted unless prior approval is obtained from the Admissions Committee.

Information about the TOEFL examination is available at most colleges and universities or may be obtained by writing the Educational Testing Service at: TOEFL/TSE Services, P.O. Box 6151, Princeton, NJ 08541-6151, USA, or online at www.ets.org/toefl. Use Midwestern's school code (6441), to have the Educational Testing Service forward your score directly to Midwestern. The TOEFL score must be received by the Admissions Office before an international student's application will be processed.

Proof of Adequate Financial Support

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service requires that prospective international students who will be on a F-1 visa provide evidence of adequate financial support for the duration of their status as a student. Therefore, international students need to complete an International Student Certification of Finances form to provide evidence of their financial support for the duration of the international applicant's study at Midwestern. This form must be submitted as part of the international student's application. Family and friends that pledge support on this form are expected to make their money available in advance of the applicant's entry into the United States.

International Student Application Process

International Students are advised to begin the application process at least one year prior to their anticipated date of entry. The application process can be initiated online by going to www.mbts.edu and clicking on "Apply Now" or "Apply Online." Detailed instructions will be provided explaining how to submit TOEFL scores and the International Student Certificate of Finances. These two items, along with all other required documents, must have been received by Admissions Office for the student's application to be processed. All application materials must be received by the Admissions Office at least 90 days prior to the student's anticipated date of entry.

If accepted as a student, each international student is also required to show proof of having health insurance for themselves and their family upon their arrival at Midwestern, if applicable. After the international student's application for admission is approved, Midwestern will send the applicant a Certificate of Eligibility for Non-Immigrant F-1 Student (Form I-20). Using the information on the I-20 form, the international applicant must next complete an I-901 form and pay the fee in U.S. currency. Instructions for completing the I-901 form and paying the fee are available at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement website: www.fmjfee.com/i901fee.

Upon completion of the I-901 form and payment of the required fee in U.S. currency, the international applicant must present the I-20 form along with a receipt showing that the I-901 fee has been paid to a U.S. Consulate or Embassy. If approved, the U.S. Consulate or Embassy will then issue the international applicant a visa for entrance into the United States.

New Student Orientation

All new students are required to attend New Student Orientation (NSO) prior to the student's first semester at Midwestern. Dates for this event are listed in the Academic Calendar at the beginning of this catalog. Orientation sessions are offered on the Kansas City campus just prior to the start of the fall and spring semesters.

New online students are enrolled in New Student Orientation online automatically when fully and conditionally admitted. Students are required to complete NSO during the term for which they are enrolled. First time enrollment in the NSO course is free. Students who fail to complete the NSO the first time will be enrolled a second time and charged a \$25 fee. Each time students have to retake the course they will be charged this fee.

Nondegree-Seeking Students

A nondegree-seeking student is any student who is taking classes for credit or auditing a course(s) at Midwestern College, but who has not been admitted into any degree program at Midwestern. Nondegree-seeking students must complete the online application for admission prior to enrollment in any course. To be eligible to take undergraduate level courses as a nondegree-seeking student, applicants must have a high school diploma or GED. Nondegree-seeking students are not eligible to receive Federal Student Aid. A maximum of 30 credit hours may be taken as a nondegree-seeking student.

To apply as a nondegree-seeking student to Midwestern College go online to www.mbts.edu and click "Apply Now" or "Apply Online." All applications are to be initiated online. When selecting a degree program, the applicant must choose a non-degree seeking option at the appropriate level of study (undergraduate, master's, doctoral).

Readmission

Students who have not attended Midwestern within the past two calendar years (i.e., 24 consecutive months) are required to complete an *Application for Readmission* and return under the current academic catalog requirements. Appeals may be made to the Academic Policies Committee.

Readmission of Service Members/Veterans

Midwestern complies with the federal requirements for Readmission of Service Members/Veterans as specified in Title 34 CFR § 668.18 and listed in the *Federal Register/Vol. 74, No. 208/ Thursday, October 29, 2009*. Although some exceptions exist, this compliance provides the following assurances:

- A re-enrolling veteran may not be denied readmission on the basis of his or her military service
- The eligible veteran may enroll during the next term after he or she has indicated intent to re-enroll
- The eligible veteran may be admitted with the same academic status (i.e., to the same degree program, with the same enrollment status, with the same number of credits, and with the same satisfactory academic progress status)
- During the first academic year of re-enrollment, the veteran is assessed the same tuition and fee charges as were in effect during the academic year he or she left Midwestern to report for military service unless the difference in cost will be paid by the veteran's education benefits with no loss of benefits to the veteran.

In most cases, the veteran must apply for readmission within five years of completion of military service. In cases where the veteran may no longer be prepared to be readmitted with the same academic status (e.g., to continue in the next level of a language course), Midwestern will make a reasonable effort to help prepare the veteran. This effort might include provision of refresher courses or some other appropriate provision at no extra cost to the veteran.

To re-enroll, the veteran should notify the Admission's Office of his or her intent to re-enroll, submit a completed *Application for Admission* form to provide current information to update the student data system, and provide proof of his or her induction or discharge from active military service and a current *Certificate of Eligibility*. The veteran should also contact the Financial Aid Office to complete any necessary paperwork for receipt of eligible benefits and/or financial aid.

ACADEMIC POLICIES

Academic Appeal Process

Students desiring to request exceptions to academic policies and regulations are to submit a written statement explaining the request and the reasons for it to the Dean of Undergraduate Studies or Registrar for consideration by the Academic Policies Committee. The Academic Office or

Registrar's Office should be contacted about procedures and/or forms.

Academic Probation

To remain in satisfactory academic standing, master's degree students and undergraduate students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher for all coursework taken at Midwestern. The Registrar will notify each degree-seeking student whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 that the student is being placed on academic probation, that the student may enroll for no more than 9 graduate credit hours or 12 undergraduate credit hours per semester while on academic probation, and that the student is encouraged to voluntarily enroll in a study skills course (GS090 Study Skills, 1 hour) when the student registers the next term/semester. The study skills course is required for any student whose GPA falls below 1.8. A student may not enroll for Study Skills without enrolling in at least one other course. For example, if an online student only takes a course in Term B, that student cannot take the Study Skills course in Term A. Credit for this course does not count toward meeting degree requirements. Please see the Study Skills policy under Academic Policies section of this catalog.

Being placed on academic probation will affect a student's eligibility to receive financial aid. Students receiving financial aid should also see the Satisfactory Academic Progress policy under Financial Aid in the Finance section of this catalog. Students under extenuating circumstances may provide a basis for an appeal to enroll in additional classes. Appeals may be made to the Registrar's Office.

The student who fails to attain at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA by the conclusion of the second semester of the probationary period must withdraw from Midwestern for at least one semester. The student who anticipates returning to Midwestern should seek advice in advance from the Admissions Office as to what components would be necessary for readmission. After the withdrawal period, the student may apply for readmission. If the student is readmitted, he/she must achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above within the following two semesters. Otherwise, the student is ineligible to continue studies at Midwestern without permission from the Academic Policies Committee.

Advanced Standing

Matriculated (enrolled) students at Midwestern College may satisfy some course requirements for graduation through the following:

- College transfer credit
- Course substitutions and waivers
- Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations
- College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Examinations
- Credit by Examination
- U.S. Military training and experiences as evaluated by the American Council on Education (ACE)

- Prior college level learning gained from work or personal experiences (DELAC).

Documentation of these alternate methods of meeting graduation requirements must be filed in the Registrar's Office prior to the beginning of the semester in which the student will graduate. If this documentation is not on file, the student's graduation date may be delayed. Students who are not enrolled at Midwestern are not eligible for any advanced standing credit. Awarding of any advanced standing credit is applicable toward graduation requirements at Midwestern and is not necessarily transferrable to other schools.

Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), and International Baccalaureate (IB)

Midwestern College accepts nationally recognized Credit by Examination programs including the Advanced Placement Program of the College Board (AP), the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), and the International Baccalaureate (IB). Credit awarded for successful completion in AP, CLEP, and IB programs is assigned semester hours without affecting GPA. Successful completion in these programs is determined according to the following guidelines.

Advanced Placement (AP) Program. Official College Board AP examination scores should be submitted with the application for admission. Midwestern's AP school code is 6441. Midwestern College will award credit with grades of 3 or above for the following courses. Scores of 4 or 5 on selected AP examinations will award 6 hours of credit, with the second course identified by an asterisk (*). All examinations not specifically designated below will count for open elective credit.

AP Test	Midwestern Catalog Listing	Credit Hours
Biology	GE 185	3
Calculus AB	GE 135	3
Calculus BC	GE 135	3
Chemistry	GE 185	3
Chinese Language and Culture	FL 441-442 or FL 451-452	6
Computer Science A	GE 135	3
English Language	GE 101 & GE102*	3/6
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English Literature	GE102*	3/6
Environmental Science	GE 185	3
History of the United States II: 1865 to Present	HT 210	3
	FL 441-442 or FL 451-452	6
French Language and Culture	FL 451-452	6
German Language and Culture	FL 441-442 or FL 451-452	6

Human Geography	BS 205 FL 441-442 or FL 451-452	6
Italian Language and Culture	FL 451-452	6
Japanese Language and Culture	FL 441-442 or FL 451-452	6
	FL 441-442 or FL 451-452	6
Latin	FL 451-452	6
Physics B	GE 185	3
Physics C	GE 185	3
Psychology	PY 100	3
	FL 441-442 or FL 451-452	6
Spanish Language	FL 451-452	6
Statistics	GE 135	3

*Requires a Score of 4 or Higher to Receive Credit for Second Course.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP). The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) is a program offered by the College Board of nationally standardized "credit by examination" that offers students the opportunity to earn college credit without enrolling in specific college courses. Midwestern's CLEP school code is 2346. Midwestern College will award credit with grades of 50 or above for the following courses. All examinations not specifically designated below will count for open elective credit.

CLEP Test	Midwestern Catalog Listing	Credit Hours
College Composition Modular, With Essay	GE101	3
College Composition	GE 102	3
College Math	GE 135	3
College Algebra	GE 135	3
Pre-Calculus	GE 135	3
Calculus	GE 135	3
Biology	GE 185	3
Chemistry	GE 185	3
Natural Sciences	GE 185	3
Information Systems and Computer Applications	GE 135	3
American Literature	GE 240	3
English Literature	GE 240	3
Financial Accounting	BN 201	3
Principles to Management	BN 210	3
Western Civilization II: 1648 to Present	HT210	3

French Language 1 and 2	FL 441-442 or FL 451-452	6	HT 210	American History
German Language 1 and 2	FL 441-442 or FL 451-452	6	HT 411	World Religions
Spanish Language 1 and 2	FL 441-442 or FL 451-452	6	HM 300	Introduction to Philosophy
Introductory Psychology	PY 100	3		
Social Sciences and History	HT 210	3		

International Baccalaureate (IB)

Midwestern will award credit with grades of 4 or above for the following courses. Students will need to coordinate having scores sent to Midwestern with the IB program.

IB Courses	Midwestern Catalog Listing	Credit Hours
Classical Languages	FL 441-442 or FL 451-452	3/6
Biology	GE 185	3
Chemistry	GE 185	3
Computer Science	GE 135	3
Economics	BN 225	3
Environ. Systems and Societies	GE 185	3
Geography	BS 205	3
History	HT 210	3
Language A: Language and Literature Subject Outline	GE 101 & GE 102*	3/6
Language A: Lit. Subj. Outline	GE102*	3/6
Language B: Subject Outline	FL 441-442 or FL 451-452 GE 101 &	6
Lit. and Perf. Subject Outline	GE102*	3/6
Philosophy	HM 300	3
Physics	GE185	3
Psychology	PY 100	3

*Requires a Score of 6 or Higher to Receive Credit for Second Course.

Midwestern's Course numbers and descriptions for Reference Purposes only:

FL 441-442	Hebrew
FL 451-452	Greek
GE 101	English Comp. 1
GE 102	English Comp. 2
GE 135	Quantitative Reasoning
GE 185	Introduction to Physical Science
BS 205	Historical Geography of the Bible
PY 100	Intro To Psychology-
BN 170	Intro to Business and Finance

Credit by Examination

Midwestern's Credit by Examination program offers qualified students the opportunity to earn up to 30 credit hours toward completion of the bachelor's degree from Midwestern. Credit awarded by Midwestern for Credit by Examination does not satisfy the 30 credit hour undergraduate residency requirement and is generally not transferable to other institutions.

Only currently enrolled undergraduate degree-seeking students are eligible to take a Midwestern Credit by Examination. A \$35 per credit hour testing fee will be charged for each Credit by Examination taken. Credit will not be awarded for the following situations:

- Courses that are prerequisites to those for which college credit has already been earned
- Courses for which credit has already been earned
- Any course for which transfer credit has been received
- A course in which a student is currently enrolled.

A modified syllabus providing an overview of the course contents (i.e., course description, course objectives, textbooks, and course requirements) may be obtained from the Dean of Undergraduate Studies' Office. A more detailed study guide for the Credit by Examination is given to the student one week before taking the examination. If the student does not take the examination within eight days of receiving the study guide, the option of testing out of that course is forfeited. The study guide and copies made of any parts of the study guide are to be surrendered at the time of the scheduled examination.

The Dean's Office will notify the student and the Registrar's Office of the result. If the student passes the examination, a "P" (passing grade) for that course is noted on the student's transcript. The credit does not affect the student's grade point average but does count as hours earned toward graduation. If the student fails the examination, he/she will be required to take that course and will not be given the opportunity to retake the qualifying examination. Because courses are offered on a rotating basis, the student is responsible for taking the qualifying examination early in the student's degree program leaving ample time to take the required course if needed.

Students desiring to test out of a course are to obtain an Application for Credit by Examination from the Dean's Office. A separate application is required for each course. The student must submit the completed form to the Dean's Office for the examination to be scheduled.

A maximum of nine credit hours may be earned through Credit by Examination from the biblical core courses. Additional hours may be earned from the general education courses. The student can earn a maximum of 30 credit hours of combined biblical core and general education courses. A

complete list of credit by examination courses offered may be obtained from the Dean's Office.

U.S. Military Training and Experiences

Midwestern recognizes and awards credit for military service training that the student has satisfactorily completed and for which Midwestern has an equivalent course. This military training is evaluated using the American Council on Education's (ACE) *Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services*. To receive credit, the student must provide the Registrar's Office with the military documents needed to evaluate the student's military training.

Credit for Prior College-Level Learning through Documented Experiential Learning Acquisition

Midwestern's Documented Experiential Learning Acquisition (DELAC) program permits students to request to receive undergraduate credit for college-level learning through experiences that have occurred outside the formal classroom setting. Credit awarded through the DELAC program is limited to students enrolled in Adult Degree Completion Program. Through the DELAC program, these students have the opportunity to demonstrate that they have achieved theoretical understanding in a given subject which is comparable to the learning typically developed during a traditional college course. DELACs are evaluated by faculty with expertise in the subject area of the DELAC.

A fully developed and researched DELAC requires a significant amount of time and effort to write. Instructions and guidelines for writing a DELAC are contained in a manual available in the College Academic Office. Students should submit DELAC early for the most effective planning.

The awarding of Credit for Prior College-level Learning provides students with meaningful and consistent assessments of extra-institutional learning while adhering to quality standards determined by Midwestern College, its accrediting agencies, and the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL). In doing so, Midwestern validates the richness and diversity of environments in which adults can pursue meaningful college-level learning.

Attendance

Midwestern expects regular attendance in all classes and students must inform professors of anticipated absences. A student must attend at least 75 percent of class sessions to receive credit. Failure to attend 75 percent of class sessions will result in the student receiving a failing grade for that course. Students who fail to participate in an online course for 14 calendar days or who miss more than 25% of the total sessions of an on-campus course will be assigned a grade of "FN," unless they make prior arrangements with the course instructor.

Auditing

Auditing students do not receive academic credit for the audited course, and the hours taken are not computed in the student's grade point average. After the last day to add a

class (i.e., the end of the first week of classes), a class audited may not be changed to a credit class. Only regularly scheduled courses may be audited and then only for the scheduled hours. Auditors attend class under the regular class attendance policy. Auditors do not take examinations or quizzes and do not submit assignments for grading by the professor. Participation in class discussions or activities is at the discretion of the professor and requires advance preparation or knowledge of the subject or topic by the auditor.

Auditing for Non-Admitted Students

Students not currently admitted, but who desire to audit classes (on a non-credit basis), must complete the *Non-Admitted Auditor's Enrollment* form and pay the applicable audit fees. Auditing students do not receive academic credit for the audited course, and the hours taken are not computed in the student's grade point average. Auditors attend under the regular class attendance policy. Auditors do not take examinations or quizzes and do not submit assignments for grading by the professor. Participation in class discussions or activities is at the discretion of the professor and may require advance preparation or knowledge of the subject or topic by the auditor.

Catalog Requirements

Students are required to satisfy degree requirements according to the Academic Catalog that is in effect for the semester in which they first enroll at Midwestern. Students not attending Midwestern for more than one year (12 consecutive months) are required to meet requirements from the catalog in effect at the time they reenroll unless prior arrangements have been approved by the Academic Policies Committee. Students may petition the Registrar in writing to meet degree requirements from a more recent catalog provided they are enrolled when that catalog is in effect.

Class Standing

Class standing for degree-seeking undergraduate students is based on the semester credit hours earned:

Freshman	0-29 hours
Sophomore	30-59 hours
Junior	60-89 hours
Senior	90+ hours

Closure or Delayed Opening for Inclement Weather

Closure or delayed opening of the Kansas City campus due to inclement weather is at the discretion of the President or designated administrator. Unless notified otherwise, the cancellation of Kansas City classes will be announced primarily on the MBTS website. Notice may also be given on local Kansas City television stations. When classes are not cancelled during inclement weather conditions, students should use discretion to prevent endangering themselves or

others by attempting to travel to class during dangerous or intimidating conditions or situations. Consideration will be extended to students who cannot make it to class due to safety concerns, children at home, etc.

Course Changes (Add/Drop or Withdrawal)

Students are encouraged to finalize their course schedule before the matriculation date. A course change fee is charged per occurrence after the 100% refund period. Ceasing to attend a class at any time without processing a *Class Schedule Change Form* does not constitute an official drop/withdraw and will result in a failing grade being issued.

Students are responsible for completing and filing the *Course Schedule Change Form* with the Registrar's Office by the published deadlines. Students dropping the last or only class in which they are enrolled will need to complete an *Exit Form* in addition to the *Course Schedule Change Form*.

Withdrawing from courses not only affects a student's academic progress, but also may have consequences for financial aid, housing eligibility, or visa status. Financial aid is paid based upon the student's status. Dropping below full time status may require the student to vacate on-campus housing unless prior approval was obtained. The student should refer to the following sections in this catalog for more information: Withdrawing from Midwestern College in the Academic Information section, Tuition Refund Schedule in the Financial Information section, and the Registration Calendar in the front section of this catalog for exact dates and deadlines.

Adding On-campus Courses

Students may add new courses until Friday (4pm) of the first week of the semester, subject to eligibility, space availability, and the policy governing maximum course load. No on-campus class can be added after the end of the first week.

Adding Online Courses

Students may add online courses until 4 pm on the third day of a class.

Withdrawal from On-Campus Classes

Withdrawing from a 15-week long on-campus course after the end of the first week of a semester, but prior to November 1 (fall semester) or April 1 (spring semester), will result in a "W" (withdrawn) grade. Students may not drop or withdraw from a 15-week, on-campus course after the above dates, except for medical reasons or other emergencies. After the fall and spring deadlines, the student will receive a grade of "F" if he/she does not successfully complete the course. Exceptions are made by the Academic Policies Committee. In the case of an approved exception, the professor may assign a "WP/WF" (withdraw passing or withdraw failing) grade as appropriate. Courses dropped during the first week of a semester will not appear on the student's transcript. "W," "WP," or "WF" grades will not be computed in the students GPA.

Withdrawal from Online Classes

Students may drop or withdraw from online courses during the first two weeks of the term and will be assigned a "W" (withdrawn) grade with a fifty percent refund of tuition. Students may not drop or withdraw from an online course after the second week, and will receive a failing grade if they do not successfully complete the course. Exceptions may be granted by the Online Academic Policies Committee for medical reasons or other emergencies. If a student is granted an exception, the professor may assign a "WP/WF" (withdraw passing or withdraw failing) grade as appropriate. Courses dropped on the first day of a term will not appear on the student's transcript. "W," "WP," or "WF" grades will not be computed in the students GPA.

Course Offering Cancellations

Occasionally, cancelling a class may be necessary due to insufficient enrollment or other extenuating circumstances. The decision for such a cancellation is determined by the Provost. Every effort will be made to provide notice of the cancellation at least one week prior to the first scheduled meeting of the class. The Registrar's Office will advise the student of the cancellation and any other options including the possible rescheduling of the class. MBTS does not assume responsibility for any graduation delay that might result from the cancellation.

Course Repetition

Students must repeat courses in which he/she receives a failing grade if the course is required for his/her degree. If a student earns a higher grade for the repeated course, the "F" is not removed from the transcript but is not calculated in the grade point average with the new passing grade. Students may repeat a previously passed course only once for the purpose of improving the letter grade. Students may repeat a failed course until he/she has passed the course. Courses repeated must be equivalent in both content and credit hours.

Course Substitution and Waivers

Permission to substitute courses for required courses is an exception requiring special approval. A student must complete a *Course Substitution/Waiver Request* form and obtain approval signatures for each course for which a substitution or waiver is requested. This form may be obtained from the Registrar's Office.

Approval is required from a professor who normally teaches the course and the student's academic advisor. If the course substitution or waiver is for a General Education or Biblical core course, approval is also to be obtained from the Academic Policies Committee. If it is for a degree program major or emphasis course, approval of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies is also required.

Credit Hour

A credit hour is an amount of work represented for the intended learning outcomes achieved in one hour of classroom instruction (i.e., a 50 minute class period) or direct faculty instruction plus a two hour final exam taken during the fifteenth week or the equivalent. Students should invest a minimum of two hours out of class for every one credit hour in class. Students are advised to adjust their academic workload and employment to allow for thorough preparation for each course.

In nontraditional or specialized courses (e.g., online, internships, practicums) where a course may not meet for the equivalent instructional time, instructors may use alternative instructional processes so that students achieve the equivalent learning objectives.

Credit Hour Load

Enrollment status for student classification is as follows:

Full-time. Undergraduate students are classified as full-time students when enrolled for 12 or more credit hours during a 15-week semester.

Half-time. Undergraduate students are half-time when enrolled for six to 11 credit hours during a 15-week semester term.

Part-time. Undergraduate students are part-time when enrolled for less than 6 credit hours during a 15-week semester.

A student is considered full-time if he/she carries 12 credit hours or more during the fall and spring semesters or 6 hours during the summer term. To complete a 120 credit hour bachelor's degree in four years or eight semesters, students should take a minimum of 30 credit hours per academic year. To complete a 60 credit hour associate's degree in two years or four semesters, students should take 16 hours each semester. Students may not exceed the 18-hour limit without obtaining approval from the Dean of Undergraduate Studies. Students placed on academic probation or making less than satisfactory academic progress may be limited in the number of credit hours they may take.

Degree Change

All requests to change degree programs, majors, or concentrations must be submitted to the Registrar's Office using the *Application for Degree Program Change*. All forms must be signed by the student in order to be processed. *Degree Program Change* forms received by the Friday of the first week of the semester will be effective for the current semester. Any form received after this due date will become effective the following semester. Students should be aware that when degrees are changed some credit hours may not transfer to the new degree. Degree requirements and other policies will be determined by the catalog in force at the time the degree change is made.

Students who are changing their degree from residential degrees to online degrees will be required to take the online New Student Orientation (NSO) course. The Registrar's

Office will automatically enroll students in the NSO course. Students who fail to complete the NSO the first time will be enrolled a second time and charged a \$25 fee. The \$25 fee will be charged each time a student has to retake the course.

Degree Progress

Responsibility for degree progress ultimately belongs to the student. Students can view their degree progress through their student portal and may use this information in consultation with their faculty advisor. The current curriculum for each degree is also available online at www.MBTS.edu. Students in need of assistance may contact the Registrar's Office (Registrar@mbts.edu).

Distance Education

Distance education means education that uses certain technologies to deliver instruction to students who are separated from the instructor, and to support regular and substantive interaction between the students and the instructor. The interaction may be synchronous (student and instructor are in communication at the same time) or asynchronous. The technologies may include the following:

- The internet
- Audio conferencing
- One-way, two-way transmissions through open broadcast, closed circuit, cable, microwave, broadband lines, fiber optics, satellite, or wireless communication devices.

Midwestern College offers a 100% online Bachelor of Arts, Christian Ministry degree; Bachelor of Arts, Biblical Studies; Associate of Arts, Biblical Studies; and, Associate of Divinity. Both programs provide biblical, theological, and ministry training to people who feel called to continue serving Christ with the convenience of doing so from their current locale.

Students with a BACM online degree program may take up to 100% of courses per semester through on-campus classes.

External Study Courses

An external study course is a regular undergraduate catalog course completed as an individualized study. It is used when a student is unable to complete a course by traditional means.

Qualifications

- An enrolled student
- A degree-seeking student
- A class standing appropriate for the level of the course being taken (i.e., a freshman should not take a junior or senior level course)
- Satisfactory academic progress (i.e., cumulative GPA is 2.00 or higher)
- Inability to complete the course as regularly scheduled
- Approved by using the *External Study Course* form.

Approval Procedure

1. The student requests the External Study Course application form from the College Secretary at college@mbts.edu.
2. The student completes the student's portion of the *External Study Course* form
3. The student obtains the signature of the professor who teaches the external study course and attaches the course syllabus to the form
4. The college secretary ensures that all necessary information is included on the form and that the student meets eligibility requirements before submitting the paperwork for approval by the Dean of Undergraduate Studies.
5. If approved, the college secretary provides copies of the approved form to the student, professor, and the Registrar's Office
6. Upon receipt of an approved *External Study Course Application* form, the Registrar's Office enrolls the student for the course.

Additional Information

Students seeking to participate in an External Study Course must submit a completed application to the Academic College Dean's Office no later than 14 days after the first day of classes for the semester.

The external study course must be completed within the time designated by the learning contract. A maximum of 30 hours of external study courses may be taken to satisfy degree requirements at Midwestern. A maximum of six external study hours may be taken in one semester.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. These rights include the following:

1. **The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day Midwestern receives a request for access.** The student should submit to the registrar, dean, head of the academic department, or other appropriate official, a written request that identifies the record(s) the student wishes to inspect. The Midwestern official will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the Midwestern official to whom the request was submitted, that official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.
2. **The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the student believes are inaccurate or misleading.** The student may ask Midwestern to amend a record the student believes is inaccurate or misleading. The student should write the

Midwestern official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record the student wants changed, and specify why the record is inaccurate or misleading. If Midwestern decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, Midwestern will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of his or her right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. **The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.** One exception that permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by Midwestern in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff); a person or company with whom Midwestern has contracted (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent); a person serving on the Board of Trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, Midwestern discloses education records without consent to officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

Directory information (listed below) is generally considered not harmful or an invasion of privacy if released. Unless the Registrar's Office is informed otherwise by the student in writing, directory information may be released by Midwestern without the student's permission.

Directory Information. The following information is considered to be directory information by Midwestern and, therefore, information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed:

- Name, address, & telephone listing
- Email addresses
- Participation in officially recognized activities
- Date and place of birth
- Photographs
- Dates of attendance, degrees, and awards
- Most recent previous school attended
- Class schedule/roster
- Field of study (program/major)
- Full-or part-time status

Students who do not want to release this information to anyone who does not have an authorized and/or legitimate need to know the above information should notify the

Registrar's Office in writing of this desire and the noted information will not be released. If a student specifies that an address and/or phone number not be released, this action will prohibit even friends and relatives from being able to obtain that information from Midwestern.

4. **The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Midwestern to comply with the requirements of FERPA.** The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is as follows:
 Family Policy Compliance Office
 U.S. Department of Education
 400 Maryland Avenue, SW
 Washington, DC 20202-4605

Final Examinations

Students are required to take final examinations at the times scheduled. School policy prohibits the taking of a final exam early. Students who are scheduled for three or more final exams on the same day may request permission from the course professor to reschedule one exam provided the request is made prior to the exam day. Forms for *Final Examination Change Request* are available in the Registrar's Office. In addition, a student who is unable to take a scheduled final examination because of confining illness or some other serious circumstances should follow the same process as above.

Grades and Academic Assessment

To assist Midwestern in the ongoing assessment of student learning and achievement, students are asked to complete the confidential, internet-based assessment of their course(s). The confidentiality of student responses is ensured through a system that permits faculty to view only the summary data of each class. Individual student responses are flagged for tracking purposes only and cannot be identified by the faculty nor are they available to faculty. Course assessment(s) may be accessed through the student portal and are made available beginning with the last two weeks of the semester or term. Students have the option of completing the online course assessment at the end of the semester or term and retrieving the grade(s) for their course(s).

Students who do not have internet access may obtain access and/or assistance in Midwestern's Library. Students having difficulty accessing their online course information should contact IT personnel at 816-414-3763 or at helpdesk@mbts.edu.

Grades/Grade Reports

Final course grades are available to registered students through the Internet student portal once they have been received and processed by the Registrar's Office. Students desiring to know their course grades prior to this distribution should contact the course professor(s), not the Registrar's Office. Students must have financial accounts with

Midwestern in good standing before grades may be accessed at the end of each semester through the student portal.

Midwestern follows a 4.0 grade-point system to encourage academic achievement. Under this system grades are given certain numerical values per credit hour (the grading system chart is listed below). A failing grade in a course is permanently recorded on the student's transcript, but it is not included in grade point average computation if a student repeats and passes the course.

Grading System

College grading and grade point value system:

A	93-100	4.0	AU	Audit
A-	90-92	3.7	I	Incomplete
B+	88-89	3.3	NG	No Grade Assigned
B	83-87	3.0	P	Passing
B-	80-82	2.7	W	Withdrawn from course
C+	78-79	2.3	WP	Withdraw passing
C	73-77	2.0	WF	Withdraw failing (not computed in GPA)
C-	70-72	1.7		
D+	68-69	1.3		
D	63-67	1.0		
D-	60-62	0.7		
F	59 or below	0.0		
FN		0.0		

Incomplete Grade

An incomplete grade may only be reported for a student who has a passing grade in a course but who is unable to complete the final examination and/or final coursework due to serious illness of the student, serious illness or death in the student's immediate family, or other unusual and substantial cause beyond the student's control.

Failure to appear for a final examination or failure to complete coursework as assigned is not a basis for an Incomplete grade. Assigning an incomplete grade to a student must not provide the opportunity for the student to complete work beyond the end of the semester if the extension gives the student an advantage others in the course in similar circumstances did not have. Students are to submit the incomplete coursework/exam to the professor no later than two weeks after the last day of the semester or course. All Incomplete grades must be removed within three weeks after the semester or course in which the incomplete grade was given. At the end of three weeks the grade defaults to the grade earned that was listed by the professor on the *Incomplete Grade* form.

The student's record shall bear the grade of "I" on any incomplete course until all work is completed. If the student does not submit the assigned work, the "I" grade will be changed to the grade reported as being earned-to-date which includes a zero for incomplete portion of assignments. A student whose circumstances are so extreme that they do not permit the submission of the work within the stated period may petition the Registrar for a further extension.

Integrity in Theological Studies

The fundamental purpose of Midwestern is to assist the development of Christian ministers who are equipped to make responsible and relevant witness to the redeeming Gospel of Jesus Christ in the context of the vastly complex and rapidly changing modern culture in which God has granted us the grace of life. In accordance with this purpose, therefore, Midwestern dearly cherishes and earnestly seeks to foster among all its students the qualities of spiritual dedication, creative imagination, and personal integrity.

Consequently, the administration and faculty of Midwestern expect, as a minimum requirement, that each student shall do his or her own work. The student is to let every test and examination reflect only the best results of his or her own disciplined study. Likewise, every term paper and written report must represent the student's own original approach to the task assigned, and it should not contain either direct quotations or paraphrases of any part of any other writer's book or paper, published or unpublished, for which due credit is not given to the original author. Such credit should be acknowledged by proper citation (in text, footnotes, and bibliography) of the sources employed.

Unless otherwise instructed by the professor under whose direction the paper is prepared, the current edition of Turabian's *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* (with such supplements as may be prepared by the faculty) will serve as the guide for citing all sources.

It cannot be exaggerated how strongly Midwestern deplors plagiarism in all its forms. Dishonesty is incompatible with the very purpose for which a student avails himself of its ministries. It is to be desired that one remain without a degree rather than to obtain it by dishonest means, for Christianity cannot countenance conduct that contradicts its basic tenets. It is further to be hoped that each individual will recognize a responsibility for his brother as well as for himself in all such matters.

This statement was first adopted by the faculty of Midwestern on October 5, 1961, and continues to be affirmed by the current faculty.

Leave of Absence

Emergencies that require a student to withdraw from classes for a time are dealt with on a case-by-case basis depending upon the nature of the emergency. Midwestern seeks to respond to students according to their individual need in these cases.

Library Use

As a normal part of the educational process, students are expected to use the learning resources available in Midwestern's library for completing course assignments, research, etc. The Library collection consists of over 200,000 cataloged volumes in addition to a large body of general and denominational periodicals (625 current subscriptions) and other serial materials. A Curriculum Lab contains curriculum material published by LifeWay Christian Resources, other SBC agencies, and the Woman's Missionary Union.

All students except online students are required to have a Midwestern Identification Card that serves as the student's library card. Access to print resources, computers, as well as online databases is permitted only with a valid ID card.

Limiting Credit Hours and/or Employment Hours

To exceed the normal maximum class load of 18 credit hours per semester, a student must obtain approval of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies. A student working in excess of 20 hours per week in secular and/or religious employment is advised to enroll for a reduced academic load. The faculty advisor will work with the student in assessing the student's workload. A student working in excess of 35 hours per week in secular and/or religious employment is not to enroll for more than 14 credit hours per semester unless given permission by the Dean of Undergraduate Studies. Students who want to take more than 2 online courses per term must receive approval from the Online Office.

Nondegree-Seeking Students

Students who desire to take occasional classes for credit, or who wish to take classes full-time before deciding on a particular degree-program, are classified as 'nondegree-seeking.' To take classes for credit on a non-degree-seeking basis, students must complete the *Nondegree-Seeking Student Application for Admission*, be formally admitted, and pay the applicable tuition and fees before taking more than 3 credit-hours of classes. Students may refer to the Admission section of this catalog for more information.

Online Course Limits for College Housing

Full-time undergraduate students who are enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours of undergraduate coursework per semester are eligible to live in Midwestern campus housing. One online class may be counted toward the 12 credit hours. Any appeal to the maximum online courses may be made by submitting a housing exception form for approval by the Vice President of Administration.

Program Extensions for International Students

The program duration for an F-1 Visa student is determined by the expected length of study established by the school and documented on Line 5 of the I-20 by a program end date. If a student realizes that he/she is not going to graduate by the semester documented on the I-20, he/she may request a program extension prior to the expected graduation for reasons limited to the following:

- Changes of major or research topic
- Unexpected problems with research
- Documented illness.

Delays due to academic probation or suspension do not qualify as reasons for extension.

In each case, recommendation for extension must come from the student's academic advisor. Also, students must

provide updated financial support documentation to verify that they have the financial capacity to stay for the additional amount of time.

Registration and Matriculation

Students can register online for classes through their student portal. The Registration Calendar at the front part of this catalog lists when registration opens and closes for each term. Any student with a hold on his/her account cannot register online.

Students who are still in the application phase are allowed to enroll in only one class until they are fully or conditionally admitted.

Once a student is enrolled in classes, he or she must complete matriculation before the due date. Matriculation is the process by which a student becomes registered, confirms his/her student information, and makes payment arrangements. For further information, see the Matriculation policy under the Financial Information section of this catalog. For procedures related to the adding or dropping of classes, see the Course Changes policy under the Academic Policies section of this catalog.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

A student must maintain cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher for all coursework taken at Midwestern to remain in satisfactory academic standing. The SAP policy is different for undergraduate, master's, and doctoral students. For guidelines, a student should refer to the Academic Probation in this section of the catalog. Federal guidelines require recipients of federal Title IV financial aid to satisfy additional standards (see Federal Title IV Financial Aid Programs section in this catalog for detailed SAP requirements).

Special Status

Students not currently admitted who wish to take a special course at Midwestern, such as a seminar, workshop, conference, or other special event, must complete the online *Special Status Application* and pay the applicable tuition and fees. Students may take up to 4 credit hours of such courses while in the application process. To take regular online or classroom courses, students should apply to be degree-seeking or non-degree seeking students.

Student's Responsibility and Academic Advising

An academic advisor is available to provide guidance concerning academic programs and to verify the accuracy of course selections, but students are ultimately responsible for knowing program requirements and proceeding to satisfy those requirements in an orderly and timely manner.

Study Skills

If a student's GPA falls below 2.0 at the end of a semester, the student will be placed on probation and

encouraged to voluntarily enroll in the Study Skills course. If the student's GPA falls below 1.8 at the end of a semester, the student will be placed on academic probation and automatically enrolled in the Study Skills course when the student enrolls for his/her next course. The Study Skill's course cannot be taken as a student's only course for the semester or term. For example, if an online student only takes a course in Term B, that student cannot take the Study Skills course in Term A. The Study Skill course is a one-credit hour, pass/fail course. Regular tuition and fees will be charged. This credit does not count toward meeting graduation or degree requirements.

The instructor for the Study Skills course will work with the student to help the student develop the requisite skills for academic success. If a student's GPA is not above 2.0 at the end of the first probationary semester, the student remains on academic probation, but the student is only required to successfully complete the Study Skills course once. If at the end of the second probationary semester, the student still does not have a GPA of 2.0 or higher, the student will be placed on academic leave.

Style Guide for Written Papers/Assignments

All papers submitted by students must conform to the current edition of *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* by Kate L. Turabian unless noted otherwise by the professor.

Transcripts

Transcripts are confidential documents and are issued only when a student submits a *Transcript Request Form* with the applicable fee. The form is available on Midwestern's web page. The Registrar's Office provides official and unofficial transcripts. Transcripts are only issued for persons who have accounts in good standing with the Financial Services. Processing may take up to two weeks. Students may view and print unofficial transcripts from their student portals.

Transfer Credit

Midwestern may transfer a limited number of credit hours taken at other accredited institutions, i.e., institutions recognized by (a) a regional accrediting agency [e.g. the Higher Learning Commission, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools], (b) the Council for Higher Education Accreditation [CHEA], and/or (c) the U.S. Department of Education (USDE), subject to the following stipulations.

At least 30 of the last 60 hours of a bachelor's degree must be earned through Midwestern, and at least 15 of the last 30 hours of an associate's degree must be earned through Midwestern. In addition, at least 50 percent of the credit hours in the student's major must be earned through Midwestern. For more information, contact the Registrar's Office.

To be considered for transfer, courses must meet the following requirements:

- The course must be equivalent in content and requirements to courses in the Midwestern catalog
- The course must meet a Midwestern degree requirement
- The student must have received a recorded grade of C- or higher.

Undergraduate coursework taken from an unaccredited institution will be subject to the following review:

- The student's general eligibility for acceptance to Midwestern as a degree-seeking student
- The academic calendar, grading system, and the credentials of the transfer institution's faculty being evaluated and approved by the Registrar or the Dean of the College with the review of the Academic Policies Committee
- The course(s) being transferred meeting all other Midwestern transfer credit requirements
- The credit not being immediately transferred and posted to the student's transcript but held "in escrow" until the student successfully completes 24 credit hours at Midwestern with a minimum GPA of 2.50.

Types of Classes

Midwestern uses multiple instructional delivery systems as indicated below. Abbreviations may be used on the student's transcript to indicate the kind of delivery-system involved in each course.

- Conference (CONF)
- Directed Study (DSC)
- External Study (ESC)
- Fusion (FUS)
- Hybrid
- Independent Study (IS)
- Intensive
- Midwestern Women Institute (MWI)
- Online (OL)
- Online Connect (OLC)
- On-Campus
- Practicums (PRAC)
- Regional (RG)
- Trip (TRIP)
- Workshop

Courses involving practicums and field supervision are transcribed as on-campus. Courses taken online may be transcribed as hybrid, if the coursework includes verified campus-oriented instructional activity.

Undergraduate Students Enrolling in Master's Courses

Undergraduate students desiring to take graduate level classes must have taken a substantial number of undergraduate classes offered in the particular discipline they

are requesting. Undergraduate students requesting to enroll in a master's level course for credit or audit must obtain approvals from the professor of the master's course, the Dean of the College, the Dean of Graduate Studies, and the Registrar for each master's level course. The request must be made by using the *Undergraduate Student Request to Register for a Master's Level Course* form. Furthermore, if the student is requesting the course for credit, the student must have a minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.00.

Registration may only be completed if space is available in the master's course. In the event a course reaches an enrollment limit, master level students will have priority. In addition, per accreditation requirements, 80% or more of the registered students must be master's level students. Master's courses used to meet undergraduate degree requirements may not be used at a later time to meet master's degree requirements. Grades awarded are based on the grade and syllabus requirements for the master's level course. Course requirements are not reduced for undergraduate students.

Only courses in a student's current degree program count toward federal aid eligibility – including federal loans. Also, financial aid is not available for student's auditing classes.

Withdrawal from College

Students may officially withdraw from Midwestern at their discretion, but the withdrawal may affect their academic record. Nonattendance of classes does not constitute official withdrawal from the college. The student is responsible for securing and processing the *Exit Form* with the Registrar's Office in order to make withdrawal official. In addition, the student should consider the academic impact for withdrawing from courses.

The academic record of students withdrawing from courses during a term is affected in the manner described under "Course Change" in the Academic Policies section of this catalog.

Students withdrawing from Midwestern should also make proper arrangements with the Financial Aid Office concerning the reduction or cancellation of a student's financial aid award and with the Housing Office to ensure that proper notification is given concerning moving from student housing. In addition, the withdrawing student must communicate with the Financial Services in order to arrange for the appropriate payment of any unpaid accounts and to avoid the assessment of late fees, penalties, or additional charges. An exit interview with the Director of Financial Aid is required for any student with a Federal Direct Student Loan.

Official Withdrawals are determined by the date when the student began Midwestern's official withdrawal process or the date when the student officially notified Midwestern of his/her intent to withdraw, whichever is later.

Unofficial Withdrawals are determined by the documented last day of a student's participation in an academically related activity. An unofficial withdrawal is

when a student leaves without notifying Midwestern. Midwestern always has the option to use the student's last day of documented attendance at an academically related activity.

GRADUATION

Application for Graduation

To participate in Commencement and graduate from Midwestern, students are to complete an Application for Graduation form. Forms may be obtained from the Registrar's Office or online. Completed forms are to be submitted to the Registrar's Office for processing. Due dates are listed on the Academic Calendar. A student who submits an application after the due date may receive consideration if the application is accompanied by a written appeal to the Academic Policies Committee. A \$50 late fee will be assessed.

The graduation fee is charged to the candidate's student account at the beginning of the semester immediately preceding Commencement. The fee is nonrefundable and is paid even if the candidate is granted the privilege of graduating in absentia.

The candidate for graduation is responsible to confer with the registrar to ensure that he/she has met all degree program and graduation requirements including the minimum GPA required for graduation. Prior to graduation, a student must settle all current accounts at the Library, Financial Services, and the LifeWay Bookstore located on campus. The faculty reserves the right to determine that a student whose conduct has proved to be unworthy of the standards of Christian character is unworthy of graduation, even though all academic requirements have been met.

Graduation Honors

Graduation honors are awarded to qualified graduates of Midwestern's degree programs. Undergraduate students who complete degree requirements with an overall cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.60 to 3.799 will receive the notation "With Honors" upon graduation. Undergraduate students with an overall cumulative GPA of 3.80 or above will receive the notation "With Highest Honors" upon graduation. The cumulative GPA includes courses taken at Midwestern to meet degree requirements. Graduates of the Midwestern Women's Institute program are not recognized with honors.

Participation in Commencement

Upon satisfactory completion of the prescribed course of study and all other requirements for graduation, the student is entitled to graduate. The requirements for the degree earned by the student will be determined by the catalog in use when the candidate first enrolls at Midwestern. If a student desires to graduate under the requirements from a subsequent catalog issued while the student was pursuing a degree, the student may petition the Registrar for permission to do so.

Midwestern may require a student whose enrollment has continued beyond five years to graduate according to the requirements of a more recent catalog.

Participation in Commencement for Students Lacking Hours

If a student is approved to take a course(s) at another school during his/her final semester at MBTS, the student must provide an official transcript of that course to the MBTS Registrar's Office at least two days prior to commencement. If the final grades for that course are not available from the other school, the student must provide documentation from the transfer school that shows that he/she is on track to pass the class with a grade of C- or higher. A student will be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony with this documentation, but he/she will receive the diploma only after the MBTS Registrar's Office receives an official transcript with the final passing grade. If following the ceremony, the student does not receive a C- or higher, he/she will not receive a diploma and must petition the Academic Policies Committee for approval to complete the requirement according to an alternate plan. Regardless of when the student completes all of the degree requirements, he/she is only eligible to participate in one commencement exercise for his/her degree.

A student who has not completed all requirements prior to the ceremony is ineligible to receive any scholastic awards at graduation or to be recognized at commencement as a recipient of academic honors. Academic honors earned at MBTS during the student's course of study will be noted on the student's diploma and transcript when all degree requirements have been completed.

Requirements for Graduation

GPA Requirement. To qualify for graduation, students must attain a 2.0 or above cumulative GPA in all graded work taken at Midwestern or transferred from another institution to meet Midwestern's degree requirements.

Attendance at Commencement. Students in on-campus degree programs are expected to be present for Commencement. Under unusual circumstances, a candidate may petition to graduate *in absentia*. A written petition requesting permission to graduate in absentia must be submitted to the Registrar for faculty approval no later than October 1st for the Fall Commencement and no later than March 1st for the Spring Commencement. Online students are encouraged to participate in commencement, but are not required.

Other requirements

- Complete *Graduate Exit* form
- Complete exit counseling for students who received federal loans
- Complete Students Outcome Survey/Graduating Student Questionnaire
- Pay any unpaid balances

Academic Awards

Each year the faculty at Midwestern honor selected Bachelor of Arts recipients who complete all graduation requirements prior to the Commencement ceremony with the following awards:

- **Diana Anderson Scholar's Award** - to the College graduate whose character, academic performance, and local church commitment ideally reflect the values and objectives of Midwestern Baptist College.
- **James L. Anderson Dean's Award** - to the College graduate who has achieved the highest grade point average for college studies.
- **Loran Anderson Preaching Award** - to the College student who has demonstrated superior skill in the preparation and delivery of biblical sermons.

Programs of Study

Midwestern College is approved to offer associate, baccalaureate, and Doctoral degree programs by the Higher Learning Commission. The Doctor of Counseling (DCoun) is a program of professional study for students who desire to practice professional counseling at the highest level of clinical competence.

The Bachelor of Arts program offers majors in Biblical Studies and Christian Ministry. The Accelerate program provides a unique opportunity for students to earn their BA and their MDiv in a specified period of time.

The Associate of Divinity is an introductory degree program that prepares students for vocational ministry. The Associate of Arts program offers majors in Biblical Studies and Music as preparation for further training for vocational ministry.

The Biblical Studies major in the Adult Degree Completion Program format is a program of study for the undergraduate student who has an Associate degree. With an accredited Associate Degree, 60 credit hours are granted. All accredited Associate Degrees satisfy the 42 hours of general education core plus an additional 18 hours of electives. Students lacking an Associate degree must meet general education and credit hour requirements. The minimum age to enter this program is 25 years old.

Questions about Midwestern's undergraduate degree programs should be addressed to the College Admissions Office or the College Academic Office:

Telephone: 1-800-944-MBTS (6287)
816-414-3733 (Admissions Office)
816-414-3826 (Academic Office)
Email: admissions@mbts.edu
college@mbts.edu (Academic Office)
Address: Admissions or Midwestern Academic Office
Midwestern College
5001 N. Oak Trafficway
Kansas City, MO 64118-4697

PROFESSIONAL DOCTORAL PROGRAM

The Doctor of Counseling (DCoun) is a program of professional study for students who desire to practice professional counseling at the highest level of clinical competence. The DCoun is recognized by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). Although the degree is considered equivalent in quality to the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), it differs significantly in that the latter seeks primarily to understand the way things are, with practical payoffs being a secondary concern.¹

This degree programs are under the direction of the Doctoral Studies Office. For more information call 816-414-3755 or email docstudies@mbts.edu.

Admission

In addition to the general criteria for admission to Midwestern College, applicants to the DCoun program must have the following:

1. A Master of Arts in Counseling (MACO) degree or equivalent from an accredited institution
2. A 3.0 grade point average or above on a 4.0 scale for all graduate level studies (students not meeting this standard may request to see the Low-GPA policy for Professional Doctoral Studies).

Upon receiving an application packet, the prospective student must submit/provide the following:

1. A completed *Application for Admission form* and application fee
2. A personal essay of 8-12 pages providing the applicant's understanding of Christian ministry and describing the applicant's calling, ministerial service to date, and ministerial goals with an explanation of how the doctoral program will help the applicant reach those goals
3. A letter of endorsement/recommendation from the applicant's current ministry
4. Academic, personal, and professional references
5. Original transcripts from each academic institution previously attended sent to the Doctoral Studies Office.

International applicants must also score a minimum of 80 on internet-based test (iBT), and 550 on the written version or 213 on the computer version of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination. The TOEFL requirement is waived for Korean students who are in degree programs taught in Korean-Speaking and for Spanish-speaking students in doctoral programs taught in Spanish.

Applicants not meeting all admission requirements may petition to enter the program under probationary status. Information about probationary admission may be requested from the Doctoral Studies Office (1-877-414-3755 or docstudies@mbts.edu).

Professional Doctoral Studies Objectives

Students graduating from a Professional Doctoral Studies program will be able to do the following:

1. Draw on the resources of the classical area of theological study
2. Do original field research and needs analysis
3. Organize and motivate others to carry out such program plans with a high level of competence
4. Move beyond routinely accepted techniques of ministry toward new dimensions, methods, and outreach.

Seminars

¹ Charles Conniry, Jr., "Reducing the Identity Crisis in Doctor of Ministry Education," *Theological Education* 40, no. 1 (2004): 138.

Required seminars (doctoral courses) are offered multiple times per year. Each seminar is offered as a week-long intensive course with pre- and post-coursework. The Dissertation Preparation seminar should be completed as the last seminar because it transitions the student into the ministry project phase of the program.

Location

All foundational doctoral seminars are offered on Midwestern's main campus in Kansas City, Missouri.

Status

The DCoun is a continuous enrollment program. Students enroll in a minimum of two 3 credit hour seminars each year until all requirements are met. During the project dissertation phase of the program, students will be registered in DR40983 DCoun Dissertation – Ongoing Research for 1 credit hour each semester until the dissertation is completed. When the student is ready for the dissertation defense, the student will be registered in DR40993 Dissertation-DCoun for the remaining hours in order to receive a total of 3 credit hours.

Students who are unable to maintain continuous enrollment status may request to be placed on a one-year interrupted status for a medical or ministry-related hardship. A fee of \$250 is assessed for each semester on interrupted status if the request is made prior to the start of the semester. For requests made after the start of the requested semester the fee is \$500. Students requiring a longer suspension of continuous enrollment may request to be placed on inactive status for a period not to exceed three years. An inactive status fee of \$500 per year is charged to the student. Updated information and admission requirements must be met before reentering the program. No academic work may be done while on interrupted or inactive status.

Doctor of Counseling (DCoun)

Purpose

The purpose of the Doctor of Counseling is to equip professional counselors for clinical practice, as teachers in higher education, and for ministry. It is a program of professional study for students who desire to practice professional counseling at the highest level of clinical competence. The Doctor of Counseling degree is intended to follow the completion of a MACO degree, or equivalent, and is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

The Doctor of Counseling is unique in its practice of a clinically descriptive and biblically prescriptive counseling model. This model combines the best practices of the behavioral sciences to describe emotional issues and applies biblical concepts to solve emotional issues. This treatment approach is compatible with counselors who desire to join correctly the Christian perspective with contemporary scientific methodology and clinical techniques of the counseling profession.

Duration

The program aims to graduate students three years after they begin their studies, by using a combination of on-campus, online, and facilitated research.

Doctor of Counseling Objectives

Students graduating from the DCoun in Professional Counseling will be able to do the following:

1. Assess, diagnose, and treat clients with a wide range of presenting problems and mental disorders
2. Effectively apply the Clinically Descriptive and Biblically Prescriptive Model in professional practice
3. Evaluate scientific research studies and convert them to evidenced based treatment processes
4. Create a private practice or practice within an agency or church ministry
5. Practice at the highest level of ethical and legal standards in the counseling profession.

Location

At least one third of the degree must be taken on campus. These one-week courses require pre- and post- coursework. Select counseling classes are offered online using Blackboard as the teaching modality. Other counseling courses are in the Directed Study format.

Dissertation

After the completion of all seminars, the student is required to design, implement, and evaluate a counseling based research project. The dissertation will demonstrate the student's integration of the Biblically Prescriptive and Clinically Descriptive approach. From idea conception to oral defense, the dissertation usually takes 8 to 12 months and results in a dissertation of at least 100 pages, not including appendices and bibliography.

Curriculum

Counseling Seminars (*all are required*)

32020	Orientation and Christian Worldview Colloquium	1 hr
32266	Counselor Supervision & Health	3 hrs
32274	Advanced Marriage and Family Therapy	3 hrs
32268	Practice Building	2 hrs
32276	Advanced Diagnosis & Treatment of Addiction Disorders	3 hrs
32260	Advanced Cognitive-Behavioral Treatment	3 hrs
32270	Advanced Diagnosis & Treatment Planning	3 hrs
32272	Advanced Psychotherapy & Treatment	3 hrs
32262	Advanced Biological Basis of Behavior	3 hrs
32090	Dissertation Research Design & Statistics	3 hrs

40993 Dissertation¹
Total Credit Hours

3 hrs
30 hrs

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

Bachelor of Arts

The Bachelor of Arts program offers majors in Biblical Studies, and Christian Ministry. The Biblical Studies and Christian Ministry majors allow for a double major. These programs consist of general education, theological training, and second majors that prepare the student for graduate programs or vocational preparation for bi-vocational ministry in the marketplace. The Adult Degree Completion format is designed for the needs of adult learners who are over 25 years old.

Purpose

The Bachelor of Arts degree provides college-level preparation for service in church and other Christian ministries through programs of practical education, spiritual and character development, and theological understanding. The degree also prepares students for graduate-level study.

BA Degree Objectives

The objectives for students graduating with the Bachelor of Arts degree are as follows:

1. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the Christian worldview in relation to the natural and social world
2. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the theological foundations of Christian ministry
3. Demonstrate increased competence in practical skills of Christian ministry such as information management, strategic decision-making, and communication
4. Demonstrate an enhanced foundation for subsequent formal and informal education.

Duration

The BA degree typically requires a minimum of four years of full-time academic study or its equivalent.

Admission

The BA degree is a post-secondary education degree. Admission requirements to enter this program include an accredited high school diploma, evidence of a commitment to the program of study, qualities desired for Christian ministry preparation, and the academic ability to engage in undergraduate education.

Distinctive Resources

BA students have access to community life that provides informal educational experiences, religious fellowship, and opportunity for reflection upon the meaning of faith in its relation to the educational preparation for ministry.

Extension Sites

Midwestern offers courses at two off-campus extensions. Students are able to take classes in a classroom environment, without having to drive to the main campus in Kansas City.

St. Louis, Missouri. Classes meet at the Journey Church 2823 S Kingshighway Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63139.

Ames, Iowa. Classes meet at Cornerstone Church, 56829 U.S. Highway 30, Ames, Iowa.

BA Degree Requirements

All baccalaureate students are required to complete a minimum of 120 semester credit hours (as specified by the major). A minimum of 30 of the last 60 credit hours must be completed through Midwestern, and at least 50 percent of the requirements for the major component must be completed through Midwestern.

Bachelor of Arts: Double Majors

Purpose

The opportunity to double-major is offered to broaden the knowledge-base of full-time Christian workers and to equip graduates for future ministry in bi-vocational settings.

General Education Component

The General Education component is designed to help students acquire increased general knowledge along with greater intellectual and professional skills from the perspective of the Christian worldview.

Objectives

Upon completion of the General Education component, students will be able to do the following:

1. Think critically and communicate with increased clarity and effectiveness
2. Demonstrate an increased understanding and appreciation of history by examining its literature, ideas, and cultures
3. Demonstrate an increased ability to evaluate the challenges, experiences, and relationships of life from a Christian perspective
4. Develop an increased tendency toward lifelong learning.

¹ After meeting all the requirements, the student will be registered in DR40983 DCoun Dissertation – Ongoing Research for 1 credit hour each semester until the dissertation is completed. When the student is

ready for the dissertation defense, the student will be registered in 40993 Dissertation-DCoun for the remaining hours in order to receive a total of 3 credit hours.

Bachelor of Arts: Minors

Students in the College may also earn a minor degree in Business, Counseling Psychology, Humanities, or Divinity. These minors range between 15 and 18 credit hours, including specific required courses, according to the standards given below.

The Business Minor requires 15 hours of specialized courses (BN) and must include BN201 Principles of Accounting I, BN202 Principles of Accounting II, and BN214 Management of Information Systems.

The Counseling Psychology Minor requires 18 hours of specialized courses (CO) and must include CO101 Counseling Theories, CO105 Professional Orientation and Ethics, CO222 Marriage and Family Counseling, and CO230 Theory and Methods of Group Counseling.

The Humanities Minor requires 15 credits of specialized courses from the humanities core (HM).

The Divinity Minor is only available to students in the BA Christian Ministry program. It requires 15 credit hours of specialized courses and must include MN310 Sermon Preparation and either (a) FL441 Hebrew I and FL442 Hebrew II or (b) FL451 Greek I and FL452 Greek II. Students must take the same language for two semesters.

Biblical Studies, (single major)

Purpose

The Biblical Studies major is designed to provide increased understanding and skill in the interpretation of Scripture, theological reflection, with special emphasis on a working knowledge of Hebrew and Greek, thus equipping students for local church ministry, evangelism, international missions, denominational service, and subsequent graduate study.

BA Degree Objectives

The objectives for students graduating with the Bachelor of Arts degree are as follows:

1. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the Christian worldview in relation to the natural and social world
2. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the theological foundations of Christian ministry
3. Demonstrate increased competence in practical skills of Christian ministry such as information management, strategic decision-making, and communication
4. Demonstrate an enhanced foundation for subsequent formal and informal education.

Biblical Studies Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Biblical Studies major will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate increased understanding of the biblical text
2. Interpret Scripture using appropriate hermeneutical and historically informed principles
3. Demonstrate skill in communicating biblical truth.

Curriculum

General Education	42 hrs
BN170 Introduction to Business and Finance	3 hrs
BS205 Historical Geography of Bible	3 hrs
CM110 Basic Communication	3 hrs
GE101 English Composition I	3 hrs
GE102 English Composition II	3 hrs
GE135 Quantitative Reasoning	3 hrs
GE240 Survey of World Literature	3 hrs
GE185 Introduction to Physical Science	3 hrs
GS181 Integrative Seminar I, Leadership	1 hr
GS183 Integrative Seminar III, Capstone	1 hr
HM344 Christianity and the Arts	3 hrs
HT210 American History	3 hrs
HT411 World Religions	3 hrs
MN250 Integrative Seminar II, Assessment	1 hr
MS201 Global Missions	3 hrs
PY100 Introduction to Psychology	3 hrs
Biblical Core	30 hrs
BS115 Old Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS116 Old Testament Survey II	3 hrs
BS117 New Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS118 New Testament Survey II	3 hrs
HT104 The Church	3 hrs
HT350 Christian Doctrine I	3 hrs
HT351 Christian Doctrine II	3 hrs
HM300 Introduction to Philosophy	3 hrs
HT415 Introduction to Ethics	3 hrs
MN201 Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
Biblical Studies Major	24 hrs
BS204 Introduction to Hermeneutics	3 hrs
HT112 Church History I	3 hrs
HT113 Church History II	3 hrs
FL441 Hebrew I	3 hrs
FL442 Hebrew II	3 hrs
FL451 Greek I	3 hrs
FL452 Greek II	3 hrs
MN310 Sermon Preparation	3 hrs
Open Electives	24 hrs
Total Credit Hours	120 Hrs

Accelerate

Accelerate gives students an opportunity to earn both a Bachelor of Arts, Biblical Studies and the Master of Divinity in 5 years. As such, the Accelerate program incorporates the purpose and learning objectives of the Bachelor of Arts, Biblical Studies degree, preparing graduates for service in local church ministry, evangelism, international or North American missions, denominational service, and/or other Christian ministries by providing increased knowledge of the Bible and its interpretation.

Accelerate Objectives

Students completing the Biblical Studies major will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate increased understanding of biblical material
2. Interpret Scripture using appropriate hermeneutical and historically informed principles
3. Demonstrate skill in communicating biblical truth.

Program Completion and Duration

The Accelerate program allows students to complete the Bachelor of Arts and Master of Divinity Degrees in 165 total hours, over 5 years of study. Accelerate students enjoy substantial contact with ministry leaders and other Christian professionals, in a cohort structure that links theory with practice throughout their courses of study.

Applicants to the Accelerate program must submit additional documentation in the admissions process and agree to take each year's required courses in sequence, including summer terms. Students enrolled in Accelerate must maintain a 3.0 GPA at all levels of the program and attend at least 75% of the cohort meetings held each semester.

Students who cannot meet the requirements of Accelerate will be transferred to the standard Bachelor of Arts or Master of Divinity degree programs, depending on the extent of their progress thus far. Students successfully completing the first four years of the program will graduate with the Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies. Once the fifth year of Accelerate is completed, students are awarded the Masters of Divinity degree.

Curriculum

Year 1	31 Hrs
GS181 Integrative I, Leadership	1 hr
GE101 English Composition I	3 hrs
GE135 Quantitative Reasoning	3 hrs
PY100 Introduction to Psychology	3 hrs
CM110 Basic Communication	3 hrs
GE102 English Composition II	3 hrs
GE240 Survey of World Literature	3 hrs
GE185 Introduction to Physical Science	3 hrs
HT104 The Church	3 hrs
BN170 Introduction to Business & Finance	3 hrs
HM300 Introduction to Philosophy	3 hrs

Year 2	34 Hours; Cumulative, 62 Hrs
HM344 Christianity and the Arts	3 hrs
HT411 World Religions	3 hrs
MS201 Global Missions	3 hrs
BS205 Historical Geography of the Bible	3 hrs
MN5060* Evangelism & Discipleship	3 hrs
HT210 American History	3 hrs
HT411 Intro to Ethics	3 hrs
MN310 Sermon Preparation	3 hrs
XXXX Undergraduate Elective	3 hrs
MN250 Integrative II, Assessment	1 hr
BS2400** Intro to Hermeneutics	3 hrs

Year 3	45 Hours; Cumulative 110 Hours
BS2210* Old Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS2310* New Testament Survey I	3 hrs
HT3100** History of Christianity I	3 hrs
BS2300** Elementary Greek I	3 hrs
XXXX Undergraduate Elective	3 hrs
BS2211* Old Testament Survey II	3 hrs
BS2311* New Testament Survey II	3 hrs
BS2301** Elementary Greek II	3 hrs
MN5648** Leadership Practicum	3 hrs
XXXX Undergraduate Elective	3 hrs
HT3101** History of Christianity II	3 hrs

Year 4	28 hrs; Cumulative 138 hrs
BS2200** Elementary Hebrew I	3 hrs
HT3200** Theology I	3 hrs
CE8301** Church Administration	3 hrs
MN5312** Intro to Pastoral Care & Counseling	3 hrs
XXXX Undergraduate Elective	3 hrs
BS2201** Elementary Hebrew II	3 hrs
HT3201** Theology II	3 hrs
XXXX Undergraduate-Elective	3 hrs
MS7001 Theology & Philosophy of Missions	3 hrs
GS183 Integrative III, Capstone	1 hr
Graduate with Bachelor of Arts	
Ministry Break: Missions and Internships encouraged	

Year 5	27 hours; Cumulative 165 hrs
HT3110 Baptist History	3 hrs
HT3400 Christian Ethics	3 hrs
HT3300 Introduction to Apologetics	3 hrs
XXXX Practicum (Leadership, Church Planting or Church Revitalization)	3 hrs
MN5115 Biblical Communications & Preaching	3 hrs
MN5160 Biblical Communications Practicum or MN5165 Preaching Practicum	3 hrs
XXXX Practicum (Leadership, Church Planting or Church Revitalization)	3 hrs
XXXX Graduate Elective	3 hrs
XXXX Graduate Elective	3 hrs
Graduate with Master of Divinity	

Total Hours Required: 165 Hrs

- * Taken on Graduate level with undergraduate credit given upon successful completion of a Credit-by-Exam. In lieu of the exam, students may also take the undergraduate course in addition to the Graduate level course.
- ** Taken on Graduate level and will fulfill requirements towards a BA as stipulated by HLC 3 + 2 Program.

Biblical Studies (BS), Adult Degree Completion

Purpose

The Biblical Studies, Adult Degree Completion track is a pathway to a Bachelor of Arts degree designed for mature Christian students who come to MBTS having made significant progress in their undergraduate studies, usually in the form of an Associate of Arts degree. This program shares the same purpose and learning objectives as the Bachelor of Arts, Biblical Studies degree. Thus, it prepares the graduate for service in local church ministries, evangelism, international or North American missions, denominational service, and/or other Christian ministries by providing increased knowledge of the Bible and its interpretation.

Biblical Studies, Adult Degree Completion Objectives

Students completing their education with a Biblical Studies major will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate increased understanding of biblical material
2. Interpret Scripture using appropriate hermeneutical and historically informed principles
3. Demonstrate skill in communicating biblical truth.

Adult Degree Completion Structure and Duration

The Bachelor of Arts, Biblical Studies major requires 120 credit hours, 60 hours of which can be satisfied by entry into the Adult Degree Completion program with an accredited Associate of Arts degree. Up to 24 credit-hours can be awarded on the basis of previous life-experience. In *GS495 Portfolio*, entering students are given specific instruction regarding the process required to document previous experiential learning. Students lacking an Associate of Arts degree must satisfy additional requirements to reach Associate of Arts equivalency. Thus two degree outlines appear below, one designed for the Associate of Arts graduate and another for students lacking the Associate of Arts degree.

Curriculum - Option 1 with Associate Degree

Associate Degree ¹	60 hrs
General Studies	30 hrs
GS181 Integrative I, Leadership	1 hr
MN250 Integrative II, Assessment	1 hr
GS183 Integrative III, Capstone	1 hr
GS495 Portfolio	3 hrs
Portfolio Hours earns up to 24 hours	24 hrs
Biblical Core	30 hrs

BS115 Old Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS116 Old Testament Survey II	3 hrs
BS117 New Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS118 New Testament Survey II	3 hrs
HM300 Introduction to Philosophy	3 hrs
HT104 The Church	3 hrs
HT350 Christian Doctrine I	3 hrs
HT351 Christian Doctrine II	3 hrs
HT415 Introduction to Ethics	3 hrs
MN201 Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
Total Credit Hours	120 Hrs

Curriculum - Option 2 without an Associate Degree

General Studies	30 hrs
GS181 Integrative I, Leadership	1 hr
MN250 Integrative II, Assessment	1 hr
GS183 Integrative III, Capstone	1 hr
GS495 Portfolio	3 hrs
Portfolio Hours earns up to 24 hours	24 hrs
Biblical Core	30 hrs
BS115 Old Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS116 Old Testament Survey II	3 hrs
BS117 New Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS118 New Testament Survey II	3 hrs
HM300 Introduction to Philosophy	3 hrs
HT104 The Church	3 hrs
HT350 Christian Doctrine I	3 hrs
HT351 Christian Doctrine II	3 hrs
HT415 Introduction to Ethics	3 hrs
MN201 Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
General Education	39 hrs
BN170 Introduction to Business and Finance	3 hrs
BS205 Historical Geography of the Bible	3 hrs
CM110 Basic Communication	3 hrs
GE101 English Composition I	3 hrs
GE102 English Composition II	3 hrs
GE135 Quantitative Reasoning	3 hrs
GE185 Introduction to Physical Science	3 hrs
GE240 Survey of World Literature	3 hrs
HM344 Christianity and the Arts	3 hrs
HT210 American History	3 hrs
HT411 World Religions	3 hrs
MS201 Global Missions	3 hrs
PY100 Introduction to Psychology	3 hrs
Electives	21 hrs
Total Credit Hours	120 Hrs

¹ Student must have an Associate Degree with the minimum of 60 credit hours from an accredited institution.

Biblical Studies and Business Majors

Purpose

The Biblical Studies and Business Double Major is designed to provide increased knowledge of the Bible and its interpretation, along with business skills and understanding to prepare students for local church ministries, evangelism, international or North American missions, denominational service, and/or graduate studies.

BA Degree Objectives

The objectives for students graduating with the Bachelor of Arts degree are as follows:

1. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the Christian worldview in relation to the natural and social world
2. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the theological foundations of Christian ministry
3. Demonstrate increased competence in practical skills of Christian ministry such as information management, strategic decision-making, and communication
4. Demonstrate an enhanced foundation for subsequent formal and informal education.

Biblical Studies Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Biblical Studies major will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate increased understanding of the biblical text
2. Interpret Scripture using appropriate hermeneutical and historically informed principles
3. Demonstrate skill in communicating biblical truth.

Business Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Business major will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the role, place, and scope of business both nationally and internationally
2. Demonstrate the ability to plan, organize, and direct business endeavors
3. Integrate a biblical worldview with the practice of business.

Curriculum

General Education	42 hrs
BN170 Introduction to Business and Finance	3 hrs
BS205 Historical Geography of Bible	3 hrs
CM110 Basic Communication	3 hrs
GE101 English Composition I	3 hrs
GE102 English Composition II	3 hrs
GE135 Quantitative Reasoning	3 hrs
GE240 Survey of World Literature	3 hrs
GE185 Introduction to Physical Science	3 hrs
GS181 Integrative Seminar I, Leadership	1 hr
GS183 Integrative Seminar III, Capstone	1 hr
HM344 Christianity and the Arts	3 hrs
HT210 American History	3 hrs
HT411 World Religions	3 hrs
MN250 Integrative Seminar II, Assessment	1 hr
MS201 Global Missions	3 hrs
PY100 Introduction to Psychology	3 hrs
Biblical Core	30 hrs
BS115 Old Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS116 Old Testament Survey II	3 hrs
BS117 New Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS118 New Testament Survey II	3 hrs
HT104 The Church	3 hrs
HT350 Christian Doctrine I	3 hrs
HT351 Christian Doctrine II	3 hrs
HM300 Introduction to Philosophy	3 hrs
HT415 Introduction to Ethics	3 hrs
MN201 Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
Biblical Studies Major	24 hrs
BS204 Introduction to Hermeneutics	3 hrs
HT112 Church History I	3 hrs
HT113 Church History II	3 hrs
FL441 Hebrew I	3 hrs
FL442 Hebrew II	3 hrs
FL451 Greek I	3 hrs
FL452 Greek II	3 hrs
MN310 Sermon Preparation	3 hrs
Business Major Core	24 hrs
BN201 Principles of Accounting I	3 hrs
BN202 Principles of Accounting II	3 hrs
BN214 Management of Information System	3 hrs
BN225 Macroeconomics	3 hrs
BN230 Introduction to Marketing	3 hrs
BN365 Business Law and Ethics	3 hrs
BN375 Poverty and Wealth	3 hrs
BN466 Not-for-Profit Leadership	3 hrs
Total Credit Hours	120 Hrs

Biblical Studies and Counseling Psychology Majors

Purpose

The Biblical Studies and Psychology Double Major is designed to provide increased knowledge of the Bible and its interpretation, along with an understanding of psychological theory and methodology sufficient to prepare students for local church ministry, evangelism, international or North American missions, denominational service, and/or graduate studies.

BA Degree Objectives

Students graduating with the Bachelor of Arts degree will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the Christian worldview in relation to the natural and social world
2. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the theological foundations of Christian ministry
3. Demonstrate increased competence in practical skills of Christian ministry, such as information management, strategic decision-making, and communication
4. Demonstrate an enhanced foundation for subsequent formal and informal education.

Biblical Studies Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Biblical Studies major will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate increased understanding of the biblical text
2. Interpret Scripture using appropriate hermeneutical and historically informed principles
3. Demonstrate skill in communicating biblical truth.

Counseling Psychology Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Counseling Psychology major will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate familiarity with key concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in psychology
2. Articulate a biblical worldview while demonstrating an understanding of existing models of spiritual integration related to the study of psychology
3. Understand and apply basic research design, data analysis, and interpretation.

Curriculum

General Education	42 hrs
BN170 Introduction to Business and Finance	3 hrs
BS205 Historical Geography of Bible	3 hrs
CM110 Basic Communication	3 hrs
GE101 English Composition I	3 hrs
GE102 English Composition II	3 hrs
GE135 Quantitative Reasoning	3 hrs
GE240 Survey of World Literature	3 hrs
GE185 Introduction to Physical Science	3 hrs
GS181 Integrative Seminar I, Leadership	1 hr
GS183 Integrative Seminar III, Capstone	1 hr
HM344 Christianity and the Arts	3 hrs
HT210 American History	3 hrs
HT411 World Religions	3 hrs
MN250 Integrative Seminar II, Assessment	1 hr
MS201 Global Missions	3 hrs
PY100 Introduction to Psychology	3 hrs
Biblical Core	30 hrs
BS115 Old Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS116 Old Testament Survey II	3 hrs
BS117 New Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS118 New Testament Survey II	3 hrs
HT104 The Church	3 hrs
HT350 Christian Doctrine I	3 hrs
HT351 Christian Doctrine II	3 hrs
HM300 Introduction to Philosophy	3 hrs
HT415 Introduction to Ethics	3 hrs
MN201 Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
Biblical Studies Major	24 hrs
BS204 Introduction to Hermeneutics	3 hrs
HT112 Church History I	3 hrs
HT113 Church History II	3 hrs
FL441 Hebrew I	3 hrs
FL442 Hebrew II	3 hrs
FL451 Greek I	3 hrs
FL452 Greek II	3 hrs
MN310 Sermon Preparation	3 hrs
Counseling Psychology Major Core	24 hrs
CO101 Counseling Theories	3 hrs
CO105 Professional Orientation and Ethics	3 hrs
CO222 Marriage and Family Counseling	3 hrs
CO230 Theory and Methods of Group Counseling	3 hrs
CO339 Multicultural Counseling	3 hrs
CO426 Diagnosis and Treatment of Substance Use Disorders	3 hrs
CO455 Supervised Counseling Practicum	3 hrs
PY234 Abnormal Psychology	3 hrs
Total Credit Hours	120 Hrs

Biblical Studies and Humanities Majors

Purpose

The Biblical Studies and Humanities Double Major is designed to provide increased knowledge of the Bible and its interpretation, through sound scholarship and interdisciplinary study in economics, philosophy, politics, art and rhetoric, thus preparing graduates for local church ministry, evangelism, international or North American missions, denominational service, and/or graduate studies.

BA Degree Objectives

Students graduating with the Bachelor of Arts degree will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the Christian worldview in relation to the natural and social world
2. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the theological foundations of Christian ministry
3. Demonstrate increased competence in practical skills of Christian ministry, such as information management, strategic decision-making, and communication
4. Demonstrate an enhanced foundation for subsequent formal and informal education.

Biblical Studies Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Biblical Studies major will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate increased understanding of the biblical text
2. Interpret Scripture using appropriate hermeneutical and historically informed principles
3. Demonstrate skill in communicating biblical truth.

Humanities Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Humanities major will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate sound scholarship through the ability to think analytically and critically
2. Demonstrate competency in the liberal arts
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the economic and political factors impacting society.

Curriculum

General Education	42 hrs
BN170 Introduction to Business and Finance	3 hrs
BS205 Historical Geography of Bible	3 hrs
CM110 Basic Communication	3 hrs
GE101 English Composition I	3 hrs
GE102 English Composition II	3 hrs
GE135 Quantitative Reasoning	3 hrs
GE240 Survey of World Literature	3 hrs
GE185 Introduction to Physical Science	3 hrs
GS181 Integrative Seminar I, Leadership	1 hr
GS183 Integrative Seminar III, Capstone	1 hr
HM344 Christianity and the Arts	3 hrs
HT210 American History	3 hrs
HT411 World Religions	3 hrs
MN250 Integrative Seminar II, Assessment	1 hr
MS201 Global Missions	3 hrs
PY100 Introduction to Psychology	3 hrs
Biblical Core	30 hrs
BS115 Old Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS116 Old Testament Survey II	3 hrs
BS117 New Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS118 New Testament Survey II	3 hrs
HT104 The Church	3 hrs
HT350 Christian Doctrine I	3 hrs
HT351 Christian Doctrine II	3 hrs
HM300 Introduction to Philosophy	3 hrs
HT415 Introduction to Ethics	3 hrs
MN201 Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
Biblical Studies Major	24 hrs
BS204 Introduction to Hermeneutics	3 hrs
HT112 Church History I	3 hrs
HT113 Church History II	3 hrs
FL441 Hebrew I	3 hrs
FL442 Hebrew II	3 hrs
FL451 Greek I	3 hrs
FL452 Greek II	3 hrs
MN310 Sermon Preparation	3 hrs
Humanities Major	24 hrs
BN225 Macroeconomics	3 hrs
BN375 Poverty and Wealth	3 hrs
HM204 Ancient Philosophy	3 hrs
HM285 Informal Logic and Reasoning	3 hrs
HM308 The Medieval & Renaissance Philosophy	3 hrs
HM385 Religious Epistemology	3 hrs
HM405 Modern Philosophy	3 hrs
HM425 Christian Political Thought	3 hrs
Total Credit Hours	120 Hrs

Biblical Studies and Worship Ministries Majors

Purpose

The Biblical Studies and Worship Ministries Double Major is designed to provide increased knowledge of the Bible and its interpretation, along with basic musical competencies, thus, preparing graduates for local church ministries, evangelism, international or North American missions, denominational service, and/or other Christian ministries.

BA Degree Objectives

Students graduating with the Bachelor of Arts degree will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the Christian worldview in relation to the natural and social world
2. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the theological foundations of Christian ministry
3. Demonstrate increased competence in practical skills of Christian ministry, such as information management, strategic decision-making, and communication
4. Demonstrate an enhanced foundation for subsequent formal and informal education.

Biblical Studies Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Biblical Studies major will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate increased understanding of the biblical text
2. Interpret Scripture using appropriate hermeneutical and historically informed principles
3. Demonstrate skill in communicating biblical truth.

Worship Ministries Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Worship Ministries major will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate basic knowledge of music theory, music history, and conducting
2. Demonstrate improved musical practice and performance skills
3. Demonstrate a basic orientation to local church music ministry.

Curriculum

General Education		42 hrs
BN170	Introduction to Business and Finance	3 hrs
BS205	Historical Geography of Bible	3 hrs
CM110	Basic Communication	3 hrs
GE101	English Composition I	3 hrs
GE102	English Composition II	3 hrs
GE135	Quantitative Reasoning	3 hrs
GE240	Survey of World Literature	3 hrs

GE185	Introduction to Physical Science	3 hrs
GS181	Integrative Seminar I, Leadership	1 hr
GS183	Integrative Seminar III, Capstone	1 hr
HM344	Christianity and the Arts	3 hrs
HT210	American History	3 hrs
HT411	World Religions	3 hrs
MN250	Integrative Seminar II, Assessment	1 hr
MS201	Global Missions	3 hrs
PY100	Introduction to Psychology	3 hrs

Biblical Core **30 hrs**

BS115	Old Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS116	Old Testament Survey II	3 hrs
BS117	New Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS118	New Testament Survey II	3 hrs
HT104	The Church	3 hrs
HT350	Christian Doctrine I	3 hrs
HT351	Christian Doctrine II	3 hrs
HM300	Introduction to Philosophy	3 hrs
HT415	Introduction to Ethics	3 hrs
MN201	Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs

Biblical Studies Major **24 hrs**

BS204	Introduction to Hermeneutics	3 hrs
HT112	Church History I	3 hrs
HT113	Church History II	3 hrs
FL441	Hebrew I	3 hrs
FL442	Hebrew II	3 hrs
FL451	Greek I	3 hrs
FL452	Greek II	3 hrs
MN310	Sermon Preparation	3 hrs

Worship Ministries Major **36 hrs**

MU101	Music Theory I*	3 hrs
MU102	Aural Skills I	1 hr
MU103	Music Theory II	3 hrs
MU104	Aural Skills II	1 hr
MU201	Music Theory III	3 hrs
MU202	Aural Skills III	1 hr
MU302	Introduction to Church Music and Worship Leadership	3 hrs
MU233	History of Music for Worship I	3 hrs
MU234	History of Music for Worship II	3 hrs
MU341	Introduction to Conducting	2 hrs
MU361	Integrative Seminar in Worship Ministries	1 hr

Primary Applied Major **6 hrs**

Areas for study: Voice Piano, Guitar, Other

Secondary Applied Minor** **2 hrs**

Areas for Study: Voice, Piano		
MU325	Basic Guitar for the Worship Musician***	1 hr

Ensemble Participation****	3 hrs
MU481 Chapel Choir	1 hr
MU482 Chapel Band	1 hr
MU484 Voices of Midwestern	1 hr
*Music Fundamentals is a prerequisite for students entering Music Theory/Aural Skills I. All students will be required to take a test in music fundamentals to determine if remedial work is required.	
** Secondary Applied Minors are in Voice, Piano, & Guitar. Each student must select two competencies and are required to pass a proficiency upon the completion of each.	
***Students who are proficient at guitar and are able to pass a proficiency exam may substitute MU385 Leading Worship with the Guitar	
****Students must complete 3 semesters of Ensemble participation to satisfy degree requirements.	
Total Credit Hours	132 Hrs

Christian Ministry, (single major)

Purpose

The Bachelor of Arts Christian Ministry degree provides college-level preparation for service in local churches and other Christian ministries through programs of practical education, spiritual and character development, and theological understandings. The BACM degree also prepares students for graduate-level study.

BA Degree Objectives

Students graduating with the Bachelor of Arts degree will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the Christian worldview in relation to the natural and social world
2. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the theological foundations of Christian ministry
3. Demonstrate increased competence in practical skills of Christian ministry, such as information management, strategic decision-making, and communication
4. Demonstrate an enhanced foundation for subsequent formal and informal education.

Christian Ministry Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Christian Ministry major will be able to do the following:

1. Interpret Scripture using appropriate hermeneutical and historically informed principles
2. Demonstrate skill in communicating biblical truth
3. Demonstrate basic leadership skills in Christian ministry.

Location

The BACM degree can be taken fully online, fully on campus, and in any combination of the two delivery systems. The online content of the BACM is made available using Blackboard Learn as the student portal for online instruction.

Duration and Format

The BACM degree typically requires a minimum of four years of full-time academic study or its equivalent. Online courses are offered in 8-week terms. Six terms are offered each year, two in the summer, two in the fall, and two in the spring. All online coursework is completed via Blackboard Learn.

Curriculum

General Education	42 hrs
BN170 Introduction to Business and Finance	3 hrs
BS205 Historical Geography of Bible	3 hrs
CM110 Basic Communication	3 hrs
GE101 English Composition I	3 hrs
GE102 English Composition II	3 hrs
GE135 Quantitative Reasoning	3 hrs
GE240 Survey of World Literature	3 hrs
GE185 Introduction to Physical Science	3 hrs
GS181 Integrative Seminar I, Leadership	1 hr
GS183 Integrative Seminar III, Capstone	1 hr
HM344 Christianity and the Arts	3 hrs
HT210 American History	3 hrs
HT411 World Religions	3 hrs
MN250 Integrative Seminar II, Assessment	1 hr
MS201 Global Missions	3 hrs
PY100 Introduction to Psychology	3 hrs
Biblical Core	30 hrs
BS115 Old Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS116 Old Testament Survey II	3 hrs
BS117 New Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS118 New Testament Survey II	3 hrs
HT104 The Church	3 hrs
HT350 Christian Doctrine I	3 hrs
HT351 Christian Doctrine II	3 hrs
HM300 Introduction to Philosophy	3 hrs
HT415 Introduction to Ethics	3 hrs
MN201 Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
Christian Ministry Major	24 hrs
BN465 Entrepreneurial Leadership	3 hrs
BS204 Introduction to Hermeneutics	3 hrs
CE360 Church Administration	3 hrs
HT112 Church History I	3 hrs
HT113 Church History II	3 hrs
MN255 Interpersonal Counseling and Conflict Management	3 hrs
MN350 Pastoral Care & Counseling	3 hrs
MS310 Introduction to Church Planting & Church Growth	3 hrs
Open Electives	24 hrs
Total Credit Hours	120 Hrs

Christian Ministry and Business Majors

Purpose

The Christian Ministry and Business Double Major is designed to provide basic preparation for disciple-making, along with business skills and understanding which prepares students for local church ministries, evangelism, international or North American missions, denominational service, and/or graduate studies.

BA Degree Objectives

Students graduating with the Bachelor of Arts degree will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the Christian worldview in relation to the natural and social world
2. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the theological foundations of Christian ministry
3. Demonstrate increased competence in practical skills of Christian ministry, such as information management, strategic decision-making, and communication
4. Demonstrate an enhanced foundation for subsequent formal and informal education.

Christian Ministry Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Christian Ministry major will be able to do the following:

1. Interpret Scripture using appropriate hermeneutical and historically informed principles
2. Demonstrate skill in communicating biblical truth
3. Demonstrate basic leadership skills in Christian ministry.

Business Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Business major will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the role, place and scope of business nationally and internationally
2. Demonstrate the ability to plan, organize, and direct business endeavors
3. Integrate a biblical worldview into the practice of business.

Curriculum

General Education	42 hrs
BN170 Introduction to Business and Finance	3 hrs
BS205 Historical Geography of Bible	3 hrs
CM110 Basic Communication	3 hrs
GE101 English Composition I	3 hrs
GE102 English Composition II	3 hrs
GE135 Quantitative Reasoning	3 hrs
GE240 Survey of World Literature	3 hrs
GE185 Introduction to Physical Science	3 hrs
GS181 Integrative Seminar I, Leadership	1 hr
GS183 Integrative Seminar III, Capstone	1 hr
HM344 Christianity and the Arts	3 hrs
HT210 American History	3 hrs
HT411 World Religions	3 hrs
MN250 Integrative Seminar II, Assessment	1 hr
MS201 Global Missions	3 hrs
PY100 Introduction to Psychology	3 hrs
Biblical Core	30 hrs
BS115 Old Testament Survey I	3 hrs
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BS117 New Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS118 New Testament Survey II	3 hrs
HT104 The Church	3 hrs
HT350 Christian Doctrine I	3 hrs
HT351 Christian Doctrine II	3 hrs
HM300 Introduction to Philosophy	3 hrs
HT415 Introduction to Ethics	3 hrs
MN201 Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
Christian Ministry Major	24 hrs
BN465 Entrepreneurial Leadership	3 hrs
BS204 Introduction to Hermeneutics	3 hrs
CE360 Church Administration	3 hrs
HT112 Church History I	3 hrs
HT113 Church History II	3 hrs
MN255 Interpersonal Counseling and Conflict Management	3 hrs
MN350 Pastoral Care & Counseling	3 hrs
MS310 Introduction to Church Planting & Church Growth	3 hrs
Business Major Core	24 hrs
BN201 Principles of Accounting I	3 hrs
BN202 Principles of Accounting II	3 hrs
BN214 Management of Information System	3 hrs
BN225 Macroeconomics	3 hrs
BN230 Introduction to Marketing	3 hrs
BN365 Business Law and Ethics	3 hrs
BN375 Poverty and Wealth	3 hrs
BN466 Not-for-Profit Leadership	3 hrs
Total Credit Hours	120 Hrs

Christian Ministry and Counseling Psychology Majors

Purpose

The Christian Ministry and Counseling Psychology Double Major is designed to provide students with an understanding of psychological theory and methodology and basic preparation for local church ministries, evangelism, international or North American missions, denominational service, and/or graduate studies.

BA Degree Objectives

Students graduating with the Bachelor of Arts degree will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the Christian worldview in relation to the natural and social world
2. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the theological foundations of Christian ministry
3. Demonstrate increased competence in practical skills of Christian ministry, such as information management, strategic decision-making, and communication
4. Demonstrate an enhanced foundation for subsequent formal and informal education.

Christian Ministry Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Christian Ministry major will be able to do the following:

1. Interpret Scripture using appropriate hermeneutical and historically informed principles
2. Demonstrate skill in communicating biblical truth
3. Demonstrate basic leadership skills in Christian ministry.

Counseling Psychology Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Counseling Psychology major will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate familiarity with key concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in psychology
2. Articulate a biblical worldview while demonstrating an understanding of existing models of spiritual integration related to the study of psychology
3. Understand and apply basic research design, data analysis, and interpretation.

Curriculum

General Education	42 hrs
BN170 Introduction to Business and Finance	3 hrs
BS205 Historical Geography of Bible	3 hrs
CM110 Basic Communication	3 hrs
GE101 English Composition I	3 hrs
GE102 English Composition II	3 hrs
GE135 Quantitative Reasoning	3 hrs
GE240 Survey of World Literature	3 hrs
GE185 Introduction to Physical Science	3 hrs
GS181 Integrative Seminar I, Leadership	1 hr
GS183 Integrative Seminar III, Capstone	1 hr
HM344 Christianity and the Arts	3 hrs
HT210 American History	3 hrs
HT411 World Religions	3 hrs
MN250 Integrative Seminar II, Assessment	1 hr
MS201 Global Missions	3 hrs
PY100 Introduction to Psychology	3 hrs
Biblical Core	30 hrs
BS115 Old Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS116 Old Testament Survey II	3 hrs
BS117 New Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS118 New Testament Survey II	3 hrs
HT104 The Church	3 hrs
HT350 Christian Doctrine I	3 hrs
HT351 Christian Doctrine II	3 hrs
HM300 Introduction to Philosophy	3 hrs
HT415 Introduction to Ethics	3 hrs
MN201 Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
Christian Ministry Major	24 hrs
BN465 Entrepreneurial Leadership	3 hrs
BS204 Introduction to Hermeneutics	3 hrs
CE360 Church Administration	3 hrs
HT112 Church History I	3 hrs
HT113 Church History II	3 hrs
MN255 Interpersonal Counseling and Conflict Management	3 hrs
MN350 Pastoral Care & Counseling	3 hrs
MS310 Introduction to Church Planting & Church Growth	3 hrs
Counseling Psychology Major	24 hrs
CO101 Counseling Theories	3 hrs
CO105 Professional Orientation and Ethics	3 hrs
CO222 Marriage and Family Counseling	3 hrs
CO230 Theory and Methods of Group Counseling	3 hrs
CO339 Multicultural Counseling	3 hrs
CO426 Diagnosis and Treatment of Substance Use Disorders	3 hrs
CO455 Supervised Counseling Practicum	3 hrs
PY234 Abnormal Psychology	3 hrs
Total Credit Hours	120 Hrs

Christian Ministry and Divinity Majors

Purpose

The Christian Ministry and Divinity Double Major is designed to provide basic preparation for disciple-making and to supply a foundation for graduate theological studies.

BA Degree Objectives

Students graduating with the Bachelor of Arts degree will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the Christian worldview in relation to the natural and social world
2. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the theological foundations of Christian ministry
3. Demonstrate increased competence in practical skills of Christian ministry, such as information management, strategic decision-making, and communication
4. Demonstrate an enhanced foundation for subsequent formal and informal education.

Christian Ministry Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Christian Ministry major will be able to do the following:

1. Interpret Scripture using appropriate hermeneutical and historically informed principles
2. Demonstrate skill in communicating biblical truth
3. Demonstrate basic leadership skills in Christian ministry.

Divinity Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Divinity major will be able to do the following:

1. Develop increased biblical and theological knowledge
2. Facilitate interpretation of Scripture using appropriate hermeneutical principles
3. Encourage formulation of theological beliefs based on biblical and historical perspectives
4. Progress in the practice of classical spiritual disciplines
5. Develop a Great Commission perspective that is demonstrated by skills in evangelism, equipping disciples, preaching and teaching, corporate worship, and leadership.

Curriculum

General Education	42 hrs
BN170 Introduction to Business and Finance	3 hrs
BS205 Historical Geography of Bible	3 hrs
CM110 Basic Communication	3 hrs
GE101 English Composition I	3 hrs
GE102 English Composition II	3 hrs
GE135 Quantitative Reasoning	3 hrs
GE240 Survey of World Literature	3 hrs
GE185 Introduction to Physical Science	3 hrs
GS181 Integrative Seminar I, Leadership	1 hr
GS183 Integrative Seminar III, Capstone	1 hr
HM344 Christianity and the Arts	3 hrs
HT210 American History	3 hrs
HT411 World Religions	3 hrs
MN250 Integrative Seminar II, Assessment	1 hr
MS201 Global Missions	3 hrs
PY100 Introduction to Psychology	3 hrs
Biblical Core	30 hrs
BS115 Old Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS116 Old Testament Survey II	3 hrs
BS117 New Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS118 New Testament Survey II	3 hrs
HT104 The Church	3 hrs
HT350 Christian Doctrine I	3 hrs
HT351 Christian Doctrine II	3 hrs
HM300 Introduction to Philosophy	3 hrs
HT415 Introduction to Ethics	3 hrs
MN201 Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
Christian Ministry Major	24 hrs
BN465 Entrepreneurial Leadership	3 hrs
BS204 Introduction to Hermeneutics	3 hrs
CE360 Church Administration	3 hrs
HT112 Church History I	3 hrs
HT113 Church History II	3 hrs
MN255 Interpersonal Counseling and Conflict Management	3 hrs
MN350 Pastoral Care & Counseling	3 hrs
MS310 Introduction to Church Planting & Church Growth	3 hrs
Divinity Major	24 hrs
FL441 Hebrew I	3 hrs
FL442 Hebrew II	3 hrs
FL451 Greek I	3 hrs
FL452 Greek II	3 hrs
MN310 Sermon Preparation	3 hrs
Electives	9 hrs
Total Credit Hours	120 Hrs

Christian Ministry and Humanities Majors

Purpose

The Christian Ministry and Humanities Double Major is designed to provide basic preparation for local church ministry, evangelism, international or North American missions, denominational service, and/or graduate study. Special attention is given to the interdisciplinary study of economics, philosophy, politics, the arts, and rhetoric.

BA Degree Objectives

Students graduating with the Bachelor of Arts degree will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the Christian worldview in relation to the natural and social world
2. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the theological foundations of Christian ministry
3. Demonstrate increased competence in practical skills of Christian ministry, such as information management, strategic decision-making, and communication
4. Demonstrate an enhanced foundation for subsequent formal and informal education.

Christian Ministry Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Christian Ministry major will be able to do the following:

1. Interpret Scripture using appropriate hermeneutical and historically informed principles
2. Demonstrate skill in communicating biblical truth
3. Demonstrate basic leadership skills in Christian ministry.

Humanities Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Humanities major will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate sound scholarship through analytical and critical thinking
2. Demonstrate a basic appreciation of the liberal arts
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the economic and political factors impacting society.

Curriculum

General Education	42 hrs
BN170 Introduction to Business and Finance	3 hrs
BS205 Historical Geography of Bible	3 hrs
CM110 Basic Communication	3 hrs
GE101 English Composition I	3 hrs
GE102 English Composition II	3 hrs
GE135 Quantitative Reasoning	3 hrs
GE240 Survey of World Literature	3 hrs
GE185 Introduction to Physical Science	3 hrs
GS181 Integrative Seminar I, Leadership	1 hr
GS183 Integrative Seminar III, Capstone	1 hr
HM344 Christianity and the Arts	3 hrs
HT210 American History	3 hrs
HT411 World Religions	3 hrs
MN250 Integrative Seminar II, Assessment	1 hr
MS201 Global Missions	3 hrs
PY100 Introduction to Psychology	3 hrs
Biblical Core	30 hrs
BS115 Old Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS116 Old Testament Survey II	3 hrs
BS117 New Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS118 New Testament Survey II	3 hrs
HT104 The Church	3 hrs
HT350 Christian Doctrine I	3 hrs
HT351 Christian Doctrine II	3 hrs
HM300 Introduction to Philosophy	3 hrs
HT415 Introduction to Ethics	3 hrs
MN201 Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
Christian Ministry Major	24 hrs
BN465 Entrepreneurial Leadership	3 hrs
BS204 Introduction to Hermeneutics	3 hrs
CE360 Church Administration	3 hrs
HT112 Church History I	3 hrs
HT113 Church History II	3 hrs
MN255 Interpersonal Counseling and Conflict Management	3 hrs
MN350 Pastoral Care & Counseling	3 hrs
MS310 Introduction to Church Planting & Church Growth	3 hrs
Humanities Major	24 hrs
BN225 Macroeconomics	3 hrs
BN375 Poverty and Wealth	3 hrs
HM204 Ancient Philosophy	3 hrs
HM285 Informal Logic and Reasoning	3 hrs
HM308 The Medieval & Renaissance Philosophy	3 hrs
HM385 Religious Epistemology	3 hrs
HM405 Modern Philosophy	3 hrs
HM425 Christian Political Thought	3 hrs
Total Credit Hours	120 Hrs

Christian Ministry and Worship Ministries Majors

Purpose

The Christian Ministry and Worship Ministry Double Major is designed to provide basic preparation for disciple-making, along with basic musical competencies that prepares students for local church ministries, evangelism, international or North American missions, denominational service, and/or other Christian endeavors.

BA Degree Objectives

Students graduating with the Bachelor of Arts degree will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the Christian worldview in relation to the natural and social world
2. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the theological foundations of Christian ministry
3. Demonstrate increased competence in practical skills of Christian ministry, such as information management, strategic decision-making, and communication
4. Demonstrate an enhanced foundation for subsequent formal and informal education.

Christian Ministry Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Christian Ministry major will be able to do the following:

1. Interpret Scripture using appropriate hermeneutical and historically informed principles
2. Demonstrate skill in communicating biblical truth
3. Demonstrate basic leadership skills in Christian ministry.

Worship Ministry Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Music major will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate basic knowledge of music theory, music history, and conducting
2. Demonstrate improved musical practice and performance skills
3. Demonstrate a basic orientation to local church music ministry.

Curriculum

General Education	42 hrs
BN170 Introduction to Business and Finance	3 hrs
BS205 Historical Geography of Bible	3 hrs
CM110 Basic Communication	3 hrs
GE101 English Composition I	3 hrs
GE102 English Composition II	3 hrs
GE135 Quantitative Reasoning	3 hrs
GE240 Survey of World Literature	3 hrs
GE185 Introduction to Physical Science	3 hrs
GS181 Integrative Seminar I, Leadership	1 hr
GS183 Integrative Seminar III, Capstone	1 hr
HM344 Christianity and the Arts	3 hrs
HT210 American History	3 hrs
HT411 World Religions	3 hrs
MN250 Integrative Seminar II, Assessment	1 hr
MS201 Global Missions	3 hrs
PY100 Introduction to Psychology	3 hrs
Biblical Core	30 hrs
BS115 Old Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS116 Old Testament Survey II	3 hrs
BS117 New Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS118 New Testament Survey II	3 hrs
HT104 The Church	3 hrs
HT350 Christian Doctrine I	3 hrs
HT351 Christian Doctrine II	3 hrs
HM300 Introduction to Philosophy	3 hrs
HT415 Introduction to Ethics	3 hrs
MN201 Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
Christian Ministry Major	24 hrs
BN465 Entrepreneurial Leadership	3 hrs
BS204 Introduction to Hermeneutics	3 hrs
CE360 Church Administration	3 hrs
HT112 Church History I	3 hrs
HT113 Church History II	3 hrs
MN255 Interpersonal Counseling and Conflict Management	3 hrs
MN350 Pastoral Care & Counseling	3 hrs
MS310 Introduction to Church Planting & Church Growth	3 hrs
Worship Ministries Major	36 hrs
MU101 Music Theory I*	3 hrs
MU102 Aural Skills I	1 hr
MU103 Music Theory II	3 hrs
MU104 Aural Skills II	1 hr
MU201 Music Theory III	3 hrs
MU202 Aural Skills III	1 hr
MU302 Introduction to Church Music and Worship Leadership	3 hrs
MU233 History of Music for Worship I	3 hrs
MU234 History of Music for Worship II	3 hrs
MU341 Introduction to Conducting	2 hrs
MU361 Integrative Seminar in Worship Ministries	1 hr

Primary Applied Major **6 hrs**

Areas for study: Voice Piano, Guitar, Other

Secondary Applied Minor** **2 hrs**

Areas for Study: Voice, Piano

MU325 Basic Guitar for the Worship Musician*** 1 hr

Ensemble Participation**** **3 hrs**

MU481 Chapel Choir 1 hr

MU482 Chapel Band 1 hr

MU484 Voices of Midwestern 1 hr

*Music Fundamentals is a prerequisite for students entering Music Theory/Aural Skills I. All students will be required to take a test in music fundamentals to determine if remedial work is required.

** Secondary Applied Minors are in Voice, Piano, & Guitar. Each student must select two competencies and are required to pass a proficiency upon the completion of each.

***Students who are proficient at guitar and are able to pass a proficiency exam may substitute MU385 Leading Worship with the Guitar.

****Students must complete 3 semesters of Ensemble participation to satisfy degree requirements.

Total Credit Hours **132 Hrs**

Christian Ministry, Missions (single major)

Purpose

The Christian Ministry, Missions Emphasis degree is designed for undergraduate students who have completed Fusion and are seeking introductory experience in Christian missions, combined with formal instruction in biblical and theological foundations.

BA Degree Objectives

Students graduating with the Bachelor of Arts degree will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the Christian worldview in relation to the natural and social world
2. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the theological foundations of Christian ministry
3. Demonstrate increased competence in practical skills of Christian ministry, such as information management, strategic decision-making, and communication
4. Demonstrate an enhanced foundation for subsequent formal and informal education.

Christian Ministry (Missions Emphasis) Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Christian Ministry major will be able to do the following:

1. Interpret Scripture using theologically and historically informed principles
2. Demonstrate skill in communicating biblical truth cross culturally
3. Demonstrate basic leadership skills in Christian missions and ministry.

Curriculum

General Education	42 hrs
BN170 Introduction to Business and Finance	3 hrs
CM110 Basic Communication	3 hrs
GE101 English Composition I	3 hrs
GE102 English Composition II	3 hrs
GE135 Quantitative Reasoning	3 hrs
GE185 Introduction to Physical Science	3 hrs
GE240 Survey of World Literature	3 hrs
GS181 Integrative Seminar I, Leadership	1 hr
GS183 Integrative Seminar III, Capstone	1 hr
HT411 World Religions	3 hrs
MN250 Integrative Seminar II, Assessment	1 hr
MS201 Global Missions	3 hrs
MS220 Foreign Language Studies I	3 hrs
MS221 Foreign Language Studies II	3 hrs
MS250 Introduction to Cross-Cultural Studies	3 hrs
PY100 Introduction to Psychology	3 hrs
Biblical Core	30 hrs
BS115 Old Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS116 Old Testament Survey II	3 hrs
BS117 New Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS118 New Testament Survey II	3 hrs
HT104 The Church	3 hrs
HT350 Christian Doctrine I	3 hrs
HT351 Christian Doctrine II	3 hrs
HM300 Introduction to Philosophy	3 hrs
HT415 Introduction to Ethics	3 hrs
MN201 Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
Christian Ministry (Missions Emphasis)	24 hrs
BS204 Introduction to Hermeneutics	3 hrs
CE360 Church Administration	3 hrs
HT112 Church History I	3 hrs
HT113 Church History II	3 hrs
MN255 Interpersonal Counseling and Conflict Management	3 hrs
MN350 Pastoral Care & Counseling	3 hrs
MS350 Mission Practicum	3 hrs
MS410 Church Planting Practicum	3 hrs
Open Electives	24 hrs
Total Credit Hours	120 Hrs

Christian Ministry (Missions Emphasis) and Business Majors

Purpose

The Christian Ministry, Missions Emphasis degree is designed for undergraduate students who have completed Fusion and are seeking introductory experience in Christian missions, combined with formal instruction in biblical and theological foundations.

BA Degree Objectives

Students graduating with the Bachelor of Arts degree will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the Christian worldview in relation to the natural and social world
2. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the theological foundations of Christian ministry
3. Demonstrate increased competence in practical skills of Christian ministry, such as information management, strategic decision-making, and communication
4. Demonstrate an enhanced foundation for subsequent formal and informal education.

Christian Ministry (Missions Emphasis) Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Christian Ministry major will be able to do the following:

1. Interpret Scripture using theologically and historically informed principles
2. Demonstrate skill in communicating biblical truth cross culturally
3. Demonstrate basic leadership skills in Christian missions and ministry.

Business Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Business major will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the role, place and scope of business both nationally and internationally
2. Demonstrate the ability plan, organize, and direct business endeavors
3. Integrate a biblical worldview into the practice of business.

Curriculum

General Education	42 hrs
BN170 Introduction to Business and Finance	3 hrs
CM110 Basic Communication	3 hrs
GE101 English Composition I	3 hrs
GE102 English Composition II	3 hrs
GE135 Quantitative Reasoning	3 hrs
GE185 Introduction to Physical Science	3 hrs
GE240 Survey of World Literature	3 hrs
GS181 Integrative Seminar I, Leadership	1 hr
GS183 Integrative Seminar III, Capstone	1 hr
HT411 World Religions	3 hrs
MN250 Integrative Seminar II, Assessment	1 hr
MS201 Global Missions	3 hrs
MS220 Foreign Language Studies I	3 hrs
MS221 Foreign Language Studies II	3 hrs
MS250 Introduction to Cross-Cultural Studies	3 hrs
PY100 Introduction to Psychology	3 hrs
Biblical Core	30 hrs
BS115 Old Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS116 Old Testament Survey II	3 hrs
BS117 New Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS118 New Testament Survey II	3 hrs
HT104 The Church	3 hrs
HT350 Christian Doctrine I	3 hrs
HT351 Christian Doctrine II	3 hrs
HT415 Introduction to Ethics	3 hrs
HM300 Introduction to Philosophy	3 hrs
MN201 Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
Christian Ministry (Missions Emphasis)	24 hrs
BS204 Introduction to Hermeneutics	3 hrs
CE360 Church Administration	3 hrs
HT112 Church History I	3 hrs
HT113 Church History II	3 hrs
MN255 Interpersonal Counseling and Conflict Management	3 hrs
MN350 Pastoral Care & Counseling	3 hrs
MS350 Mission Practicum	3 hrs
MS410 Church Planting Practicum	3 hrs
Business Major Core	24 hrs
BN201 Principles of Accounting I	3 hrs
BN202 Principles of Accounting II	3 hrs
BN214 Management of Information System	3 hrs
BN225 Macroeconomics	3 hrs
BN230 Introduction to Marketing	3 hrs
BN365 Business Law and Ethics	3 hrs
BN375 Poverty and Wealth	3 hrs
BN466 Not-for-Profit Leadership	3 hrs
Total Credit Hours	120 Hrs

Christian Ministry (Missions Emphasis) and Counseling Psychology Majors

Purpose

The Christian Ministry, Missions Emphasis degree is designed for undergraduate students who have completed Fusion and are seeking introductory experience in Christian missions, combined with formal instruction in biblical and theological foundations.

BA Degree Objectives

Students graduating with the Bachelor of Arts degree will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the Christian worldview in relation to the natural and social world
2. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the theological foundations of Christian ministry
3. Demonstrate increased competence in practical skills of Christian ministry, such as information management, strategic decision-making, and communication
4. Demonstrate an enhanced foundation for subsequent formal and informal education.

Christian Ministry (Missions Emphasis) Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Christian Ministry major will be able to do the following:

1. Interpret Scripture using theologically and historically informed principles
2. Demonstrate skill in communicating biblical truth cross culturally
3. Demonstrate basic leadership skills in Christian missions and ministry.

Counseling Psychology Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Psychology major will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate familiarity with key concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in psychology
2. Articulate a biblical worldview while demonstrating an understanding of existing models of spiritual integration related to the study of psychology
3. Understand and apply basic research design, data analysis, and interpretation.

Curriculum

General Education	42 hrs
BN170 Introduction to Business and Finance	3 hrs
CM110 Basic Communication	3 hrs
GE101 English Composition I	3 hrs
GE102 English Composition II	3 hrs
GE135 Quantitative Reasoning	3 hrs
GE185 Introduction to Physical Science	3 hrs
GE240 Survey of World Literature	3 hrs
GS181 Integrative Seminar I, Leadership	1 hr
GS183 Integrative Seminar III, Capstone	1 hr
HT411 World Religions	3 hrs
MN250 Integrative Seminar II, Assessment	1 hr
MS201 Global Missions	3 hrs
MS220 Foreign Language Studies I	3 hrs
MS221 Foreign Language Studies II	3 hrs
MS250 Introduction to Cross-Cultural Studies	3 hrs
PY100 Introduction to Psychology	3 hrs
Biblical Core	30 hrs
BS115 Old Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS116 Old Testament Survey II	3 hrs
BS117 New Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS118 New Testament Survey II	3 hrs
HT104 The Church	3 hrs
HT350 Christian Doctrine I	3 hrs
HT351 Christian Doctrine II	3 hrs
HT415 Introduction to Ethics	3 hrs
HM300 Introduction to Philosophy	3 hrs
MN201 Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
Christian Ministry (Missions Emphasis)	24 hrs
MS350 Mission Practicum	3 hrs
BS204 Introduction to Hermeneutics	3 hrs
CE360 Church Administration	3 hrs
HT112 Church History I	3 hrs
HT113 Church History II	3 hrs
MN255 Interpersonal Counseling and Conflict Management	3 hrs
MN350 Pastoral Care & Counseling	3 hrs
MS410 Church Planting Practicum	3 hrs
Counseling Psychology Major	24 hrs
CO101 Counseling Theories	3 hrs
CO105 Professional Orientation and Ethics	3 hrs
CO222 Marriage and Family Counseling	3 hrs
CO230 Theory and Methods of Group Counseling	3 hrs
CO339 Multicultural Counseling	3 hrs
CO426 Diagnosis and Treatment of Substance Use Disorders	3 hrs
CO455 Supervised Counseling Practicum	3 hrs
PY234 Abnormal Psychology	3 hrs
Total Credit Hours	120 Hrs

Christian Ministry (Missions Emphasis) and Divinity Majors

Purpose

The Christian Ministry, Missions Emphasis degree is designed for undergraduate students who have completed Fusion and are seeking introductory experience in Christian missions, combined with formal instruction in biblical and theological foundations.

BA Degree Objectives

Students graduating with the Bachelor of Arts degree will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the Christian worldview in relation to the natural and social world
2. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the theological foundations of Christian ministry
3. Demonstrate increased competence in practical skills of Christian ministry, such as information management, strategic decision-making, and communication
4. Demonstrate an enhanced foundation for subsequent formal and informal education.

Christian Ministry (Missions Emphasis) Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Christian Ministry major will be able to do the following:

1. Interpret Scripture using theologically and historically informed principles
2. Demonstrate skill in communicating biblical truth cross culturally
3. Demonstrate basic leadership skills in Christian missions and ministry.

Divinity Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Divinity major will be able to do the following:

1. Develop increased Bible and theological knowledge
2. Facilitate interpretation of Scripture using appropriate hermeneutical principles
3. Encourage formulation of theological beliefs based on biblical and historical perspectives
4. Progress in the practice of classical spiritual disciplines
5. Develop a Great Commission perspective that is demonstrated by skills in evangelism, equipping disciples, preaching and teaching, corporate worship, and leadership.

Curriculum

General Education	42 hrs
BN170 Introduction to Business and Finance	3 hrs
CM110 Basic Communication	3 hrs
GE101 English Composition I	3 hrs
GE102 English Composition II	3 hrs
GE135 Quantitative Reasoning	3 hrs
GE185 Introduction to Physical Science	3 hrs
GE240 Survey of World Literature	3 hrs
GS181 Integrative Seminar I, Leadership	1 hr
GS183 Integrative Seminar III, Capstone	1 hr
HT411 World Religions	3 hrs
MN250 Integrative Seminar II, Assessment	1 hr
MS201 Global Missions	3 hrs
MS220 Foreign Language Studies I	3 hrs
MS221 Foreign Language Studies II	3 hrs
MS250 Introduction to Cross-Cultural Studies	3 hrs
PY100 Introduction to Psychology	3 hrs
Biblical Core	30 hrs
BS115 Old Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS116 Old Testament Survey II	3 hrs
BS117 New Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS118 New Testament Survey II	3 hrs
HT104 The Church	3 hrs
HT350 Christian Doctrine I	3 hrs
HT351 Christian Doctrine II	3 hrs
HT415 Introduction to Ethics	3 hrs
HM300 Introduction to Philosophy	3 hrs
MN201 Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
Christian Ministry (Missions Emphasis)	24 hrs
BS204 Introduction to Hermeneutics	3 hrs
CE360 Church Administration	3 hrs
HT112 Church History I	3 hrs
HT113 Church History II	3 hrs
MN255 Interpersonal Counseling and Conflict Management	3 hrs
MN350 Pastoral Care & Counseling	3 hrs
MS350 Mission Practicum	3 hrs
MS410 Church Planting Practicum	3 hrs
Divinity Major	24 hrs
FL441 Hebrew I	3 hrs
FL442 Hebrew II	3 hrs
FL451 Greek I	3 hrs
FL452 Greek II	3 hrs
MN310 Sermon Preparation	3 hrs
Electives	9 hrs
Total Credit Hours	120 Hrs

Christian Ministry (Missions Emphasis) and Humanities Majors

Purpose

The Christian Ministry, Missions Emphasis degree is designed for undergraduate students who have completed Fusion and are seeking introductory experience in Christian missions, combined with formal instruction in biblical and theological foundations.

BA Degree Objectives

Students graduating with the Bachelor of Arts degree will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the Christian worldview in relation to the natural and social world
2. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the theological foundations of Christian ministry
3. Demonstrate increased competence in practical skills of Christian ministry, such as information management, strategic decision-making, and communication
4. Demonstrate an enhanced foundation for subsequent formal and informal education.

Christian Ministry (Missions Emphasis) Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Christian Ministry major will be able to do the following:

1. Interpret Scripture using theologically and historically informed principles
2. Demonstrate skill in communicating biblical truth cross culturally
3. Demonstrate basic leadership skills in Christian missions and ministry.

Humanities Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Humanities major will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate sound scholarship through analytical and critical thinking
2. Demonstrate competency in the liberal arts
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the economic and political factors impacting society.

Curriculum

General Education	42 hrs
BN170 Introduction to Business and Finance	3 hrs
CM110 Basic Communication	3 hrs
GE101 English Composition I	3 hrs
GE102 English Composition II	3 hrs
GE135 Quantitative Reasoning	3 hrs
GE185 Introduction to Physical Science	3 hrs
GE240 Survey of World Literature	3 hrs
GS181 Integrative Seminar I, Leadership	1 hr
GS183 Integrative Seminar III, Capstone	1 hr
HT411 World Religions	3 hrs
MN250 Integrative Seminar II, Assessment	1 hr
MS201 Global Missions	3 hrs
MS220 Foreign Language Studies I	3 hrs
MS221 Foreign Language Studies II	3 hrs
MS250 Introduction to Cross-Cultural Studies	3 hrs
PY100 Introduction to Psychology	3 hrs
Biblical Core	30 hrs
BS115 Old Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS116 Old Testament Survey II	3 hrs
BS117 New Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS118 New Testament Survey II	3 hrs
HT104 The Church	3 hrs
HT350 Christian Doctrine I	3 hrs
HT351 Christian Doctrine II	3 hrs
HM300 Introduction to Philosophy	3 hrs
HT415 Introduction to Ethics	3 hrs
MN201 Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
Christian Ministry (Missions Emphasis)	24 hrs
MS350 Mission Practicum	3 hrs
BS204 Introduction to Hermeneutics	3 hrs
CE360 Church Administration	3 hrs
HT112 Church History I	3 hrs
HT113 Church History II	3 hrs
MN255 Interpersonal Counseling and Conflict Management	3 hrs
MN350 Pastoral Care & Counseling	3 hrs
MS410 Church Planting Practicum	3 hrs
Humanities Major	24 hrs
BN225 Macroeconomics	3 hrs
BN375 Poverty and Wealth	3 hrs
HM204 Ancient Philosophy	3 hrs
HM285 Informal Logic and Reasoning	3 hrs
HM308 The Medieval & Renaissance Philosophy	3 hrs
HM385 Religious Epistemology	3 hrs
HM405 Modern Philosophy	3 hrs
HM425 Christian Political Thought	3 hrs
Total Credit Hours	120 Hrs

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Purpose

The Associate of Divinity and Associate of Arts degrees provide college-level introductory preparation for service in church and other Christian ministries through programs of practical education, spiritual and character development, and theological understandings. The degrees also prepare students for baccalaureate-level study.

Associate Degree Objectives

Students graduating with an Associate of Divinity or Associate of Arts degree will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate a basic understanding of the Christian worldview in relation to the natural and social world
2. Demonstrate an basic understanding of the theological foundations of Christian ministry
3. Demonstrate basic competence in practical skills of Christian ministry such as information management, strategic decision-making, and communication
4. Demonstrate a basic foundation for subsequent formal and informal education.

Location

At least 1/3 of the total credit hours in the Associate of Divinity and Associate of Arts, Biblical Studies degrees must be taken through on-campus delivery systems. All music courses (with the 'MU' prefix) in the Associate of Arts, Worship Ministries degree must be taken on campus.

Duration

The Associate degrees typically require a minimum of two years of full-time academic study or its equivalent.

Admission

Admission requirements to enter these programs include an accredited high school diploma or its equivalent, evidence of commitment and qualities desired for Christian ministry preparation, and the academic ability to engage in undergraduate education.

Distinctive Resources

Associate students have access to community life that provides informal educational experiences, religious fellowship, and opportunity for reflection upon the meaning of faith in its relation to the educational preparation for ministry.

Biblical Core Component

Purpose

The biblical core component is designed to help students acquire basic biblical and theological knowledge.

Objectives

Upon completion of the biblical and theological studies component, students will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the Bible
2. Articulate a biblical foundation for a Christian worldview
3. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of Christian doctrine
4. Exhibit basic skills in personal discipleship and evangelism.

General Education Component

Purpose

The General Education component is designed to help students acquire general knowledge and intellectual skills within a Christian worldview.

Objectives

Upon completion of the General Education component, students will be able to do the following:

1. Think critically and communicate clearly
2. Demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the past by examining its literature, cultures, and history
3. Evaluate life and cultural experiences from a Christian worldview
4. Become lifelong learners.

Associate of Divinity

Purpose

The Associate of Divinity degree is designed to prepare students with introductory skills needed for service in local church ministries, evangelism, international or North American missions, or denominational service.

Associate of Divinity Degree Objectives

Students graduating with the Associate of Divinity degree will be able to do the following:

1. Communicate biblical truth according to basic hermeneutical principles
2. Formulate theological beliefs based upon biblical and historical perspectives
3. Demonstrate basic leadership skills in Christian ministry
4. Demonstrate a Great Commission perspective in evangelism, discipleship, ministry, and worship.

Curriculum

General Education	42 hrs
BN170 Introduction to Business and Finance	3 hrs
BS205 Historical Geography of Bible	3 hrs
CM110 Basic Communication	3 hrs
GE101 English Composition I	3 hrs
GE102 English Composition II	3 hrs
GE135 Quantitative Reasoning	3 hrs
GE240 Survey of World Literature	3 hrs
GE185 Introduction to Physical Science	3 hrs
GS181 Integrative Seminar I, Leadership	1 hr
GS183 Integrative Seminar III, Capstone	1 hr
HM344 Christianity and the Arts	3 hrs
HT210 American History	3 hrs
HT411 World Religions	3 hrs
MN250 Integrative Seminar II, Assessment	1 hr
MS201 Global Missions	3 hrs
PY100 Introduction to Psychology	3 hrs
Biblical Core	30 hrs
BS115 Old Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS116 Old Testament Survey II	3 hrs
BS117 New Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS118 New Testament Survey II	3 hrs
BS204 Introduction to Hermeneutics	3 hrs
HT104 The Church	3 hrs
HT350 Christian Doctrine I	3 hrs
HT351 Christian Doctrine II	3 hrs
MN201 Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
MN310 Sermon Preparation	3 hrs
Total Credit Hours	72 Hrs

Associate of Arts, Biblical Studies

Purpose

The Associate of Arts degree with a major in Biblical Studies is designed to provide students with a basic knowledge of the Bible and its interpretation as preparation for further training for vocational ministry.

Biblical Studies Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Associate of Arts degree with a major in Biblical Studies will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the Old and New Testaments
2. Interpret Scripture according to basic hermeneutical principles
3. Formulate theological beliefs based upon biblical and historical perspectives
4. Demonstrate basic skills in communicating biblical truth.

Curriculum

General Education	42 hrs
BN170 Introduction to Business and Finance	3 hrs
BS205 Historical Geography of Bible	3 hrs
CM110 Basic Communication	3 hrs
GE101 English Composition I	3 hrs
GE102 English Composition II	3 hrs
GE135 Quantitative Reasoning	3 hrs
GE240 Survey of World Literature	3 hrs
GE185 Introduction to Physical Science	3 hrs
GS181 Integrative Seminar I, Leadership	1 hr
GS183 Integrative Seminar III, Capstone	1 hr
HM344 Christianity and the Arts	3 hrs
HT210 American History	3 hrs
HT411 World Religions	3 hrs
MN250 Integrative Seminar II, Assessment	1 hr
MS201 Global Missions	3 hrs
PY100 Introduction to Psychology	3 hrs
Biblical Core	18 hrs
BS115 Old Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS116 Old Testament Survey II	3 hrs
BS117 New Testament Survey I	3 hrs
BS118 New Testament Survey II	3 hrs
HT104 The Church	3 hrs
MN201 Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
Total Credit Hours	60 Hrs

Associate Of Arts, Worship Ministries

Purpose

The Associate of Arts degree with a major in Worship Ministries is designed to provide students with basic musical competencies and prepare them for further training in the area of worship and music studies.

Worship Ministries Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Associate of Arts degree with a major in Worship Ministries will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate basic knowledge in music theory, music history, and conducting
2. Demonstrate an introductory understanding of the theological foundations of Christian ministry
3. Demonstrate introductory competence in practical skills of Christian ministry, such as information management, strategic decision-making, and communication
4. Demonstrate a basic foundation for subsequent formal and information education
5. Demonstrate basic knowledge in music theory, the history of music for worship, and conducting
6. Demonstrate improved musical practice and performance skills
7. Demonstrate a basic orientation to local church music ministry.

Curriculum

General Education	42 hrs
BN170 Introduction to Business and Finance	3 hrs
BS205 Historical Geography of Bible	3 hrs
CM110 Basic Communication	3 hrs
GE101 English Composition I	3 hrs
GE102 English Composition II	3 hrs
GE135 Quantitative Reasoning	3 hrs
GE240 Survey of World Literature	3 hrs
GE185 Introduction to Physical Science	3 hrs
GS181 Integrative Seminar I, Leadership	1 hr
GS183 Integrative Seminar III, Capstone	1 hr
HM344 Christianity and the Arts	3 hrs
HT210 American History	3 hrs

HT411 World Religions	3 hrs
MN250 Integrative Seminar II, Assessment	1 hr
MS201 Global Missions	3 hrs
PY100 Introduction to Psychology	3 hrs

Worship Ministries Major **34 hrs**

MU101 Music Theory I*	3 hrs
MU102 Aural Skills I	1 hr
MU103 Music Theory II	3 hrs
MU104 Aural Skills II	1 hr
MU201 Music Theory III	3 hrs
MU202 Aural Skills III	1 hr
MU302 Introduction to Church Music and Worship Leadership	3 hrs
MU233 History of Music for Worship I	3 hrs
MU234 History of Music for Worship II	3 hrs
MU341 Introduction to Conducting	2 hrs
MU361 Integrative Seminar in Worship Ministries	1 hr

Primary Applied Major **4 hrs**

Areas for study: Voice Piano, Guitar, Other

Secondary Applied Minor** **2 hrs**

Areas for Study: Voice, Piano

MU325 Basic Guitar for the Worship Musician***	1 hr
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Ensemble Participation**** **3 hrs**

MU481 Chapel Choir	1 hr
MU482 Chapel Band	1 hr
MU484 Voices of Midwestern	1 hr

*Music Fundamentals is a prerequisite for students entering Music Theory/Aural Skills I. All students will be required to take a test in music fundamentals to determine if remedial work is required.

** Secondary Applied Minors are in Voice, Piano, & Guitar. Each student must select two competencies and are required to pass a proficiency upon the completion of each.

***Students who are proficient at guitar and are able to pass a proficiency exam may substitute MU385 Leading Worship with the Guitar

****Students must complete 3 semesters of Ensemble participation to satisfy degree requirements.

Total Credit Hours	76 Hrs
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DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS (NONDEGREE)

Midwestern College has several nondegree-seeking programs: Contextualized Leadership Development (CLD), the Undergraduate Certificate Program, and the Midwestern Women's Institute.

Contextualized Leadership Development (CLD)

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and College partners with the North American Mission Board, State Conventions, local associations, and educational institutions to provide Contextualized Leadership Development as means of training Christian leaders for church planting, evangelism, and ministry. Up to 39 credit hours of CLD hours taken at approved centers and approved courses may transfer into a Midwestern degree program following admission as a degree-seeking student. The delivery system has been designed to meet the needs of church leaders, associations, and state conventions to biblically educate God-called men and women to be and make disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

The Contextualized Leadership Development (CLD) program provides biblical, theological, vocational, and educational training for church leaders. Courses are equivalent to college courses offered at Midwestern College - the undergraduate division of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. The Christian church desperately needs dedicated and prepared church leaders to perform relevant, meaningful ministry within every cultural and ethnic group. A CLD center is a school of training established under a Cooperative Agreement with a local Southern Baptist association and/or state convention, and the CLD program.

Diploma Programs

Midwestern offers three College-level diploma programs that provide biblical, theological, vocational, educational, and Christian leadership training to language and/or cultural pastors, missionaries, and church leaders by offering the courses in their language and/or contextually in their multiethnic setting. A high school diploma or its equivalent is required for admission to these programs. Those not having a high school diploma may apply for a certificate. Those in a certificate program participate in the classroom experience of the courses but do not complete the prescribed coursework required of diploma students.

Diploma In Biblical Studies (Dip-BS)

The Diploma in Biblical Studies (Dip-BS) is a 30-semester-hour, college-level program consisting of 15 hours of Foundational Core courses and 15 hours of Biblical Studies concentration courses. The purpose of the Biblical Studies Diploma program is to equip church leaders with introductory biblical, theological, and historical study.

Curriculum

Foundational Core		15 hrs
BS101	Survey of Old Testament Literature	3 hrs
BS102	Survey of New Testament Literature	3 hrs
BS202	Biblical Interpretation	3 hrs
HT111	Baptist History and Practice	3 hrs
MN201	Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
Biblical Studies Concentration		15 hrs
BS320	The Pentateuch	3 hrs
BS350	The Gospels	3 hrs
HT350	Christian Doctrine I	3 hrs
HT351	Christian Doctrine II	3 hrs
HT401	Worldviews	3 hrs
Total Credit Hours		30 hrs

Diploma in Church Planting (Dip-CP)

The Diploma in Church Planting (Dip-CP) is a 30-semester-hour, college-level program consisting of 15 hours of Foundational Core courses and 15 hours of Church Planting concentration courses including a practicum. The purpose of the Church Planting Diploma program is to equip church leaders with introductory biblical, theological, and practical ministry skills to start and grow healthy reproducing congregations.

Curriculum

Foundational Core		15 hrs
BS101	Survey of Old Testament Literature	3 hrs
BS102	Survey of New Testament Literature	3 hrs
BS202	Biblical Interpretation	3 hrs
HT111	Baptist History and Practice	3 hrs
MN201	Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
Church Planting Concentration		15 hrs
MS250	Intro to Cross-Cultural Studies	3 hrs
MS310	Introduction to Church Planting and Church Growth	3 hrs
MS315	Strategies and Methods for Church Planting	3 hrs
MS320	North American Church Planting Seminar	3 hrs
MS410	Church Planting Practicum	3 hrs
Total Credit Hours		30 hrs

Diploma In Church Ministry (Dip-CM)

The Diploma in Church Ministry (Dip-CM) is a 39-semester-hour, college-level program consisting of 15 hours of Foundational Core courses and 24 hours of Christian Ministry concentration courses. The purpose of the diploma in Church Ministry is to provide students with introductory educational skills and knowledge for leading churches and other Christian organizations. The learning outcomes of this diploma emphasize an understanding of the Christian faith through biblical, theological, historical, and ministry study. The Dip-CM also encourages the development of personhood as well as skills and excellence in the performance of ministry.

Curriculum

Foundational Core		15 hrs
BS101	Survey of Old Testament Literature	3 hrs
BS102	Survey of New Testament Literature	3 hrs
BS202	Biblical Interpretation	3 hrs
HT111	Baptist History and Practice	3 hrs
MN201	Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
Church Ministry Concentration		24 hrs
CE210	Christian Leadership	3 hrs
CE304	Teaching Ministry of the Church	3 hrs
CE308	Leading Church Ministries	3 hrs
CE401	Principles of Christian Teaching ⁴	3 hrs
GE235	Marriage and Family	3 hrs
HT410	Christian Ethics	3 hrs
MS201	Global Missions and Evangelism	3 hrs
MU301	Introduction to Music in the Church	3 hrs
Total Credit Hours		39 hrs

⁴ The prerequisite for CE401 Principles of Christian Teaching is CE304 Teaching Ministry of the Church.

The Undergraduate Certificate Program (Nondegree)

Purpose

The Undergraduate Certificate programs of Midwestern Baptist College are designed to offer basic biblical, theological, historical, and personal training for lay ministry in the local church. These certificates are not alternatives to undergraduate preparation for vocational ministry offered through the College; however, they afford students an opportunity to deepen their understanding and skills through study and training in a formal academic environment.

Undergraduate Certificate Objectives

Students graduating with an Undergraduate Certificate will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate introductory knowledge of the Bible and theology
2. Interpret the English text of Scripture with greater proficiency using appropriate hermeneutical principles
3. Articulate and defend their own theological beliefs on the basis of Scripture and within the larger setting of church history.
4. Understand and practice the classical spiritual disciplines.
5. Be engaged faithfully in the Great Commission, having the skills and understanding needed for lay evangelism and/or missions involvement.

Duration

A full-time student could complete a certificate program in one semester. Part-time students may complete the program at their own pace.

Admission

The admission standards for an Undergraduate Certificate are the same as those applying as a non-degree seeking student in the College. Candidates for an Undergraduate Certificate must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA during the course of their study.

Location

The College at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary offers courses for its Undergraduate Certificates on the main campus in Kansas City and online. At least fifty percent of the credit hours required for an Undergraduate Certificate must be completed through online or on-campus classes offered by MBTS.

Concluding Evaluation

The institution's Undergraduate Certificates require the successful completion of a concluding comprehensive assessment. This comprehensive assessment must be

completed prior to participation in Commencement and graduation.

Curriculum

The curriculum for each certificate is determined by the prefix assigned to each 3 credit-hour course appearing in the institution's undergraduate catalog. Accordingly, the following certificates are available to the non-degree seeking undergraduate student:

History and Theology (4 courses with an 'HT' prefix)

Biblical Studies (4 courses taken with a 'BS' prefix)

Humanities (4 courses taken with an 'HM' prefix)

Business (4 courses taken with a 'BN' prefix)

Counseling/Psychology (4 courses taken with a "CO" or 'PY' prefix)

Christian Education (4 courses taken with a 'CE' prefix)

Ministry (4 courses taken with an 'MN' prefix)

General Studies (Any 4 courses)

Midwestern Women's Institute (Nondegree)

Purpose

Midwestern Women's Institute (MWI) provides a course of study for any woman who wants to enable and enhance spiritual and practical skills necessary for effective service. Midwestern believes that when God calls a married man into full-time ministry, He also calls the man's wife. The couple is one in marriage and one in ministry. Their roles are unique, but they are a team. MWI offers courses designed to equip the wife of a minister to be a more effective part of this team as well as equipping her for ministry in their home, church, and community.

MWI courses are open to all women, any of whom may also receive an MWI certificate; however, candidates for graduation with an MWI Diploma must possess a high school diploma or its equivalent (GED).

Courses with a WC designator are not equivalent to college level courses. As such, WC courses may not be used to satisfy undergraduate, master's, or doctoral degree program requirements.

Midwestern Women's Institute Objectives

Students graduating with the MWI Certificate or Diploma will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the Bible and personal discipleship
2. Develop an appreciation for Baptist heritage, mission, and ministries
3. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the biblical foundation for marriage and the family
4. Develop an understanding of ministry opportunities in view of their personal talents and gifts.

Location

Courses for the MWI Certificate and Diplomas are offered on campus in Kansas City.

Duration

Students attend classes in the evening and complete the requirements in two to three years.

Distinctive Resources

MWI students have access to community life that provides informal educational experiences, religious fellowship, and opportunity for reflection upon the meaning of faith in its relation to preparation for ministry.

Curriculum

Three different levels of study are available.

Certificate of Ministry Studies: 9 Units

Advanced Certificate of Ministry Studies: 12 Units

Diploma of Ministry Studies: 15 Units

Courses

WC10 Women's Conference	1
WC11 For the Church Conference	1
WC13 Church History	1
WC14 Baptist Heritage and Beliefs	1
WC16 Old Testament Survey	1
WC17 New Testament Survey	1
WC18 SBC	1
WC19 World View and Ethics	1
WC20 Hospitality	1
WC22 Ministry Wife 101	1
WC23 Wives in Ministry	1
WC24 Discipleship I	1
WC25 Discipleship II	1
WC26 Evangelism and Missions	1
WC27 Foundations	1
WC28 Prayer	1
WC29 Biblical Parenting	1
WC30 Biblical Counseling	1
WC31 Ministry Group	1
WC34 Women in Seminary	1
WC40 Special Topic	1-2
Independent Study	1-2

Curriculum – Course Descriptions

COURSE NUMBERING GUIDE

Doctoral Course Numbers

Doctor of Counseling (DR)

Undergraduate Course Numbers

C – College Online Courses

U – College On-Campus Course

Undergraduate Courses

Biblical Studies (BS)

Business (BN)

Missionary Aviation (CA)

Christian Education (CE)

Communications (CM)

Counseling (CO)

Foreign Language (FL)

General Education (GE)

General Studies (GS)

Historical-Theological (HT)

Humanities (HM)

Ministry (MN)

Missions (MS)

Music (MU)

Psychology (PY)

Certificate/Diploma Courses

Midwestern Women's Institute Certificate (WC)

DOCTORAL COURSES

Doctoral Foundations

00000 Doctoral Orientation 0 hrs
A non-credit course designed to familiarize new doctoral students with the documents and policies of the doctoral studies program, including a study of the current Turabian and other writing standards and a unit on the Cooperative Program. Completion of the course is required for enrollment in other doctoral seminars or classes.

Counseling

32020 Orientation and Christian Worldview Colloquium 1 hr
An introduction to the clinically descriptive and biblically prescriptive model, with focus upon the knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary for successful doctoral studies at Midwestern.

32090 Dissertation Research Design and Statistics 3 hrs
A seminar designed to prepare the student to research and to write a counseling related research proposal and dissertation.

32260 Advanced Cognitive-Behavioral Treatment 3 hrs
An examination of advanced cognitive-behavioral treatment strategies with an emphasis on case studies and practical skills.

32262 Advanced Biological Basis of Behavior 3 hrs
An advanced examination of the anatomical and physiological processes that influence behavior and underpin mental disorder with an emphasis on the application to diagnosis and treatment of disorders most commonly attributed to physiological disturbances.

32266 Counselor Supervision and Health 3 hrs
A study focused on equipping counselors to manage a mental health practice, supervise interns for licensure with an additional focus on techniques counselors use to maintain his or her mental and emotional health.

32268 Practice Building 2 hrs
This course introduces strategies counselors use to create, build and maintain a private counseling practice.

32270 Advanced Diagnosis and Treatment Planning 3 hrs
An advanced study of the etiology, diagnosis, and treatment of behavioral and mental disorders and dysfunctions. This includes the application of the DSM-V diagnostic system and treatment modalities, considered most effective in the

treatment of each disorder. Also, reviewed and emphasized are the less common and more complicated disorders.

32272 Advanced Psychotherapy and Treatment 3 hrs
An in-depth study of selected, researched-based, targeted treatments for mental disorders with a purpose of the student's developing his or her own preferred approach to the treatment.

32274 Advanced Marriage and Family Therapy 3 hrs
Considered in this class are several marriage and family therapy models with a particular interest in newer evidence-based marriage and family treatment strategies.

32276 Advanced Diagnosis and Treatment of Addiction Disorders 3 hrs
An in-depth study of diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorder and pornography addiction.

Dissertation

40983 DCoun Dissertation – Ongoing Research 1-3 hrs
Under faculty supervision, the ongoing writing and research of a DCoun dissertation. *Prerequisites: completion of all seminars and comprehensive exams and approval of the Doctoral Studies Committee. Repeated until the dissertation is successfully defended. (Registration*

40993 Dissertation - DCoun 0-3 hrs
A self-supervised research dissertation in which the student develops a research design to test a hypothesis related to a significant mental health issue in the field of Christian Clinical Counseling. The student creates a research design, reviews significant literature, collects and analyzes data using appropriate statistical metrics, and draws a conclusion and makes recommendations for future study. This research dissertation reflects the student's professional competence in ministry and ability to integrate and utilize the counseling field of study.

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Biblical Studies (BS)

Background

U-BS101 Survey of Old Testament Literature 3 hrs
A survey of the literature of the Old Testament.

U-BS102 Survey of New Testament Literature 3 hrs
A survey of the literature of the New Testament.

U-BS115 Old Testament Survey I 3 hrs
A survey of the Pentateuch and Historical Books.

U-BS116 Old Testament Survey II 3 hrs
A survey of Wisdom, Poetry, and the Prophets.

U-BS117 New Testament Survey I 3 hrs
A survey of the Gospels and Acts.

U-BS118 New Testament Survey II 3 hrs
A survey of Romans through Revelation.

U-BS202 Biblical Interpretation 3 hrs
A survey of techniques and approaches to Bible study. Emphasis is placed on grammatical analysis, the historical context, and the theological results of exegesis.

U-BS204 Introduction to Hermeneutics 3 hrs
A study of the principles of interpretation with application to Biblical interpretation and preaching.

U-BS205 Historical Geography of the Bible 3 hrs
A study of the geography, geology, and climate of the ancient Near East and their influence on Biblical history.

U-BS215 Bible Lands Study Tour 3 hrs
A guided study tour of Biblical history, geography, and archaeology in the Bible Lands.

U-BS405 Biblical Backgrounds 3 hrs
A study of the cultural, political, socio-economic, and religious developments of the ancient world as they relate to our understanding of the Bible.

U-BS410 Biblical Archaeology 3 hrs
A study of the significance of archaeological discoveries for understanding the Bible.

U-BS412 Field Archaeology 3 hrs
Field experience in the scientific techniques of modern archaeological methods. Sites in the Middle East and contiguous areas of the biblical world constitute the laboratory for the field work. *May be repeated for credit.*

Old Testament

U-BS320 The Pentateuch 3 hrs
A historical and expositional study of the first five books of the Bible.

U-BS323 The Historical Books 3 hrs
A historical and expositional study of the historical books (Joshua-Esther) of the Old Testament.

U-BS326 Prophetic Literature of the Old Testament I 3 hrs
A historical and expositional study of the Major Prophets.

U-BS327 Prophetic Literature of the Old Testament II 3 hrs
A historical and expositional study of the Minor Prophets.

U-BS330 The Wisdom and Poetic Literature of the Old Testament 3 hrs
A historical and expositional study of the Wisdom and poetic books of the Old Testament.

U-BS340 Studies in Old Testament Literature 3 hrs
An expositional study of a selected Old Testament book using the English text. The book selected varies and the course may be repeated for credit when different books are studied.

New Testament

U-BS350 The Gospels 3 hrs
A historical and expositional study of the Synoptic gospels and John.

U-BS353 The Acts and Pauline Letters 3 hrs
A historical and expositional study of the Acts of the Apostles and the Letters of Paul.

U-BS356 Hebrews and General Epistles 3 hrs
A historical and expositional study of Hebrews and the General Epistles including Revelation.

U-BS359 Pastoral Epistles 3 hrs
An expositional study of the Pastoral Epistles.

U-BS362 Romans 3 hrs
An analytical study of the book of Romans.

U-BS370 Studies in New Testament Literature 3 hrs
An expositional study of a selected New Testament book. The book selected varies, and the course may be repeated for credit when different books are studied.

Business (BN)

U-BN170 Introduction to Business and Finance 3 hrs

An introductory study of business and finance that provides a broad survey of organizational functions and sound business practices.

U-BN201 Principles of Accounting I 3 hrs

This course will introduce the study of professional accounting, sole proprietorships, and partnerships. It will cover measuring, processing, analyzing and interpreting the four financial statements.

U-BN202 Principles of Accounting II 3 hrs

This course is a continuation of Accounting I. It emphasizes corporations and the use of accounting in management decision making. Topics include budgeting, standard costing, and analysis of costs and profits.

U-BN210 Introduction to Management 3 hrs

This course introduces the management process through the disciplines of planning, organizing, leading, and controlling. It gives special attention to the necessary balance between social and technical perspectives with particular attention to the necessity of efficiency and effectiveness.

U-BN214 Management of Information System 3 hrs

This course introduces the application of computer systems and their components to facilitate management and decision making in the organization's attainment of strategic goals.

U-BN225 Macroeconomics 3 hrs

This course introduces the American market system, national accounting, inflation, unemployment, macro theory, fiscal policy, monetary policy, international trade and finance, and issues related to the distribution of income and wealth. Consideration is given to the role of the Federal Reserve System and government policies seeking to stabilize prices and to secure full employment and productivity.

U-BN230 Introduction to Marketing 3 hrs

This course provides a study of the role of marketing in the free enterprise system through the development, implementation, control and evaluation of marketing concepts, strategies, processes and participants. It gives special attention to methodologies used to identify and satisfy consumer demand.

U-BN264 Business Administration 3 hrs

This course provides an understanding of the first principles of business through an introduction to business organization with particular attention to production, marketing, finance accounting, and management.

U-BN315 Organizational Behavior 3 hrs

This course reviews the latest principles and practices emerging from the behavioral and psychological side of management. It addresses issues related to decision making, values, motivation, performance appraisal, leadership communication, and organizational culture.

U-BN316 Consumer Behavior 3 hrs

This course examines issues related to individual and collective behavior patterns in the market place. It studies theoretical model building and empirical research methods used to understand and respond to consumer behavior.

U-BN317 Human Resource Management 3 hrs

This course examines the methods used in business to recruit, train, compensate, evaluate, protect, and utilize human resources. Particular attention is given to employee-and labor-relations.

U-BN345 Business Law 3 hrs

This course reviews legal topics affecting the business environment. It examines contracts, employment law, safety, torts, business structures, and other forces affecting the business environment. It also studies the nature of corporations, partnerships, property rights, intellectual property, and international law.

U-BN355 Business Ethics 3 hrs

This course examines ethical principles arising from moral and ethical problems related to the business environment. It addresses issues of individual and corporate morality from a biblical and legal perspective.

U-BN365 Business Law and Ethics 3 hrs

This course examines ethical principles arising from moral and ethical problems related to the business environment. It addresses issues of individual and corporate morality from a biblical and legal perspective.

U-BN375 Poverty and Wealth 3 hrs

A study of the cultural, economic, and material causes of poverty and wealth from a Christian perspective.

U-BN466 Not-for-Profit Leadership 3 hrs

An introduction to the theory and practice of not-for-profit leadership, with special emphasis on Christian NGOs.

U-BN465 Entrepreneurial Leadership 3 hrs
This course is designed to assist student in the nature of idea-capture, conceptualization, and the development of business plans, resource allocation, and the launching of new business ventures. It includes case studies of successful entrepreneurship.

U-BN476 Negotiation and Dispute 3 hrs
This course covers subjects related to negotiating skills with a view to providing a skill set for various business contingencies.

U-BN477 International Business 3 hrs
This course introduces the study of international trade and finance. It reviews tariff policy, foreign exchange, and foreign markets. It details the nature of global strategy, markets, operations, management, and human resource management.

Christian Education (CE)

U-CE208 Para-Church Youth Ministry 3 hrs
This course focuses on various types of parachurch ministry available to junior-high and high-school students. Includes principles which make para-church youth ministry different from local church youth ministry and principles for beginning a new para-church campus club.

U-CE210 Christian Leadership 3 hrs
A study of servant leadership, leadership accountability, and reliance on God in one's personal life and ministry. Emphasis is given to applying teambuilding and change processes in ministry contexts.

U-CE301 History of Biblical Education 3 hrs
Examines the development of biblical education through the Scriptures focusing on the teaching institutions (family, tabernacle, temple, synagogue) and the teaching roles (patriarchs, priests, prophets) of the Old Testament, and the teaching ministries of Jesus, Paul, and the early church in the New Testament. The course emphasizes implications for contemporary Christian teaching.

U-CE304 Teaching Ministry of the Church 3 hrs
This course is an overview of the teaching ministry of the church.

U-CE308 Leading Church Ministries 3 hrs
This course is a practical course focusing on the administrative tasks of planning (including the budget process), leading, organizing, and directing the organizations and educational ministries of the church.

U-CE310 Recreation Ministry 3 hrs
A survey of recreational methodology focusing on the use of recreation in fellowship and evangelism. The course addresses philosophy of recreation, organization, and

administration of a church recreational ministry, planning and using church recreational facilities, sports evangelism, camping, crafts, drama, and wellness.

U-CE312 Missions Education 3 hrs
This course focuses on traditional and contemporary approaches for teaching about missions and training for mission service through the local church.

U-CE360 Church Administration 3 hrs
A functional study of administrative approaches and principles with an emphasis on planning, organizing, and evaluating the work of the local church. Attention is given to office, financial, and facilities management.

U-CE401 Principles of Christian Teaching 3 hrs
This course examines lesson preparation, lesson planning, and lesson delivery. Students develop skills in teaching in the church context. *Prerequisite: U-CE304 Teaching Ministry of the Church.*

U-CE405 Making Disciples 3 hrs
This course examines the biblical foundations, history, and contemporary applications of discipleship in and through the church.

U-CE407 Introduction to Childhood Ministry 3 hrs
An introduction to the theory base, programs, activities, and materials necessary for leading ministry with preschoolers, children, and their families. *Prerequisite: U-CE304 Teaching Ministry of the Church.*

U-CE408 Introduction to Student Ministry 3 hrs
An introduction to the theory base, programs, activities, and materials necessary for leading ministry with adolescents, college students, and their families. *Prerequisite: U-CE304 Teaching Ministry of the Church.*

U-CE409 Introduction to Adult and Family Ministry 3 hrs
An introduction to the theory base, programs, activities, and materials necessary for leading ministry with adults and their families. *Prerequisite: U-CE304 Teaching Ministry of the Church.*

U-CE420 Women's Ministry 3 hrs
An introduction course to developing, leading, and evaluating Christian education ministry to women. *Prerequisite: U-CE405 Making Disciples.*

U-CE425 Men's Ministry 3 hrs
An introduction course to developing, leading, and evaluating Christian education ministry to men. *Prerequisite: U-CE405 Making Disciples.*

U-CE495 Independent Study in Education Ministry 3 hrs
Under the supervision of an instructor, a student may devise an independent course of research or internship which will further equip the student for ministry in Christian education.

Communication (CM)

U-CM110 Basic Communication 3 hrs
An introduction to the principles and methods of effective public discourse.

Counseling (CO)

U-CO101 Counseling Theories 3 hrs
A study of counseling theories and models for the purpose of developing a personal model of counseling.

U-CO105 Professional Orientation and Ethics 3 hrs
This course addresses the major ethical and professional issues relevant to the practice of mental health counseling. The focus is to develop an understanding of the standards that define ethical behavior with clients, professional colleagues, consultees, churches, and the communities in which the student works. Included in the course of study are such areas as professionalism, legal issues and responsibilities, ethics, fields of training, and practice specialization.

U-CO222 Marriage and Family Counseling 3 hrs
A study that prepares the student to assess marriage and family problems and plan specific biblical interventions.

U-CO230 Theory and Methods of Group Counseling 3 hrs
An introduction to group counseling models and skills. Special emphasis is given to the use of small groups in the church. *Prerequisite: U-CO101 Counseling Theories.*

U-CO339 Multicultural Counseling 3 hrs
The focus of this course is on diverse, multicultural populations served by counselors. Emphasis is given to counseling issues associated with age, race, gender, socioeconomic class, ethnic, disability and other issues that emerge in a pluralistic society. Evidence-based interventions for treating these populations are considered and evaluated.

U-CO426 Diagnosis and Treatment of Substance Use Disorders 3 hrs
This course addresses the causes of addictive behavior to enable the counselor to understand and diagnose the client's problems more fully and provide appropriate treatment.

U-CO455 Supervised Counseling Practicum 3 hrs
An introduction to counseling techniques and skill development via role-play. *Graded pass/fail; Prerequisite: U-CO101 Counseling Theories.*

Foreign Language (FL)

U-FL441 Hebrew I 3 hrs
A study of the fundamentals of biblical Hebrew grammar and syntax with emphasis on the strong verb.

U-FL442 Hebrew II 3 hrs
A study of the fundamentals of biblical Hebrew grammar and syntax with emphasis on the weak verb and translation. *Prerequisite: U-FL441 Hebrew I.*

U-FL451 Greek I 3 hrs
A study of the basic principles of biblical Greek for students who have not had Greek or who need an extensive review in the elements of the language.

U-FL452 Greek II 3 hrs
A continuation of the study of the basic principles of biblical Greek for students who have not had Greek or who need an extensive review in the elements of the language. *Prerequisite: U-FL451 Greek I.*

General Education (GE)

U-GE101 English Composition I 3 hrs
A survey of basic writing skills necessary for effective communication in Christian ministry. Emphasis is placed on the elements of the writing process, the principles of proper paragraph development, and the process of writing effective essays.

U-GE102 English Composition II 3 hrs
A survey of research and writing skills necessary to write research papers. Emphasis is placed on understanding and using the Turabian format for research papers, learning and applying principles of research, and writing effective research papers. *Prerequisite: GE101 English Composition I.*

U-GE125 Basic College Mathematics 3 hrs
Fundamentals of basic algebra and geometry. Topics include the real number system, basic operations of algebra, solving linear and quadratic equations, inequalities, functions and graphs, and systems of equations.

U-GE135 Quantitative Reasoning 3 hrs
This course introduces the student to the discipline and methods of quantitative reasoning, with special reference to their application to contemporary marketplace problem-solving. Basic skills in arithmetic and algebraic calculation are presupposed.

U-GE170 Fine Arts 3 hrs
An introduction to the practice and norms of aesthetic creativity, as may be exemplified in music, visual art, drama, and/or architecture.

U-GE180 Introduction to Nutrition 3 hrs
An introductory course focusing on the principles of nutrition science and how they relate to human physiology and health. Practical applications for using nutrition as part of a personal, family, and societal approach to wellness are emphasized.

U-GE185 Introduction to Physical Science 3 hrs
An introduction to the philosophy and methods of inductive, experimental reasoning, with application to the fields of physics and chemistry.

U-GE201 Introduction to Computers 3 hrs
A basic introduction to computer hardware and applications including the operating system; word-processing, presentation, spreadsheet, and database software; and the Internet. Special emphasis is given to the use of computers in church ministries.

U-GE210 Basic Speech Communication 3 hrs
An introduction to public speaking from a Christian perspective. Special attention is devoted to the components which promote effective oral communication and developing these through a variety of speeches.

U-GE215 Introduction to First Aid 0 hrs
An introduction to basic first-aid principles focusing on the knowledge needed to identify and treat various, basic medical conditions and to make medical and evacuation decisions in remote settings.

U-GE235 Marriage and Family 3 hrs
An introductory study of marriage and the family as a biblical and social institution. Insights from history, social sciences, and psychology are employed to illuminate the biblical model of marriage and family life.

U-GE240 Survey of World Literature 3 hrs
An introduction to major literary works composed from the times of Homer to the present that have been influential in shaping and expressing values of Western culture.

General Studies (GS)

U-GS90 Study Skills 1 hr
A course designed to aid students in establishing and enhancing study skills necessary to maximize learning. *Credit does not count toward meeting graduation or degree requirements.*

U-GS100 Freshmen Experience 1 hr
An introduction into the community and resources of Midwestern College. The course involves academic and relationship-building components as they relate to a SBC Cooperative Program funded school.

U-GS181 Integrative I, Leadership 1 hr
Integrative I, Leadership is the first phase of three undergraduate level assessment and leadership seminars, with special attention to the development of leadership foundations and the assessment of baseline knowledge as related to undergraduate level programs at Midwestern.

U-GS183 Integrative III, Capstone 1 hr
Integrative III, Capstone is the final phase of the three undergraduate level assessment and leadership seminars, with special attention to capstone exercises, including the Portfolio Assessment, Exit Examination, Personal Refinement and Placement Advisement. *Prerequisite: U-GS181 Integrative I, Leadership; and, U-MN250 Integrative II, Assessment.*

U-GS189 Capstone Experience 3 hrs
A retrospective study of the student's educational progress with formal assessment in the areas of knowledge, skill, and affective change.

U-GS300 Workshop: [Title] 1-3 hrs
A course offering credit for participation in an approved conference or workshop relevant to a student's degree program. Students may enroll for credit in no more than one off-campus or two on-campus workshops per semester without approval of the Dean of the College. Credit may be repeated if the conference or workshop subject is different.

U-GS350 Special Topic: [Title] 1-3 hrs
A course designed to study special areas of interest which are not available in the regular undergraduate course offerings. The student is only allowed to take one special topic course per semester. Credit may be repeated in another semester if the topic is different.

U-GS390 Independent Study: [Title] 1-3 hrs
An independent or research study of specialized topics or areas of interest which are not available in the regular undergraduate course offerings. *Course fee: \$100 for the first credit hour plus \$50 for each additional credit hour*

U-GS395 Undergraduate Internship 1-3 hrs
A course that may be utilized by any department with the approval of the Registrar and/or the Dean of the College for supervised practical training of approved students.

U-GS490 Portfolio of Student Learning 1 hr
This course provides students with the following: (a) a means to monitor and assess their progress toward ministry readiness, (b) a record of improvement of knowledge and skills, (c) an ongoing source of information for research, and (d) resources for academic review. *Graded pass/fail*

U-GS495 Portfolio 3 hrs
A course for students enrolled in the adult degree completion program. Students will assess their life experience gained through non-academic training, employment, volunteer work and ministry service, and develop a portfolio validating the learning from those experiences. Life experience credit will be given based upon a faculty and outside review of the portfolio. *Graded pass/fail*

Historical-Theological (HT)

U-HT101 Christianity and the Western World 3 hrs
A survey of the history of Christianity and its impact on the western world.

U-HT104 The Church 3 hrs
A survey of the development of the Baptist identity and polity, with special reference to the essence, purpose, and governance of the New Testament church. Attention is given to the history and structure of the Southern Baptist Convention.

U-HT105 History of the Western World 3 hrs
A survey of Western civilization from Ancient Greece to the Cold War, with special reference to its military, cultural, and economic components.

U-HT110 Baptist History 3 hrs
A study of Baptist history from its sixteenth-century roots to the present.

U-HT111 Baptist History & Practice 3 hrs

A general survey of Baptist history with reference to the principles and doctrines in the early church of New Testament times and with special observation of the development of Baptist groups from the 16th Century onward. Major leaders, significant institutional developments, and controversies are observed.

U-HT112 Church History I 3 hrs
A study of the history of the Church from its beginnings to the Renaissance.

U-HT113 Church History II 3 hrs
A study of the history of the church from the Reformation to the present.

U-HT210 American History 3 hrs
A study of the major cultural, economic, and political forces that have shaped the development of American society from the Colonial period to the present.

U-HT350 Christian Doctrine I 3 hrs
A systematic and topical study of the Christian doctrines of the Scriptures, God, Christ, Holy Spirit, and Creation.

U-HT351 Christian Doctrine II 3 hrs
A systematic and topical study of the Christian doctrines of man, sin, salvation, church, and eschatology.

U-HT401 Worldviews 3 hrs
A study of the philosophical status and implications of the Christian worldview in comparison to non-Christian worldviews.

U-HT410 Christian Ethics 3 hrs
A course examining biblical truth in relationship to contemporary ethical standards and methods of moral decision-making.

U-HT411 World Religions 3 hrs
A survey and analysis of the major world religions excluding Christianity. Studies include Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and various folk and traditional religions.

U-HT415 Introduction to Ethics 3 hrs
An introduction to the major ethical theories arising from the Western philosophical tradition from Socrates to the modern era.

U-HT460 Biblical Theology 3 hrs
An introduction to the discipline of biblical theology including theoretical foundations and practical application.

U-HT470 Theological Formation Practicum 3 hrs
This course develops competencies of understanding and articulating doctrine that is biblically faithful and contextually relevant, directing participants 'ad fontes' to Scripture and its most exemplary interpreters and applicers throughout the history of the church.

Humanities (HM)

U-HM100 Introduction to Humanities 3 hrs
An introduction the study of ideas and culture, with special reference to the disciplines of philosophy, politics, economics, and the fine arts.

U-HM201 History of Philosophy I 3 hrs
A study of the major philosophical figures and movements from the pre-Socratics to Aquinas.

U-HM202 History of Philosophy II 3 hrs
A study of the major philosophical figures and movements from Descartes to Postmodernism.

U-HM204 Ancient Philosophy 3 hrs
A study of the major theorists and ideas of philosophy from the Pre-Socratics to Cicero.

U-HM234 Research and Writing 3 hrs
This course examines the twin components required for sound scholarships: research and writing. Attention is given to sources and methods of research, as well as an intensive review of basic rules of grammar and composition.

U-HM274 The Classics 3 hrs
A study of the literature of ancient Greece and Rome.

U-HM285 Informal Logic and Reasoning 3 hrs
A study of the basic principles of reason, argumentation, and the critical analysis of ideas.

U-HM300 Introduction to Philosophy 3 hrs
An introductory study of philosophy with attention given to the disciplines of metaphysics, epistemology, and ethics.

U-HM304 Philosophy of Religion 3 hrs
This course will offer a provisional study of the major issues in religion, including the existence of God, the problem of evil, freedom and determinism, and religious language.

U-HM305 Augustine 3 hrs
This course will review the life and work of Augustine with special attention to his principal writings and enduring influence.

U-HM308 The Medieval & Renaissance Philosophy 3 hrs
A study of the major theorists and ideas of philosophy from Augustine to Bacon.

U-HM314 History of Economics 3 hrs
This course provides a general survey of economic principles and concepts. It surveys broad overview of economic theory and development from a historical perspective.

U-HM315 History and Historians 3 hrs
This course provides an inquiry into the study of the nature of historical research in view of various schools and philosophies of history.

U-HM325 American Political History 3 hrs
This course will present a study of American political thought and practice from the colonial times to the present.

U-HM344 Christianity and the Arts 3 hrs
This course will provide a study of how Christianity has influenced the Arts throughout history. Attention will be given to the visual arts, music, and literature.

U-HM350 History of Law 3 hrs
This course offers an introduction to the study of law including its theological and philosophical foundations. It will also introduce the historical and political background of Western legal tradition.

U-HM360 Rhetoric 3 hrs
This course provides a foundational study of the basics of logic and persuasion with attention to the seminal work of Aristotle and Cicero, critical thinking skills, and oral persuasion with consideration of the writings of Augustine.

U-HM385 Religious Epistemology 3 hrs
A survey of the major theories of knowledge and their application to the philosophy of religion.

U-HM405 Modern Philosophy 3 hrs
A study of the major theorists and ideas of philosophy from Descartes to Existentialism and its legacy.

U-HM415 The Renaissance and Reformation 3 hrs
This course will provide an overview of the unfolding ideas, events, and personalities which resulted in the Renaissance and Reformation. Attention will be given to primary source material.

U-HM425 Christian Political Thought 3 hrs
This course presents a broad survey of Christian political thought. It aims to establish key points of reference in historical sources and to introduce ideas and problems surfacing from those sources with application for our contemporary framework.

U-HM426 Marxism and Revolution 3 hrs
This course provides an overview of the history and principal and ideology of Marxism with particular attention given to its influence on modern history.

U-HM494 Independent Study/Directed Research 1-3 hrs
Students may elect to conduct a specific study of interest within the broad field of Humanities under the direction of an attending professor.

Ministry (MN)

U-MN110 Special Evangelism Methodology 3 hrs
A study of post-modern evangelistic methods and strategies that equip the ministry leader to reach Post-moderns and Millennials with the Gospel of Christ. Methodologies and strategies for both evangelizing the lost and assimilating new believers between the ages of fifteen and thirty into the local church are targeted.

U-MN201 Personal Evangelism and Discipleship 3 hrs
An introduction to personal evangelism and discipleship including basic methods of personal Bible study, discipleship, and evangelistic witness in multi-cultural settings.

U-MN202 Evangelism and Discipleship Practicum 3 hrs
This course develops leadership competencies of gospel-awareness, personal evangelism, and discipleship, directing participants to a faithful, intentional lifestyle of communicating the gospel to non-believers.

U-MN204 Spiritual Formation Practicum 3 hrs
This course develops leadership competencies of historical, biblical, and personal awareness of the spiritual life in community while directing participants to an intentional lifestyle and ever deepening relationship with Christ and his church.

U-MN224 Church Evangelism 3 hrs
An introduction to biblical methods and principles which lead to a thriving evangelistic church. This course considers various programs as well as the leadership and organization of the local church.

U-MN230 Evangelism Practicum 1-3 hrs
A course in which students put into practice principles and methods of evangelism. This practicum includes but is not limited to the weekly leading of a Midwestern Evangelism Team. The course may be repeated. *Professor's approval required.*

U-MN231 Personal Leadership Practicum 3 hrs
This course is designed to develop personal leadership competencies that encourage self-awareness and a confidence in a Christ-centered leadership approach that builds healthy, growing leaders for the church and her ministries.

U-MN232 Church Leadership Practicum 3 hrs
This course develops leadership competencies related to leading communities and congregations, directing participants to being long-term, 'reflective practitioners' who follow Jesus, as well as multiply leaders who will do the same.

U-MN235 Marriage Enrichment Seminar for Seminary Couples 1-3 hrs
A learning experience for married students that will examine a biblical model of marriage and the effects of ministry on the ministerial couple. The student's spouse must attend. *Graded pass/fail*

U-MN250 Integrative II, Assessment 1 hr
Integrative II, Assessment is the second phase of the three undergraduate level assessment and leadership seminars, with special attention to the spiritual character of the leader and midpoint academic review and advisement. *Prerequisite: U-GS181 Integrative I, Leadership.*

U-MN255 Interpersonal Counseling and Conflict Management 3 hrs
A study of interpersonal communication and conflict management pertaining to churches and Christian organizations. Students develop competence in communication models, conflict management and resolution, catalytic uses of conflict, and interpersonal communication skills.

U-MN310 Sermon Preparation 3 hrs
A course in homiletics introducing students to the nature, distinctions, elements, processes, and rigors of expository preaching. *Prior or concurrent enrollment in BS204 Introduction to Hermeneutics is highly recommended.*

U-MN311 Sermon Delivery 3 hrs
A preaching lab wherein students demonstrate proficiency in delivering expository sermons. *Prerequisite: MN310 Sermon Preparation.*

U-MN350 Pastoral Care & Counseling 3 hrs
An introduction to pastoral care-giving for the church, including the biblical basis for care, models of care, and approaches to problem areas of pastoral counseling.

U-MN410 Pastoral Care and Ministry 3 hrs
An introductory survey of care-giving, leadership, and service in the local church.

U-MN432 The Work of an Evangelist 3 hrs
An introductory study of the ministry of the vocational evangelist including the biblical basis, history, methods, and organization.

U-MN436 The Pastor as Evangelist 3 hrs
An introduction to the personal life and ministries of evangelistically minded pastors including associate pastors of evangelism with an emphasis on leadership, strategy, and implementation of evangelistic programs in the local church.

U-MN490 Integrative Seminar (only applicable to former catalogs) 3 hrs
This is a capstone seminar in which students explore issues in Christian Ministry that integrate their personal, educational, and ministry experiences and goals. *Lab Fee: \$75*

Missions (MS)

U-MS201 Global Missions 3 hrs
A study of the history, theology, philosophy, and biblical basis of church evangelism and Christian world missions. Attention is given to the practice of evangelism and church multiplication in the church and on the mission field.

U-MS220 Foreign Language Study I 3 hrs
Study in a specific foreign language that includes a comprehensive introduction to basic vocabulary and sentence structure including nouns, verbs, and adjectives. The course is designed for students having no previous knowledge of the foreign language studied.

U-MS221 Foreign Language Study II 3 hrs
A study which builds upon the foreign language previously studied in Foreign Language Study I. Oral practice with a language specific monitor/tutor is introduced. The study of grammatical structures and speech patterns both, written and oral, are introduced as well as learning to communicate at a functional level while completing a semester abroad in an area that speaks the specific language of study. Mandatory conversation classes with the instructor/tutor are required. *Prerequisite: U-MS220 Foreign Language Study I.*

U-MS250 Introduction to Cross-Cultural Studies 3 hrs
This course provides students with a basic understanding of cross-cultural differences and communication strategies with a view to understanding the different dynamics that may be encountered while ministering in a cross-cultural setting.

U-MS310 Introduction to Church Planting and Church Growth 3 hrs
An introduction to church planting and church growth with emphasis on the biblical and strategic foundations of planting a New Testament church and the principles and methods necessary for its growth.

U-MS315 Strategies and Methods for Church Planting 3 hrs
A study of various strategies for planting churches in North America with emphasis on those strategies that have proven most effective.

U-MS320 North American Church Planting Seminar 3 hrs
This course will provide practical experience in developing a strategic church planting plan. Emphasis will be placed in understanding and developing effective ministries to the community.

U-MS350 Missions Practicum 1-4 hrs
The opportunity to learn and practice missions service under the supervision of field and college personnel in a North American or international setting.

U-MS410 Church Planting Practicum 3 hrs
Field experience in a selected church field with assigned reading material and supervision by an assigned pastor/church starter or an associational or state leader who has been trained by the North American Mission Board with the Director of the Center for Church Planting and Partnership in line supervision.

Music (MU)

U-MU101 Music Theory I 3 hrs

Reviews the fundamentals of music theory, with emphasis on common-practice harmony, including the construction of chords, part-writing, and music analysis. *Prerequisite: Music Fundamentals or a passed placement examination in music fundamentals.*

U-MU102 Aural Skills I 1 hrs

A course developing skill in aurally recognizing and notating chords, chord progressions, scales, and melodies, giving students a basis to sing melodic material at sight.

U-MU103 Music Theory II 3 hrs

A continuing study of traditional harmony including advanced chord construction and function. Secondary dominants and elementary modulation are given special emphasis. *Prerequisite: Music Theory I or its equivalent.*

U-MU104 Aural Skills II 1 hr

An intermediate course in the development of aural skills and sight singing. Special emphasis will be given to altered and borrowed chords. *Prerequisite: Aural Skills and Sight Singing II or its equivalent.*

U-MU105 Music Fundamentals 1hr

An introduction to the elements of music, including study of the staff, clefs, key signatures, time signatures, notation, meter and rhythm, major and minor chords, as well as application of theory at the keyboard, and beginning rhythmic, melodic and harmonic ear training. *This course does not count toward the Worship Ministries Core. Students who successfully pass a placement examination in fundamentals may take Music Theory I.*

U-MU201 Music Theory III 3 hrs

Further study of harmony. Includes elements of arranging and song writing. *Prerequisite: Music Theory I or its equivalent.*

U-MU202 Aural Skills III 1 hr

An advanced course in the development of aural skills and sight singing.

U-MU203 Music Theory IV 2 hrs

Further study of harmony. Includes a one-hour lab per week. *Prerequisite: U-MU201 Music Theory III or its equivalent.*

U-MU204 Aural Skills and Sight Singing IV 2 hrs

An advanced course in the development of aural skills and sight singing. Includes one-hour lab per week. *Prerequisite: U-MU202 Aural Skills and Sight Singing III or its equivalent.*

U-MU232 Music History II 3 hrs

A survey of Western music from the Classical to the modern period. Content will include discussion of predominant forms, composers, stylistic characteristics, works, and musical events from each period.

U-MU233 History of Music for Worship I 3 hrs

A historical survey of the development of Christian worship music and literature from the early Jewish (pre-church) traditions through the early Baroque period. Covers major musical developments, significant composers, and important genres. Special emphasis is given to musical developments from the early church, the Medieval and Renaissance periods, and the Reformation.

U-MU234 History of Music for Worship II 3 hrs

A historical survey of the development of Christian worship music and literature from the Baroque period to the present. Covers the major musical developments, composers, and important genres. Special emphasis is given to development of hymns, gospel traditions, spirituals and blues, and popular trends in church music of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. *Prerequisite: U-MU233 History of Music for Worship I.*

U-MU235 Worship Band Methods 2 hrs

A laboratory class designed to provide skills in preparation, performance, and communication in the worship band setting. Students will gain skills in both participation and leadership roles.

U-MU301 Introduction to Music in the Church 3 hrs

A survey of the major musical styles used in the church throughout history with an emphasis on church music of the last one hundred years.

U-MU302 Introduction to Church Music and Worship Leadership 3hrs

An introduction to the biblical and theological foundations of worship, with instruction in practical ministry tools essential for local church worship leadership, including administration, communication, planning, and the use of music and worship technology.

U-MU310 Form and Analysis of Music 2 hrs

A theory-oriented study of Western music from the Renaissance to the modern period. Students will learn to analyze a variety of musical forms throughout the respective periods. *Prerequisite: U-MU203 Music Theory IV.*

U-MU330 History of Sacred Choral Music 2 hrs

A survey of choral music in the church from the Renaissance to the early twentieth century including the composers, literature, and style characteristics of each period.

U-MU340 Basic Conducting 2 hrs
An introduction to basic conducting techniques and their application to congregation and choir. Repertoire will include choral literature and hymns.

U-MU341 Introduction to Conducting 2hrs
An introduction to elementary conducting techniques for instrumentalists and vocalists in local church settings. Students learn basic conducting patterns, cues, cut-offs, and other expressive gestures. Other topics include terminology for the conductor, instrumentation, and transpositions. *Prerequisites: Theory II/Aural Skills II.*

U-MU361 Integrative Seminar in Worship Ministry 1hr

This course is taken during the final year of the student's course of study at Midwestern College. The Integrative Seminar allows students to formulate a personal philosophy of worship and prepare a professional worship ministry resume and a supporting media portfolio.

Performance

U-MU390 Performance Laboratory 0 hr
A laboratory where students apply technical and musical skills gained in applied studies to a dynamic performance situation. Includes musical events both on and off campus and student performance during the lab time. Students must attend 80 percent of on-campus events plus meet any other course requirements to receive credit. *Graded pass/fail.*

Ensembles

U-MU240 Midwestern Singers 2 hrs
A practicum in choral methods with special emphasis on interpretation and techniques of presenting representative church music literature. The choir, which regularly sings for chapel, is open to all students with previous choral experience. *May be repeated for credit.*

U-MU242 Instrumental Ensemble 1 hr
An ensemble practicum in instrumental music open to all students. This group may perform occasionally in chapel and other concert settings. *May be repeated for credit.*

U-MU244 Midwestern Ringers 1 hr
A hand-bell ensemble practicum open by audition to qualified students. This group performs occasionally in chapel and other concert settings. *May be repeated for credit.*

U-MU245 Traveling Praise Team 2 hrs
Traveling musical group that rehearses and performs for local churches and Christian Schools around the Kansas City Metro area. *Prerequisite: Audition.*

U-MU246 Midwestern Praise Team 1 hr
An auditioned ensemble, popularly called Two or More, which serves as a worship leadership team. The ensemble consists of singers and instrumentalists. *May be repeated for credit.*

U-MU248 Choral Union 1 hr
A practicum in choral methods with emphasis on interpretation and techniques of presenting sacred music literature. The goal of the choir is to sing larger and more difficult choral works for chorus and instrumentation. *Admission requires the approval of the music professor.*

Applied Music

PIANO

U-MU250 Applied Elective: Piano 1 hr
Private instruction in piano. Repertoire is selected based on the background and ability of the student. *Admission requires the approval of the professor. Course fee applies.*

U-MU255 Class Piano 2 hrs
Group instruction in piano. A preparation for the piano proficiency examination, including scales, hymns, accompanying, and playing by ear. *Admission requires the approval of the music professor. Course fee applies.*

U-MU350 Applied Concentration: Piano 1 hr
Private instruction for students with an applied concentration in piano. Repertoire is selected based on the background and ability of the student. *Admission requires the approval of the professor. Course fee applies.*

U-MU355 Hymn Playing 2 hrs
A study of hymn playing structure for beginning pianists who aspire to accompany hymn singing in small group settings or for experienced pianists who desire to develop a hymn playing style and a variety of service playing skills.

U-MU380 Basic Piano for the Worship Musician I 1hr
Covers the elements of piano playing for the worship musician. A study of playing basic chords, scales and progressions leading to basic hymn playing, improvisation, and lead sheet reading.

U-MU381 Basic Piano for the Worship Musician II 1hr
Continued training in the elements of piano playing for the worship musician, with emphasis on chord playing, scales and progressions, hymns, improvisation and lead sheet reading. Added topics are basic modulation and simple accompanying technique.

U-MU450 Piano Proficiency 0 hrs
A performance-based examination designed to show mastery of basic piano playing skills. Detailed information is available in the Music Student Handbook.

U-MU455 Electronic Keyboard/MIDI 2 hrs
A study of how the church music ministry may be enhanced by the use of electronic keyboards and other MIDI applications. Course material includes both the technological capabilities of various instruments and techniques for playing them.

ORGAN

U-MU260 Applied Elective: Organ 1 hr
Private instruction in organ. Repertoire is selected according to the background and ability of the student. *Admission requires the approval of the music professor. Course fee applies.*

U-MU360 Applied Concentration: Organ 1 hr
Private instruction in organ. Repertoire is selected according to the background and ability of the student. Degree requirements emphasized. *Prerequisite: Music major or consent of the Department Chair. Course fee applies.*

U-MU365 Service Playing for Organists 1 hr
A course designed to improve the student's knowledge and skills in the art of playing the organ for worship services.

VOICE

U-MU270 Applied Elective: Voice 1 hr
Private instruction in voice. Repertoire is selected based on the background and ability of the student. *Admission requires the approval of the professor. Course fee applies.*

U-MU275 Class Voice 1 hr
Group instruction in the fundamentals of vocal technique and basic solo repertoire. *Admission requires the approval of the music professor. Course fee applies.*

U-MU320 Basic Voice for the Worship Musician 1hr
Basic elements of vocal production, technique, and healthy singing for the worship musician. The course applies these principles to several vocal styles and genres.

U-MU370 Applied Concentration: Voice 1 hr
Private instruction for students with an applied concentration in voice. Repertoire is selected based on the background and ability of the student. *Admission requires the approval of the professor. Course fee applies.*

U-MU470 Voice Proficiency 0 hr
A performance-based examination designed to show mastery of basic singing skills. Detailed information is available in the Music Student Handbook.

U-MU475 Vocal Pedagogy 2 hrs
A study of the singing voice and techniques of teaching private or class voice.

GUITAR

U-MU280 Applied Elective: Guitar 1 hr
Private instruction in guitar. Repertoire is selected based on the background and ability of the student. *Admission requires the approval of the professor. Course fee applies.*

U-MU281 Applied Concentration: Guitar 1 hr
Private instruction for those with an applied concentration in guitar. Repertoire is selected based on the background and ability of the student. *Admission requires the approval of the professor. Course fee applies.*

U-MU285 Beginning Guitar 1 hr
Group instruction in the basics of guitar playing such as how to tune a guitar, terminology, chords, and strumming patterns. No previous experience necessary. Students must supply their own instruments.

U-325 Basic Guitar for the Worship Musician 1hr
Group instruction in the basics of guitar playing, with tuning, terminology, chords, and strumming patterns. No previous experience necessary. Students must supply their own instruments.

U-MU385 Leading Worship with the Guitar 2 hrs
Group instruction in using the guitar to lead worship. In addition to studying chord repertoire, exploring various rhythm styles, and discovering the techniques of working with a praise band, students also engage in rudimentary development of their singing voices. A beginning knowledge of guitar is required. Students must supply their own instruments. *Prerequisite: U-MU285 Beginning Guitar, its equivalent, or approval of the music professor.*

U-MU386 Intermediate Guitar 2 hrs
Group instruction in guitar that builds on the foundation established in the beginning class. Intermediate level instruction further develops and add to the skills and chord knowledge necessary for effective rhythm playing. Students must supply their own instruments. *Prerequisite: U-MU285 Beginning Guitar, its equivalent, or approval of the music professor.*

U-MU480 Applied Senior Recital 1 hr
The preparation and presentation of an acceptable recital consisting of appropriate literature from major style periods and/or sacred backgrounds. This is a culminating project for the vocal or instrumental student in music. *Prerequisite: Senior standing for the Music Double major.*

INSTRUMENTAL

U-MU210 Applied Concentration: Instrumental 1 hr
Private instruction for students with an applied concentration in an instrument not listed in the course catalog. Repertoire is selected based on the background and ability of the student. *Admission requires the approval of the professor. Course fee applies.*

U-MU211 Applied Elective: Instrumental 1 hr
Private instruction in an instrument not listed in the course catalog. Repertoire is selected based on the background and ability of the student. *Admission requires the approval of the professor. Course fee applies.*

U-MU345 Private Music Instruction 1 hr
Private Music Instruction for those instruments not having a place in the standard course offerings. *Course fee applies.*

Music Ensemble Participation

U-MU481 Chapel Choir 1 hr
Participation is open to all seminary and undergraduate students as well as members of the MBTS community including faculty, staff, and student spouses. No auditions are required prior to registration. This team serves in worship leadership in several ways during chapel services at Midwestern. No course fees are associated with this vocal group.

U-MU482 Chapel Band, Section 1 1 hr
Participation is open to all seminary and undergraduate students, subject to satisfactory audition, prior to class registration. This team provides the music for worship during Midwestern's weekly chapel service. No course fees are associated with this vocal group. *Contact the Department for Worship Ministries for audition information.*

U-MU484 Voices of Midwestern 1 hr
By audition only, prior to class registration. Participation is open to all seminary and undergraduate students. This premier worship team includes vocalists (sopranos, altos, tenors and/or baritones) and instrumentalists (percussion, piano, bass, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, etc.) who have the talents and interpersonal skills needed to represent the Seminary and College in public performances and recruitment initiatives. Participants must attend scheduled rehearsal times (TBA) and pre-arranged travel occasions. No course fees are associated with this worship team.

Contact the Department for Worship Ministries for audition information.

Psychology (PY)

U-PY100 Introduction to Psychology 3 hrs
This course is an overview of the scientific study of the behavioral and mental processes of human beings with special emphasis given to the history of psychology, biological basis of behavior, research methodology, personality, and learning.

U-PY203 Developmental Psychology 3 hrs
The focus of this course is on development from early childhood to late adolescence. The course includes the study of the interaction between the genetic, biological, and social contributions to individual development. Focal topics consist of behavioral genetics, temperament, parent and child relations, sibling and peer relations, intelligence, emotional development, and antisocial development.

U-PY218 Behavioral and Cognitive Theories of Learning 3 hrs
The focus of this course is on behavioral and cognitive theories of learning and how each influence learning as evidenced by performance. In addition, consideration is given to various learning styles

U-PY231 Abnormal Psychology I 3 hrs
This course introduces the student to a variety of psychological disorders. The course includes the criteria for diagnosing certain disorders, the possible causes for the disorder and evidenced-based strategies for treating each disorder discussed.

U-PY232 Abnormal Psychology II 3 hrs
This course is an introduction to psychopathology and studies the physiological, psychological, and sociocultural factors believed to be the origin mental disorders. Included in the course are the DSM IV TR major diagnostic categories and evidence based treatment strategies.

U-PY234 Abnormal Psychology 3 hrs
This course examines the etiology, diagnosis, and treatment of behavioral and mental disorders and dysfunctions. It includes applications of the DSM-IV diagnostic system and treatment modalities considered most effective in the treatment of each disorder.

U-PY337 Biological Basis for Behavior 3 hrs
This course is a study of the biological events that underlie thoughts, feelings, and actions and that provides the biological basis for emotional states, mental illness, and selected neurological disorders. This course includes building an understanding of the anatomy and physiology of the nervous system.

U-PY338 Psychopharmacology 3 hrs
This course is an introduction to neurophysiology and psychopharmacology. The organization and function of the nervous system and its interaction with other organ systems is covered. In addition, pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics are covered.

U-PY339 Theories of Addiction 3 hrs
The focus of this course is to develop an understanding of the addictive process. Topics studied include the origin, maintenance, course, and consequences of addiction. In addition, this course explores recovery strategies and methods to maintain recovery.

U-PY354 Child Psychology 3 hrs
This course is an overview of the biological, emotional, and physical development from infancy to childhood. Students will gain a broad understanding of these areas as well as an understanding of relationships within the family, with peers, and with other significant individuals.

U-PY355 Adolescent Psychology 3 hrs
This course examines the physical, emotional, intellectual, and social changes of adolescence. Special emphasis is upon the characteristics and problems of modern-day adolescents that include but not limited to addiction, adolescent peer and parent relationships.

U-PY424 Emotional and Psychological Trauma 3 hrs
This course explores emotional and psychological trauma. The course emphasizes the effects extraordinarily stressful events have on the individual's sense of security, their feelings helpless and their sense of vulnerability that comes from living in a dangerous world. Treatment strategies to deal with trauma are considered.

U-PY445 Diagnosis of Mental Disorders (Sr. level) 3 hrs
This is an introduction to the structure and proper use of the DSM IV-TR. The student learns how to use the system to diagnose accurately client problems and understands how the diagnosis informs the creation of systematic interventions. Attention is given to the strengths and weaknesses of the system.

U-PY481 Clinically Descriptive and Biblically Prescriptive Treatment Models 1 3 hrs
This course focuses on a unique therapeutic approach to deal with mental, emotional and other life problems by using standard of care models to understand problems and using biblical guidance to solve problem.

U-PY482 Clinically Descriptive and Biblically Prescriptive Treatment Models 2 3 hrs
This is a further study of course 1.

P-PY495 Practicum 3 hrs
This course introduces the student to techniques commonly used to help people who struggle with mental and emotional issues. Included in the course is a survey of helping techniques that include case conceptualization, diagnosis, ethical conduct, and helper counseling skills.

CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA COURSES

Midwestern Women's Institute (WC)

WC10 Carolyne Hester Women's Conference 1 Unit
This course provides women with an opportunity to participate in the leadership team organizing the yearly spring Carolyne Hester conference for women.

WC 11 For the Church Conference 1 Unit
This course provides women the opportunity to attend Midwestern's annual For the Church conference and learn how to apply topics covered in both the plenary sessions and the breakout sessions to their own life and ministry.

WC13 Church History 1 Unit
This course covers six major figures in church history, relates their life, and contributions to the faith.

WC14 Baptist Heritage and Beliefs 1 Unit
Overview of Baptist history and the doctrinal beliefs of Southern Baptists. Included is a study of The Baptist Faith and Message.

WC16 Old Testament Survey 1 Unit
This course is an overview of the Old Testament introducing the student to the background, context, and content of the Old Testament.

WC17 New Testament Survey 1 Unit
This course is an expository survey of the New Testament with an emphasis on its background foundation, and content. The date, author, theme, purpose, and major characteristics of each book will be explored.

WC18 Southern Baptist Convention **1 Unit**
This course explores the development of the Southern Baptist Convention, key people, events, and controversies in its history, as well as its present programs and roles in the local, national, and world stages.

WC19 Worldview and Ethics **1 Unit**
This elective course will examine some current cultural issues from a biblical perspective, as well as develop the student's response to them.

WC20 Hospitality **1 Unit**
This elective course will examine the biblical basis of hospitality and practical ways to apply the principles in ministry.

WC22 Ministry Wife 101 **1 Unit**
This course provides an in-depth study of the text as well as discussion and analysis of various issues and challenges that can arise while serving as a minister's wife.

WC23 Wives in Ministry **1 Unit**
Students will gain instruction, guidance, counsel, and encouragement from six women serving with their husbands in different and various ministry vocations in local churches.

WC24 Discipleship I **1 Unit**
This course will aid the student in personal discipleship. The student will be encouraged to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through practice and discipline.

WC25 Discipleship II **1 Unit**
This course will continue to aid the student in personal discipleship. The student will be encouraged to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through practice and discipline.

WC26 Evangelism and Missions **1 Unit**
This course is a study of the biblical and theological basis for evangelism and missions including a study of the mission work of Southern Baptists. Practical ideas for evangelism are covered giving consideration to specific opportunities and the needs of women.

WC27 Foundations **1 Unit**
This course will help develop one's understanding of marriage, ministry, and practical Christian life issues.

WC28 Prayer **1 Unit**
This elective course will explore the various components of prayer by studying the character of God and praying people in Scriptures, as well as develop strategies to increase the student's personal prayer life.

WC29 Biblical Parenting **1 Unit**
This elective course offers direction and encouragement from God's Words and practical advice for teaching and rearing children in the admonition of the Lord.

WC30 Biblical Counseling **1 Unit**

This elective course serves as an introduction to the basics of counseling, exploring the biblical foundation, various ministry aspects, challenges, and techniques of counseling. Students will have the opportunity to practice counseling through role play.

WC 31 Ministry Group **1 Unit**

This course provides an in-depth study of a text as well as discussion and analysis of various issues, challenges, points of application for women as they serve in ministry.

WC 34 Women in Seminary **1 Unit**

This course serves as an introduction to and overview of the theory and practice of ministry, specifically as it relates to women in seminary.

WC40 Special Topic: [Title] **1 Unit**

A course designed to study special areas of interest which are not available in the regular course offerings. Credit may be repeated in another semester if the topic is different.

WC45 Independent Study: [Title] **1 Unit**

An independent or research study of specialized topics or areas of interest which are not available in the course offerings.

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