

Master of Ministry Curriculum

Required Courses

RELG 5103	Theology of Ministry	3
RELG 5363	Inductive Bible Study	3
RELG 5803	Ministry in the 21 st Century	3
RELG 5283	Spiritual Formation for Ministry	<u>3</u>
Total Hours Required		12

At least two of the following electives

RELG 5153	Leadership in the Church	3
RELG 5203	Contemporary Evangelical Theology	3
RELG 5403	Theology & Practice of Worship	3
RELG 5393	Church Renewal & Revival	<u>3</u>
Total Hours Required		6

At least two of the following electives

RELG 5263	Pastoral Counseling	3
RELG 5303	Church Finance/Christian Stewardship	3
RELG 5373	Biblical Preaching	3
RELG 5413	Educational Ministries in the Church	<u>3</u>
Total Hours Required		6

At least two of the following electives

RELG 5253	Congregational Life	3
RELG 5453	Evangelism/Church Growth	3
RELG 5493	The Church and Technology	3
RELG 5533	The Family and the 21 st Century	<u>3</u>
Total Hours Required		6

Plus Six Additional Elective Hours **6**

Total Hours in Degree	36
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- RELG 5103** **Theology of Ministry**
Historical, philosophical, psychological, and theological foundations of Christian ministry. (3 credits)
- RELG 5153** **Leadership in the Church**
Development of leadership styles and management skills in relation to staff personnel, congregation, and denomination. (3 credits)
- RELG 5203** **Contemporary Evangelical Theology**
The systems of major 20th century Protestant theologians will be sketched along with the evangelical response to those systems. (3 credits)
- RELG 5403** **Theology and Practice of Worship**
The importance, basic meaning, and historical background of Christian worship with attention to principles, plans, methods, and resources for worship planning. (3 credits)
- RELG 5263** **Pastoral Counseling**
Explore dynamics of personality within the counseling relationship emphasizing the uniqueness of Christian counseling but recognizing areas of similarity between Christian and secular counseling. (3 credits)
- RELG 5453** **Evangelism and Church Growth**
Explore the theology and principles of evangelism, discipleship, and church growth. (3 credits)
- RELG 5363** **Inductive Bible Study**
A basic course in English Bible study, focusing primarily on the inductive techniques of observation, interpretation, and application in order to enhance one's personal Bible study, small group Bible study, and preparation for teaching and preaching from the Bible. (3 credits)
- RELG 5373** **Biblical Preaching**
A course designed to enhance one's skills in the preparation and delivery of expository and inductive sermons, based on sound exegetical principles and responsible biblical interpretation. (3 credits)
- REGL 5253** **Congregational Life**
Focus is on the functions of ministry in administering the sacraments, celebrating the Christian year, ministering through weddings and funerals, exercising church discipline, and small groups. (3 credits)
- RELG 5303** **Church Finance and Christian Stewardship**
The essentials of church accounting and development of budgets and financial statements for use in decision-making by church leaders. Will include computer applications for the local church. (3 credits)
- RELG 5803** **Ministry for the 21st Century**
A practical application of the information gained throughout the Master of Ministry program. A ministry project will be implemented and reported. (3 credits)

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- RELG 5283** **Spiritual Formation for Ministry**
Examines the theological and practical dimensions of the spiritual life and explores the relationship between spirituality and ministry, especially in the light of gifts and graces, spiritual disciplines, and ministerial functions. (3 credits)
- RELG 5393** **Church Renewal and Revival**
A survey of the way God has moved in the great revivals of the past with a view toward church renewal and revival in the present. (3 credits)
- RELG 5413** **Educational Ministries in the Church**
Examines the role of educational ministries in the total church program and the responsibilities of the pastor as a teacher. Includes studies in teaching, nurturing, facilitating, planning, administering, and coordinating the church's educational ministries. (3 credits)
- RELG 5493** **The Church and Technology**
Examines the use of new technologies for ministry in areas such as communication, record-keeping, and worship in the church. Also explores the impact of these technologies on our society and culture and the implications for ministry. (3 credits)
- RELG 5803** **The Family and the 21st Century**
Explores the sociological, psychological, biblical, and theological dynamics of family life. Focus on equipping church leaders for strategic ministry to families in the congregation. (3 credits)

Admission to the Master of Ministry

1. Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
2. A cumulative grade point average of 2.7 or above (on a scale of 0-4) on all undergraduate course work or on the final 60 hours of undergraduate course work.
3. Active in Christian ministry for at least two years. Lay ministry experience will be evaluated for equivalency.
4. Two letters of recommendation from persons qualified to judge the applicant's moral character, professional expertise, and capacity for graduate level work. One recommendation should come from your local church pastor.
5. Submission of a satisfactory score on the Miller Analogies Test (MAT). (**SEE NOTE ON FOLLOWING PAGE**) (The submission of test scores may be waived in the event that the applicant has already completed a degree at Southern Wesleyan University with a G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher. Submission of test scores will also be waived if the applicant has completed at least 6 credit hours of graduate work from an accredited institution with a G.P.A. of 3.0 of higher.)
6. Admission may be as a degree candidate or as a conditional student. Conditional student status must be removed by the time a student has completed the first six hours of the program.
7. Applicants for whom English is a second language must furnish a score of 500 or greater on the TOEFL examination or equivalent evidence.
8. In all cases, applicants must submit official transcripts of all college level course work both undergraduate and graduate.
9. Submission of a brief biographical sketch including vocational experiences, spiritual journey, and professional goals for the future.
10. Prerequisites or co-requisites of 12 hours of college work in religion, Bible, or ethics. Students lacking pre- or co-requisites should complete them by the time they have completed 18 graduate hours. If you meet the other criteria but do not have the required prerequisites, you may be admitted on a preliminary basis. Southern Wesleyan's Religion faculty will provide counsel to help you to develop an individual plan for meeting the 12-hour requirement.

Academic Requirements

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NOTE: If you need to take the MAT, please contact the testing center at one of the following universities:

USC Spartanburg	864-503-5000
Furman University	864-294-3031
Clemson University	864-656-0515

Admission Status

An applicant denied admission due to failure to meet any of the criteria above may petition the Graduate Admission Committee in writing to request admittance as a conditional student. The committee may admit with special requirements or deny admission based upon individual circumstances. If admitted, the conditional student must meet the special requirements by the time the first six hours taken in the program are complete, thereby removing the conditional status. Generally, this will require completion of documentation and a graduate grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

Graduation Requirements for the Master of Ministry

A student must:

1. Complete the curriculum for the M.Min. (including a major paper or applied research project) with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in a five-year period or less from initial enrollment in the program.
2. Meet residency requirements by attending classes on the Central campus of SWU or at approved remote sites.
3. Pay all tuition and fees.

Any student in the master's program who receives grades for two courses less than 2.7 will meet with the program director and/or Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences or a designate, and if another course grade of 2.7 or lower is earned, will not be permitted to continue the program. Appeals to this policy must be submitted to the Graduate Faculty for consideration.

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Estimated Program Costs*

APPLICATION (only non-refundable fee).....	25.00
TUITION (36 hours)	9,180.00
EDUCATION RESOURCE FEE.....	1,120.00
Includes: Registration, ALL Books, Modules, and Syllabi.	
GRADUATION FEE	80.00
TOTAL.....	\$10,405.00

Cost Per Course

TUITION (3 hour course)	765.00
EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE FEE (Cost Per Course).....	<u>93.33</u>
\$1,120.00 (Educational Resource Fee) ÷ 12 Courses = \$93.33 Per Course	
TOTAL PER COURSE.....	\$858.33

Timetable for Payments

PRE-COURSE FEES (due when you notify us of your intent to take a course)	
Non Refundable tuition deposit.....	100.00
Educational Resource Fee	<u>93.33</u>
	193.33
BALANCE BY BEGINNING OF CLASS.....	<u>665.00</u>
TOTAL PER COURSE.....	\$858.33

* (These Tuition Rates are for the 2009-2010 Academic Year – rates subject to change annually)

Master of Ministry Application Procedures

In order for you to be considered for admission to the Southern Wesleyan University Master of Ministry program, you must be at least twenty-three years of age and have had at least two years of full-time work experience. Also, you must complete each of the following steps:

◆ ***The Application***

Complete the application form and mail it to the address at the bottom of the page, along with a \$25 application fee. Be sure to include a **1-2 page biographical sketch** describing your spiritual journey and explaining how you see the Master of Ministry program further equipping you to fulfill God's call upon your life.

◆ ***Request for Transcripts***

An official transcript from each accredited college you attended should be mailed directly from the school to the Master of Ministry Admissions Office at the address below. Transcript request forms have been provided in your application packet. Mail one to each college you attended with appropriate fee. (Call each college to find out the cost.)

◆ ***Recommendation Forms***

Two recommendation forms are required from persons qualified to judge your professional expertise, character, and capacity for college learning. (One should be from a local church pastor who has observed your ministry.) Forms are in your admissions packet. Have them sent to the M.Min. Office at the address below.

◆ ***Special Instructions***

Include a biographical sketch and listing of ministry positions or pastorates. Veterans must include a copy of your DD-214.

◆ ***Testing Instructions***

The Miller Analogies Test is required of M.Min. applicants. (Submission of scores on the Graduate Record Exam is acceptable in lieu of the MAT.) (The submission of test scores may be waived in the event that the applicant has already completed a degree at Southern Wesleyan University with a G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher. Submission of test scores will also be waived if the applicant has completed at least 12 credit hours of graduate work from an accredited institution with a G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher.)

Once all transcripts and recommendation letters are received, your records will be evaluated and you will receive notification of your status from the Academic Records Office.

When it is determined that you qualify for admission, you will be contacted regarding the registration process for classes in your area.

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Race (for Federal reporting purposes):

- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Black/Non-Hispanic
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- White/Non-Hispanic
- Hispanic

Religious Affiliation:

- Christian
- Non-Religious Affiliation
- Other Faith

Denominational Preference

Are you a citizen of the United States?

- Yes
- No
- Yes
- No

Employment History

Current Employer

Name

Position

Length of Employment

Briefly state job responsibilities:

Ministry Experience:

Previous Employer:

Name

Position

Length of Employment

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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II. Recommendation: To be filled in by reference (not a relative)

- A. How well do you know the applicant? Somewhat Well Very Well
- B. In your opinion, is the applicant qualified for admission to this program? Yes No

Please explain _____

- C. This program requires initiative and the ability to work alone and in a group. Please rank the following criteria for the applicant by checking the appropriate box.

	Unknown	Low	Medium	High
Shows initiative in work				
Ability to get along with others				
Ability to work in a group				
Ability to manage time				
Ability to make applications of theory				
Ability to learn independently				

Please type or print:

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

Position or Title _____

_____ Date

_____ Signature of Reference

Request for Official Transcript

FROM: _____
Student Name Name on transcript if different
(Maiden/Other Name)

Address: _____
City State Zip

TO: _____
School from which transcript is requested

Address: _____
City State Zip

Date of enrollment: _____ No of Official Copies requested: _____

Social Security: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Copy 1 send to: Admissions Office (M. Min.)
P.O. Box 1020
Southern Wesleyan University
Central, SC 29630-1020

Copy 2 send to: Student at above address Amount enclosed: _____

Student signature: _____

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**Southern Wesleyan University
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Schedule of Courses for Central**

Course Number	Title	Dates*	Instructor
RELG 5263 [E2]	Pastoral Counseling	June 5-6; June 26-27; Aug. 7-8, 2009	Wood
RELG 5103 [core]	Theology of Ministry	Aug. 28-29; Oct. 2-3; Nov. 6-7, 2009	Black
RELG 5203 [E2]	Church Finance/Christian Stewardship	Dec. 1-18, 2009; Jan. 4-15, 2010	Accornero
RELG 5363 [core]	Inductive Bible Study	Feb. 26-27; Apr. 2-3; April 30-May 1, 2010	Fipps
RELG 5393 [E1]	Church Renewal and Revival	June 4-5; July 9-10; Aug. 6-7, 2010	Black
RELG 5253 [E3]	Congregational Life	Sept. 3-4 (LD); Oct. 1-2; Nov. 5-6, 2010	Wood
RELG 5373 [E2]	Biblical Preaching	Dec. 3-4, 2010; Jan. 7-8; Feb. 4-5, 2011	TBD
RELG 5403 [E1]	Theology and Practice of Worship	Feb. 25-26; Apr. 1-2; April 29-30, 2011	Black
RELG 5453 [E3]	Evangelism and Church Growth	June 3-4; July 1-2; Aug. 5-6, 2011	TBD
RELG 5283 [core]	Spiritual Formation for Ministry	Sept. 2-3 (LD); Oct. 7-8; Nov. 4-5, 2011	Gonlag
RELG 5203 [E1]	Contemporary Evangelical Theology	Dec. 2-3, 2011; Jan. 6-7, Feb. 3-4, 2012	TBD
RELG 5493 [E3] RELG 5803 [core]]	The Church and Technology Ministry for the 21 st Century [if needed]	Feb. 24-25, Apr. 6-7, April 27-28, 2012	McKenzie Gonlag

Class Location: Southern Wesleyan University
Meeting Days: Friday and Saturday
Meeting Times: Begins Friday @ 6 p.m.

Contact: Dr. Christina Accornero
Telephone: 1-800-282-8798
 Ext. 5226

* Some dates may be subject to change, but adequate notice (minimum 8 weeks) will always be given.

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