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Title: School of Religion

School of Religion

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Associate Professor of Religion

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Assistant Professor of Religion

PURPOSE

The purpose of the School of Religion is to produce Christ-centered leaders with the values, knowledge, and skills required to fulfill the Great Commission.

DEGREE COMPLETION PLANS

Degree Completion Plans for programs offered by the School of Religion can be accessed online at: <http://www.liberty.edu/dcps>.

Department of Church Ministries

Jonathan Geukgeuzian, B.S., M.R.E.

Chair, Department of Church Ministries

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Assistant Professor of Youth Ministries

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Director of Pastoral Leadership

Professor of Biblical Studies and Pastoral Ministries

Monica Rose Brennan, B.S., M.A.R., D.Min.

Director of Women's Ministries

Associate Professor of Church Ministries

Douglas Gilmer, B.S., M.A., M.A.B.C.

Director of Adventure Leadership and Outdoor Ministry

Adjunct Professor

RESIDENTIAL FACULTY

Professor

Adams, Gutierrez, IV, Vandegriff

Associate Professor

Brennan, M, Brown, R.

Assistant Professor
Geukgeuzian

Adjunct Professor
Gilmer

Church Ministries Major (B.S.)

Students majoring in Church Ministries will be well-equipped for a future in vocational ministry. Throughout the program, they will engage in practical ministry experience in local churches and ministries, providing valuable first-hand training for a life devoted to vocational ministry.

PURPOSE

The Department of Church Ministries exists to recruit strategically, equip practically, and challenge biblically those called to Christian Ministry, both in the context of the local church and Christian organizations.

The major in Church Ministries provides an undergraduate degree program for students who are specifically interested in pursuing vocational ministry. The core for this degree program will provide foundational studies and practical training for the broad field of church ministries, while the concentrations will allow students to specialize their skills in particular areas, including Adventure Leadership & Outdoor Ministry, Pastoral Leadership, Women's Ministries, Worship, and Youth Ministries.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to:

1. Biblically justify essential truths of evangelical Christianity.
2. Apply the principles of biblical interpretation.
3. Plan, organize, and develop Christian ministries.
4. Evaluate models of leadership and programs, as well as various philosophies of Christian ministries.

Adventure Leadership and Outdoor Ministry Concentration

- The student will be able to evaluate and demonstrate the skills necessary for constructing a ministry philosophy and programs for outdoor ministry from a biblical worldview.

Pastoral Leadership Concentration

- The student will be able to evaluate and demonstrate the skills necessary for Pastoral ministry.

Women's Ministries Concentration

- The student will be able to evaluate and demonstrate the skills necessary for

evangelizing and discipling women in Christian ministry from a biblical worldview.

Worship Concentration

- The student will be able to compose a philosophy and strategy of worship based on theological principles and the evaluation of various ministry contexts.

Youth Ministries Concentration

- The student will be able to evaluate and demonstrate the skills necessary for engaging and educating adolescents within their culture from a biblical worldview.
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Pastoral Leadership and Biblical Exposition Major (B.A.)

The B.A. in Pastoral Leadership and Biblical Exposition provides thorough preparation in the exposition of biblical scriptures and processing of leadership dynamics. The B.A. in Pastoral Leadership and Biblical Exposition prepares the student to excel in ministry aptitude beyond some entry level seminary students.

PURPOSE

The B.A. in Pastoral Leadership and Biblical Exposition is designed to provide a thorough, biblically-based approach to practical ministry leadership. This program emphasizes sound doctrine and the ability to exposit biblical scriptures from an accurate, conservative, evangelical hermeneutic principle. Building upon the said foundation, the program also focuses on an effective homiletic presentation. Lastly, this program is designed to equip the student with leadership skills that parallel higher levels of leadership study.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to:

1. Articulate and biblically justify essential truths of evangelical Christianity.
 2. Demonstrate knowledge of the structure and content of the Bible.
 3. Provide arguments in defense of a Christian worldview.
 4. Demonstrate competence in the use of sound principles of biblical interpretation.
 5. Apply the techniques of exposition to biblical research and preaching.
 6. Evaluate the ministerial and administrative skills of the pastorate.
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Career Opportunities

Camp Director	Missionary Pastor
Children's Pastor	Senior and Associate Pastor
Children's Director	Women's Ministry Director

Christian Education
Director

Evangelist

Youth Pastor

Minister of Worship and
Music

Top

Programs of Study

Adventure Leadership and Outdoor Ministry Minor

Pastoral Leadership Minor

Women's Ministries Minor

Youth Ministries Minor

Department of Global Studies

Don Fanning, B.A., M.A., M.Div., D.Min.

*Chair, Department of Global Studies
Professor of Global Studies*

Jeffrey Ritchey, B.A., M.A., M.Div., Ph.D.

*Associate Chair, Department of Global Studies
Assistant Professor of Global Studies*

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*Professor
Fanning*

*Associate Professor
Alban, Sr.*

*Assistant Professor
Ritchey*

Global Studies Major (B.S.)

Students majoring in Global Studies will be well-equipped for international engagement. They will learn the skills necessary to thrive, build relationships, and

establish healthy careers in other cultures while developing an understanding of the particular dynamics that are associated with living and working abroad. To help accomplish this goal, the B.S. in Global Studies program requires students to either double-major or minor in another area.

PURPOSE

The B.S. in Global Studies seeks to provide students with a thorough foundation for effective engagement in intercultural careers and service. The program combines a comprehensive theory of global engagement with practical experience, culminating in a semester-long cultural immersion internship.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate competency in cultural adaptation, research, and communication.
2. Employ critical thinking skills in addressing current issues in global engagement.

Top

Program of Study

Global Studies Minor

Department of Biblical and Theological Studies

Ken Cleaver, B.A., Th.M., Ph.D.

*Chair, Department of Biblical and Theological Studies
Associate Professor of Church History and Theology*

Richard Alan Fuhr, B.S., M.A., M.Div., Th.M., Ph.D.

*Director of Biblical Studies
Associate Professor of Religion*

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*Distinguished Professor
Hindson, Towns*

Professor

Borland, Brindle, Fink, P., Fowler, Hartman, Leverett, Price, Willmington, H.

Associate Professor

Cleaver, Croteau, Etzel, Fuhr, Smith, M.

Assistant Professor

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PURPOSE

The Department of Biblical and Theological Studies aims to provide a thorough,

biblically-based, cognitive, and spiritual foundation for students who desire to pursue further academic training at the graduate level or who want to be better prepared for Christian life and service. In the current academic climate, there is a need for individuals who are educated and equipped to speak to foundational doctrinal issues for both academic professionals and lay people from an orthodox, biblically-informed evangelical position. These programs will lay the foundation for students who have an interest in further pursuing development in this area.

Biblical Studies Major (B.A.)

The B.A. in Biblical Studies focuses on foundational studies prior to seminary or graduate programs. This program offers a thorough study of the books, themes, history, and development of the Christian Bible.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to:

1. Biblically justify essential truths of evangelical Christianity.
 2. Apply the principles of biblical interpretation.
 3. Analyze the syntax of biblical Greek.
 4. Analyze the background, theological motifs, literature, and content of the Bible.
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Religious Studies Major (B.S.)

The B.S. major in Religious Studies will provide an undergraduate degree program for students who have a particular interest in pursuing further academic studies in the various religious studies disciplines. Concentrations are offered in Biblical Languages, Global Studies, Jewish Studies, New Testament, Old Testament, and Theology and Apologetics.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to:

1. Biblically justify essential truths of evangelical Christianity.
2. Apply the principles of biblical interpretation.
3. Analyze the major figures, events, and issues within church history.
4. Distinguish between the major religions of the world.

Biblical Languages Concentration

- The student will be able to analyze the syntax of biblical Greek and Hebrew.

Global Studies Concentration

- The student will be able to analyze the essential principles and current issues of global engagement.

Jewish Studies Concentration

- The student will be able to articulate the history of Israel, the biblical promises made to Israel, and the issues affecting the relationship between the church and Israel.

New Testament Concentration

- The student will be able to analyze the background, theological motifs, literature, and content of the New Testament.

Old Testament Concentration

- The student will be able to analyze the background, theological motifs, literature, and content of the Old Testament.

Theology and Apologetics Concentration

- The student will be able to evaluate and defend the major doctrines of and challenges to Christianity.

Career Opportunities

Academic Leadership Christian Educator
Archaeologist Historical Tour Guide
Author Research Assistant
Biblical Translator

Top

Programs of Study

Associate of Arts in Religion

In an effort to meet the educational needs of students who want a university degree, but who do not have desire to complete a four-year bachelor's program, the School of Religion offers the Associate of Arts Degree in Religion. Graduates of this program may transfer their courses into a bachelor's degree program at Liberty if they desire to continue their education.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate competence in the basic biblical and theological concepts of the Bible
2. Analyze theological issues of the present culture.

3. Communicate effectively using appropriate research style and methods.

Program of Study

Biblical Greek Minor

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOME

- The student will be able to translate, parse, identify grammatical constructions, and properly exegete a given passage of the Greek New Testament.
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Biblical Languages Minor

Biblical Studies Minor

Jewish Studies Minor

New Testament Minor

Old Testament Minor

Theology Minor

Theology and Apologetics Minor