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Title: School of Religion

School of Religion

Administration

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Assistant Professor of Religion

Faculty

All faculty are listed at the end of this catalog in the Faculty Roster. There are separate rosters for Full-Time and Part-Time faculty. The entire roster can also be viewed online at <http://www.liberty.edu/index.cfm?action=faculty&PID=19959&CatID=22> where faculty can be searched for by Department.

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/index.cfm?PID=2981>.

Department of Christian Leadership and Church Ministries

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

Chair, Department of Christian Leadership and Church Ministries

Director, Center for Youth Ministries

Associate Professor of Youth Ministries

David Adams, B.D., B.S., M.Ed., Ed.S., Th.M., D.Min.

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

PURPOSE

The Department of Christian Leadership and 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.

Students majoring in Church Ministries or Pastoral Leadership 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.

Career Opportunities

Camp Director	Missionary Pastor
Children's Pastor	Senior and Associate Pastor
Children's Director	Women's Ministry Director
Christian Education Director	Youth Pastor
Evangelist	Minister of Worship and Music

Christian Leadership and Church Ministries Major (B.S.)

The major in Christian Leadership and Church Ministries provides an undergraduate degree program for students who desire Christian leadership development and ministry training in a broader context of the local church, para-church and nonprofit organizations. Additionally, partnership with other schools within Liberty University provides cognates for marketability, based on students' future vocational goals (See cognates). This degree would help students gain the knowledge, values and skills needed for providing Christian leadership in a church and/or para-church vocation.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the BS in Christian Leadership and Church Ministries is to equip students with professional skills in planning, organizing, and developing Christian ministries. In addition, students will develop the ability to evaluate models of leadership, programs, and various philosophies of Christian ministries.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to:

1. Articulate/justify essential truths of Christianity.
2. Demonstrate competence in the use of sound principles of biblical interpretation.
3. Demonstrate professional skill in planning, organizing, and developing Christian ministries.
4. Evaluate models of leadership & programs, as well as various philosophies of Christian ministries.
5. Demonstrate competence in engaging their culture from a biblical worldview of leadership.

Career Opportunities

Ministry Director	Church Administration
Para-church Leadership	Ministry Associate
Ministry roles in bivocational settings	Missionary Pastor Senior and Associate Pastor
Camp Director	Women's Ministry Director
Children's Pastor/Director	Youth Pastor
Christian Education Director	Next Generation Pastor
Evangelist	Media Ministry

Program of Study

Cognates

Pastoral Leadership Major (B.S.)

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

PURPOSE

The B.S. in Pastoral Leadership 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. Evaluate and demonstrate the skills necessary for Pastoral ministry.
 2. Plan, organize, and develop Christian ministries.
 3. Biblically justify essential truths of evangelical Christianity.
 4. Apply the principles of biblical interpretation.
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Program of Study

Youth Ministries Major (B.S.)

The BS in Youth Ministries degree equips students who desire training in Youth Ministries for the local church and in the broader context of para-church and nonprofit organizations. This degree will help the student gain the knowledge, values and skills needed for providing Youth Ministries in a church and para-church vocation. Additionally, partnership with other schools within Liberty University provides cognates for marketability, based on students' future vocational goals (See cognates).

PURPOSE

The purpose of the BS in Youth Ministries degree is to equip students to demonstrate competence in engaging and educating adolescents within their culture from a biblical worldview. This program also equips students to demonstrate professional skills in planning, organizing, and developing Christian youth ministries.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to:

1. Articulate/justify essential truths of Christianity.
2. Demonstrate competence in the use of sound principles in biblical interpretation.
3. Demonstrate professional skill in planning, organizing, and developing Christian youth ministries.
4. Evaluate models of leadership and programs, as well as various philosophies of Christian youth ministries.
5. Demonstrate competence in engaging and educating adolescents within their culture from a biblical worldview.

Career Opportunities

Youth Ministry Director	Church Administration
Para-church Leadership Ministry roled in bivocational settings	Ministry Associate
Youth Camp Director	Associate Pastor
	Next Generation Pastor

Children's Pastor/Director Media Ministry
College Ministry
Pastor/Director

Programs of Study

Cognates

Adventure Leadership and Outdoor Ministry Minor

Pastoral Leadership Minor

Women's Ministries Minor

Youth Ministries Minor

Expositional Preaching Minor

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to deliver an expository sermon, from different genres, for the purpose of Christ-centered proclamation.

Department of Global Studies

Melody Harper, B.A., M.S.W., M.A.

Chair, Department of Global Studies

Assistant 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

Faculty

RESIDENTIAL - FULL-TIME

Associate Professor

Alban, Sr.

Assistant Professor
Harper; 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.
3. Analyze essential principles of effective global engagement.

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Program of Study

Global Studies Minor

Department of Biblical & Theological Studies

Mark Allen, B.A., Th.M., D.Min., Ph.D.
Chair, Department of Biblical & Theological Studies
Associate Professor of Religion

Richard Alan Fuhr, B.S., M.A., M.Div., Th.M., Ph.D.
Director of Biblical Studies
Associate Professor of Religion

Faculty

RESIDENTIAL - FULL-TIME

Distinguished Professor

Hindson

Professor

Borland; Brindle; Fowler; Hartman; Leverett; Price; Wilmington, H.

Associate Professor

Allen; Cleaver; Etzel; Fuhr; Smith, M.

Assistant Professor

Love

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.

Career Opportunities

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

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.

PURPOSE

The B.A. in Biblical Studies is a well-rounded degree that seeks to provide students with a foundation in Old Testament, New Testament, biblical languages, biblical backgrounds, hermeneutical methodology. This purpose is accomplished with a view to preparing students for their chosen vocation and to equipping them to engage the culture relevantly with the truth of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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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Program of Study

Top

Religious Studies Major (B.S.)

The B.S. in Religious Studies major 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.

PURPOSE

The B.S. in Religious Studies seeks to provide the student with a general knowledge of the Bible, church history, apologetics, and hermeneutical methodology, while allowing these students to focus on one of six concentrations: Biblical Languages; Jewish Studies; Old Testament; New Testament; Theology and Apologetics; and Global Studies. This purpose is accomplished with a view to preparing students for their chosen vocation and to equipping them to engage the culture relevantly with the truth of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to: The B.S. in Religious Studies seeks to provide the student with a general knowledge of the Bible, church history, apologetics, and hermeneutical methodology, while allowing these students to focus on one of six concentrations: Biblical Languages; Jewish Studies; Old Testament; New Testament; Theology and Apologetics; and Global Studies. This purpose is accomplished with a view to preparing students for their chosen vocation and to equipping them to engage the culture relevantly with the truth of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.
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Programs of Study

Concentrations

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.

Biblical Languages Minor

Biblical Studies Minor

Jewish Studies Minor

New Testament Minor

Old Testament Minor

Theology Minor

Theology and Apologetics Minor