

PASTORAL MINISTRY (PM)

PM 4200 Pastoral Ministry (3 credit hours)

A practical course to help the student prepare for ministry in the church. It deals with the administration of the ordinances, conducting marriages and funerals, leading the church through committees and business, and other related matters.

PM 4270 Leadership Development (3 credit hours)

A study of leadership development. Emphasis is given to leadership theory, theorists, and the practice of leadership development.

PM 4300 Spiritual Formation (3 credit hours)

A theological and practical course designed to aid the student to understand the spiritual character development required for effective spiritual ministry. The course emphasizes the development of spiritual vitality through Bible study, prayer, and devotional reading.

PM 4301 Christian Discipleship (3 credit hours)

This course is designed to develop discipleship and mentoring skills for implementation in ministry settings. Using biblical and theological principles, students will examine Christian discipleship issues, methods, and practices as a necessary function of the Christian life. An emphasis will be placed on personal spiritual growth through discipleship.

PM 4302 Contemporary Worldview (3 credit hours)

An introduction to major worldview types, including a study of the elements and formation processes involved in worldviews.

PM 4304 Religion in the Public Square (3 credit hours)

An introduction to key issues connecting religion and political thought, such as the nature of government, the historic role of politics, and the relationship between religion and political issues. Special consideration is given to the relationship between church and state and the crisis of moral authority in American society.

PM 4306 Contemporary Issues in the Church (3 credit hours)

An introduction to recent theological and ministry trends within the local church. The course will focus upon new theological issues as well as the interaction between theology and culture. Special emphasis will be given to the relationship of theology to popular culture within the context of a local church.

PM 7200 Pastoral Ministry (3 credit hours)

A practical course to help the student prepare for ministry in the church. It addresses routine pastoral functions, the administration of the ordinances, conducting of marriages and funerals, leadership/organization within the local church and other related matters.

PM 7270 Leadership Development (3 credit hours)

A study of leadership development. Emphasis is given to leadership theory, theorists, and the practice of leadership development.

PM 7280 Introduction to Ethics (3 credit hours)

A study of the Christian responses to the ethical problems of society in light of the moral teachings of the Bible. The emphasis of the course is on what it means to live as a responsible disciple of Jesus in the world.

PM 7290 Pastoral Practicum 1 (3 credit hours)

The Pastoral Ministry Practicum 1 at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary seeks to provide interns with on-the-field training under a school authorized seasoned pastor. Interns will receive mentoring by a pastor that includes the following: participation in regular meetings led by the pastor (worship services, business meetings, funerals, weddings, deacons meetings, staff meetings), critiquing and developing expository sermons under the direction of the pastor, reviewing books, accompanying the mentoring pastor on evangelistic and hospital visits, accountability/devotional time with the pastor, and the construction of a philosophy of ministry paper under the guidance of the pastor.

PM 7291 Pastoral Practicum 2 (3 credit hours)

The Pastoral Ministry Practicum 2 seeks to provide students with on-the-field training under a school authorized seasoned biblical counselor over a two-month period. The protégé will receive instruction by a biblical counselor that includes the following: observe and participate in counseling sessions at Bellevue Baptist Church, benefit from debriefing sessions, develop a manual based on the counseling and debriefing sessions for future reference, and learn best practices in assigning homework and in developing discernment in what counseling resource material to recommend to counselees.

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PM 7308 Pastoral Ministry Capstone (3 credit hours)

The purpose of the Pastoral Ministry Capstone course is to help the student to encapsulate in theory and practice the core elements of his field of study. The aim is to help the student to distill the curriculum into a coherent applicable pastoral ministry.

PM 9861 Ethical Dimensions of Pastoral Ministry (4 credit hours)

An examination of biblical ethics in application to contemporary preaching and Pastoral Ministry. The seminar explores the moral teaching of the Scriptures and the ethical demands of discipleship in the context of contemporary culture and examines the pastoral response.