

Pastoral Leadership Academy

The order of classes for Pastoral Leadership Academy provides a logical progression: foundational courses that develop personal and ministerial skills, specialized topics, and advanced strategic and practical application courses.

A. Foundational Courses

These courses establish the theological, personal, and ministerial foundation necessary for pastoral work.

1. Spiritual Formation

- Focus on personal spiritual growth and character development as a basis for ministry.

2. Psychology and Christianity

- Understanding human behavior and mental health through a biblical lens.

3. Apologetics

- Developing the ability to defend and articulate the Christian faith effectively.

4. Romans and the Revelation

- Presents the gospel as God's saving power, explains humanity's need, justification by faith, life in the Spirit, God's faithfulness, and the transformed life of the church. Unveils the risen Christ, calls the churches to faithful witness, exposes idolatrous powers, and announces the final victory of God and the Lamb.

B. Core Ministry Skills

These courses equip students with the skills needed to minister effectively to specific groups and contexts.

1. Youth Ministry

- Building a foundation for engaging with and discipling the next generation.

2. Conflict Resolution

- Handling interpersonal and organizational challenges within the church.

3. Trauma-Informed Ministry

- Equipping students to provide compassionate care for individuals experiencing trauma.

C. Church Leadership and Development

Courses in this section focus on developing and managing ministry structures and outreach.

1. Building a Pastoral Staff

- Creating and leading a cohesive and effective pastoral team.

2. Non-Profit Business

- Understanding the operational and financial aspects of running a church or ministry.

3. Church Growth

- Strategies for spiritual, numerical, and missional growth in the church.

4. Marketing and Ministry

- Leveraging communication and branding to reach and engage communities.

5. Strategic Church

- Developing long-term vision and strategies for sustainable ministry.

D. Specialized Ministry Topics

These courses address specific areas of ministry focus and outreach.

1. Social Justice

- Engaging with issues of equity, advocacy, and community transformation.

2. Church and Law

- Understanding legal principles related to church governance and ministry practices.

3. Digital Ministry

- Utilizing technology and digital platforms to expand ministry reach.

4. Chaplaincy

- Preparing for ministry in specialized contexts such as healthcare, the military, or prisons.

E. Advanced Application

These courses focus on starting new ministries and implementing learned skills.

1. Church Planting

- Equipping students to establish and grow new congregations.

2. Project/Practicum

- A hands-on experience or comprehensive project demonstrating mastery of pastor's leadership academy principles.