

Master of Arts (MA), Christian Leadership & Community Engagement - 30 Credit Hours

In these times of rapid cultural and economic change, effective Christian leaders must be able to maintain focus on the mission, mobilize people in pursuit of that vision, and facilitate the execution of strategies that accomplish the mission. It's a tall order. It requires extraordinary leadership. The Christian Leadership program uses a dynamic integrated learning framework to equip leaders for real-time faith-driven skill development to meet that challenge in any organization and leadership role.

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the **MA Christian Leadership** program, students will be equipped to exercise effective leadership within an organization across an intentional framework of mission-driven leadership skills. Success will be demonstrated in the exercise of the following competencies:

1. Exercise of mission-driven leadership that encourages and facilitates collaborative learning at all levels of the organization.
2. Application of a solid understanding of organizations that creates and maintains a productive community of learners.
3. Development of comprehensive organizational strategies using skills in evaluation, adaptation and integration of new and existing strategies for efficient and effective pursuit of organizational goals.
4. Recruitment, development, and mobilization of employees and volunteers as effective teams.
5. Coordination of board and administrative team activities for creation and maintenance of maximum organizational productivity.
6. Effective and prudent planning and oversight of all financial aspects of a nonprofit organization.
7. Development and management of a comprehensive, responsible risk management policy.

Christian Leadership & Community Engagement

Total Credit Hours: 30

Program Length: 1.5–2 years

Delivery: Online

CORE LEADERSHIP & THEOLOGICAL COURSES (15 Credits)

CCL500 – Foundations of Christian Leadership (3 credits)

Introduces core principles of Christian leadership rooted in Scripture, theology, and the example of Christ. Students explore the leader's character, calling, and spiritual formation, while developing a biblical philosophy of leadership.

CCL510 – Theology of Leadership & Servanthood (3 credits)

Explores the theological foundations of leadership, focusing on themes such as humility, stewardship, and the servant-leader model of Jesus. Students examine how theology shapes leadership practice in both church and public life.

CCL520 – Biblical Justice, Compassion, & Social Ethics (3 credits)

Engages with biblical teachings on justice, mercy, and compassion, and their implications for social ethics. Topics include poverty, systemic injustice, creation care, and the church's role in shaping a just society.

CCL530 – Leadership Communication & Strategic Influence (3 credits)

Equips students with advanced skills in strategic communication, vision casting, storytelling, and public discourse. Emphasizes integrity, persuasion, and cultural intelligence in influencing teams and communities.

CCL540 – Organizational Leadership & Church Administration (3 credits)

Covers the essential skills needed to lead organizations and ministries effectively. Topics include governance, financial oversight, change management, team building, and mission-aligned decision-making.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & MINISTRY FOCUS
(9 Credits)****CCE600 – Community Development & Public Theology (3 credits)**

Examines the theological foundations of community engagement and public witness. Students explore asset-based community development, civic responsibility, and how faith informs urban renewal and neighborhood transformation.

CCE610 – Leading Nonprofits, NGOs, and Faith-Based Movements (3 credits)

Prepares students to lead in nonprofit and faith-based sectors. Topics include program development, strategic planning, partnerships, fundraising, and advocacy for justice and social change.

CCE620 – Advocacy, Cultural Intelligence & Civic Engagement (3 credits)

Focuses on equipping students for cross-cultural leadership and public advocacy. Emphasizes cultural humility, intercultural communication, and practical strategies for engaging civic issues through a gospel-centered lens.



CAPSTONE / FIELD PROJECT (6 Credits)

CCE695 – Leadership Field Internship or Practicum (3 credits)

Provides hands-on leadership experience in a supervised ministry, nonprofit, or civic setting. Students integrate classroom knowledge with real-world application, reflect on their leadership approach, and receive structured mentorship.

CCE699 – Capstone Project: Integrative Leadership Strategy (3 credits)

Serves as the culminating academic project in which students design a comprehensive leadership initiative or strategy addressing a real issue in ministry or community. Includes research, planning, theological integration, and a formal presentation.

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