

Bachelor of Science in Christian Leadership & Community Engagement

Total Program Hours: 120 Credit Hours

The purpose of NBCU's BS Christian Leadership program is to **develop the core character and capacity to lead an organization** that is anchored to its mission, that mobilizes an effective organizational team and equips them to accomplish the mission for which the organization exists within an organizational infrastructure that is well-tuned to accomplish that mission. The BS Christian Leadership program offers the opportunity to select a specialized concentration in **Camp Ministry, Intercultural Ministry, or Youth Ministry**. **Students who complete this degree program will be able to:**

1. Develop a biblical hermeneutic approach that engages the Scriptures as the authoritative power for life and practice.
2. Apply exegetical skills to Scripture for a clear understanding of what the text says, what it means, and its implications for life.
3. Systematically question and analyze problems, issues and beliefs.
4. Venture beyond established patterns of thought in imaginative and creative ways.
5. Exercise leadership encourages and facilitates collaborative learning at all levels of the organization.
6. Apply a solid understanding of organizations that creates and maintains a productive community of growth-oriented learners.
7. Develop comprehensive strategies using skills in evaluation, adaptation, and integration of new and existing strategies for the efficient and effective pursuit of organizational goals.
8. Recruit, develop, and mobilize staff and volunteers as effective teams.

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Program Length: Typically 4 years (8 semesters)

Delivery: Online



GENERAL EDUCATION (36 Credits)

ENG101 – How to Write a Speech I (3 credits)

Introduces fundamental writing and organizational techniques for speech preparation. Focuses on clarity, structure, biblical content integration, and effective written communication.

ENG102 – How to Write a Speech II (3 credits)

Builds on ENG101 by developing advanced writing and rhetorical strategies for persuasive and inspirational speeches in ministry and public contexts.

COM101 – Public Speaking in a Congregation (3 credits)

Equips students with techniques for effective verbal communication in worship and ministry settings. Emphasizes sermon structure, storytelling, and audience engagement.

MAT101 – Church Finances – Proper Counting (3 credits)

Covers essential financial principles for churches and ministries including budgeting, stewardship, transparency, and legal compliance from a biblical ethics perspective.

SCI101 – Science and Theology (4 credits)

Explores the relationship between scientific discovery and Christian faith. Engages with creation, human origin, environmental ethics, and scientific inquiry through a theological lens.

HIS201 – History of the Church (3 credits)

Traces key movements, figures, and events in the history of Christianity. Students examine doctrinal development, denominational growth, and the church's social impact.

PHI201 – Philosophy of Religion (3 credits)

Introduces philosophical concepts and arguments related to faith, reason, the existence of God, and moral responsibility. Encourages critical engagement with diverse worldviews.

PSY101 – Pastoral Psychology (3 credits)

Studies the psychological foundations relevant to ministry and pastoral care, including mental health, crisis support, emotional intelligence, and counseling principles.

SOC101 – The Church and Community Today (3 credits)

Analyzes the social role of the church in modern society. Topics include diversity, inclusion, cultural engagement, and the church's response to contemporary social challenges.

CSC101 – Digital Communication in the Church (2 credits)

Prepares students to use digital tools such as social media, websites, and livestreaming to communicate effectively in ministry settings and expand the church's digital footprint.

HUM201 – World Religions (3 credits)

Presents an overview of major world religions and spiritual traditions. Students examine beliefs, practices, and how to engage followers of other faiths with gospel-centered respect.

ETH301 – Religious Social Ethics (3 credits)

Explores ethical frameworks within the Christian tradition related to justice, moral responsibility, cultural issues, and public engagement.

**BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL CORE (24 Credits)**

BIB101 – Old Testament Survey (3 credits)

Provides a broad overview of the Old Testament's structure, themes, and historical context. Emphasizes God's covenantal work and redemptive plan throughout the Hebrew Scriptures.

BIB102 – New Testament Survey (3 credits)

Surveys the books of the New Testament, focusing on the life of Jesus, the early church, and apostolic teachings. Examines the continuing story of redemption.

BIB201 – Biblical Interpretation (Hermeneutics) (3 credits)

Teaches principles and methods for interpreting Scripture responsibly. Focuses on historical-grammatical method, genre analysis, and application for preaching and teaching.

THE201 – Christian Theology I (3 credits)

Introduces core doctrines of the Christian faith including the nature of God, the Trinity, revelation, and human beings as image-bearers of God.

THE202 – Christian Theology II (3 credits)

Continues THE201 with topics such as Christology, soteriology, pneumatology, ecclesiology, and eschatology. Emphasizes biblical grounding and doctrinal clarity.

BIB310 – Life of Christ & the Gospels (3 credits)

Focuses on the person, work, and teachings of Jesus through the four Gospels. Emphasizes the kingdom of God and Jesus' model of leadership and compassion.

BIB350 – Biblical Leadership Principles (3 credits)

Examines leadership models in Scripture from Moses to Paul. Students explore biblical authority, servant leadership, and character development for Christian leaders.

THE410 – Theology of Justice & Reconciliation (3 credits)

Explores biblical teachings on justice, mercy, and reconciliation. Students examine theological responses to systemic injustice, racism, and social fragmentation.

**LEADERSHIP & MINISTRY STUDIES (24 Credits)****MIN201 – Foundations of Christian Leadership (3 credits)**

Introduces the biblical and theological foundation for leadership. Topics include calling, character, vision, and leadership models shaped by Christ's example.

MIN301 – Servant Leadership & Church Ministry (3 credits)

Explores principles of servant leadership and how they apply to local church ministry. Emphasizes humility, empowerment, and spiritual authority.

MIN320 – Leading Volunteers & Teams (3 credits)

Focuses on recruiting, training, and equipping volunteers. Teaches team-building, delegation, and motivation rooted in biblical community.

MIN330 – Teaching & Preaching in Community Contexts (3 credits)

Covers homiletics and pedagogy for various audiences. Students learn to communicate the Word of God with cultural relevance and theological depth.

MIN340 – Conflict Resolution & Peacemaking (3 credits)

Equips students with biblical models for resolving interpersonal and organizational conflict. Emphasizes forgiveness, restoration, and peacebuilding.

MIN401 – Organizational Leadership & Change (3 credits)

Studies leadership dynamics in organizational settings. Covers strategic planning, change management, and leading through transitions with integrity.

MIN402 – Nonprofit Administration & Fundraising (3 credits)

Prepares students to lead faith-based nonprofits with excellence. Topics include governance, legal frameworks, donor development, and financial accountability.

MIN415 – Spiritual Formation & Discipleship (3 credits)

Explores practices and principles of lifelong spiritual growth. Topics include personal disciplines, mentoring, and discipleship in diverse ministry settings.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SERVICE (18 Credits)****CCE301 – Christian Social Responsibility (3 credits)**

Examines the Christian's responsibility to engage society with compassion and justice. Topics include civic participation, care for the vulnerable, and biblical stewardship.

CCE302 – Community Development & Urban Ministry (3 credits)

Explores models for community transformation through ministry in urban and marginalized settings. Includes practical tools for engagement and sustainability.

CCE303 – Advocacy, Justice, & Public Theology (3 credits)

Engages theological foundations for advocacy and public witness. Students examine how faith informs engagement with law, government, and social systems.

CCE304 – Global Missions & Cross-Cultural Ministry (3 credits)

Focuses on the biblical call to global missions. Topics include missiology, culture shock, contextualization, and short- and long-term mission strategies.

CCE305 – Poverty, Inequality & Faith-Based Action (3 credits)

Analyzes the roots of poverty and inequality from biblical, economic, and sociological perspectives. Students develop faith-based responses to systemic issues.

CCE306 – Community-Based Research & Evaluation (3 credits)

Introduces research methods for evaluating ministry and service programs. Students learn to collect data, assess impact, and propose strategic improvements.

ELECTIVES OR CONCENTRATION (12 Credits)

Students may specialize in one of the following areas or choose from approved electives:

- **Biblical Counseling** – Explore pastoral care, crisis support, and emotional healing through Scripture.
- **Youth & Family Ministry** – Learn how to disciple and lead families and the next generation.
- **Business & Leadership** – Integrate marketplace leadership with ministry principles.
- **Intercultural Studies** – Prepare for global ministry with cross-cultural training.
- **Worship & the Arts** – Develop skills in music, creative expression, and liturgical leadership.

(Individual course descriptions available upon concentration selection.)



CAPSTONE / INTERNSHIP (6 Credits)

CCE495 – Leadership Field Internship (3 credits)

Provides supervised, hands-on ministry experience in a local church, nonprofit, or mission organization. Emphasizes practical skill development and reflective learning.

CCE499 – Capstone: Faith & Public Life Project (3 credits)

Students complete a culminating project integrating theology, leadership, and service in a real-world context. May include research, ministry planning, or a public presentation.