

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MINISTRY / MULTIDISCIPLINARY (BAM/ML)

Course Requirements (129 credits total)

Introduction

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The Bachelor of Arts in Ministry / Multidisciplinary Studies is a four year program designed to build your confidence to minister in any environment, providing you with an in-depth knowledge of Bible and practical leadership skills to equip others for ministry.

This program will be attractive to those who would like to train for a ministry career but who do not "fit" in the majors offered in the other BA Ministry offerings. You are able to choose from several disciplines including Bible/Theology, Intercultural Studies, Outdoor Leadership, Pastoral, Sport Management, Teaching or Youth.

Some career examples include students preparing to work with youth in an outdoor leadership setting, those who would like to prepare for a short term goal and long term direction (e.g. youth pastor for the immediate but future as a senior pastor), those entering ministry as a second career, students already in vocational ministry who would like formal education with emphasis in several areas. This program is ideal for women who either personally or in terms of their denominational affiliation/background may be hesitant to pursue a pastoral-type program and yet they really feel God is calling them to some form of local church ministry.

You may take this degree entirely on our campus or through an Extended Experiential Learning Option off campus with the inclusion of a one-year internship.

The Multidisciplinary Program is:

- For people who would like to prepare for Master's level education.
- Excellently suited for the person preparing for a second career.
- For persons who are already in vocational ministry who would like formal education.
- For people desiring education in several concentrations.
- For ministry preparation with breadth and flexibility of program.

BAM Program Objectives

The Bachelor of Arts in Ministry program will equip you to:

1. Value, study, understand, and interpret Scripture for personal growth as well as ministry effectiveness.
2. Grow in spiritual vitality and Christian maturity within the pressure and demands of life and ministry.
3. Appreciate and understand the Body of Christ and prepare to assume your responsibility in the Church as expressed in the local congregation.
4. Prepare for a God honouring life of service to kingdom work regardless of your vocational calling.
5. Discover and develop your God given servant design (e.g. spiritual gifts, ministry passion) and ministry skills to maximize your effectiveness for Christian service.
6. Participate in God's global mission of disseminating the Gospel.
7. Invest in a relational community of intentional discipleship and accountability to build the people of God.
8. Develop a God centered dependence, faith, and humility necessary for Christian life and ministry.
9. Serve with foundational skills in a vocational ministry through training provided in the major programs offered.

Multidisciplinary Program outcomes:

- Develop breadth and depth of Bible/Theological foundation (42 credit hours minimum) for personal growth, teaching/preaching ministry, and/or further education.
- Grow foundational understanding in and practice of Christian ministry philosophy and teaching competencies.
- Expand your understanding of and commitment to the nature, structure, and purposes of the church as expressed in the local congregation.
- Involvement in practical experiences to develop ministry competencies (depending on the selection of courses for your major). These experiences also enhance the classroom education in assisting you to reflect theologically about teaching issues.
- Cultivate educational breadth through the Arts and Science core courses (36 credit hours).
- Nurture spiritual maturity as well as skills for continued spiritual formation within the demands of life and ministry.
- This program provides flexibility by enabling you to combine two areas of study within your major (Bible/Theology, Inter-cultural, Pastoral, SPORT, Teaching, Youth, Outdoor Education).

Expanded Opportunities

Your BAM degree will open doors to skilled service as a church worker, church planter, church educational program leader, worship leader, pastor, youth worker, camp leader, or numerous other roles within a church or para-ministry setting. Your degree lays the foundation for graduate studies in ministry, theological studies, missiology or divinity. The BAM program can also be completed entirely through Prairie Distance Education (some course listings may differ). Call toll-free for the Distance Education program outline (1-800-785-4226), or send an e-mail to distanced@prairie.edu

Program Requirements

All courses are three credits unless shown otherwise.

BIBLE & THEOLOGY MAJOR (42 credit hours)

BI 101 Introduction to the Old Testament
 BI 102 Introduction to the New Testament
 BI 108 Introduction to Biblical Interpretation
 TH 100 Introduction to Christian Theology
 Two Bible electives
 Two Theology electives
 Two Bible, Theology or Biblical Languages electives
 Two Bible or Theology electives (300 level or above)
 Two Bible or Theology electives (400 level)

ARTS & SCIENCES CORE (36 credit hours)

EN 101 Introduction to Writing & Research
 Anthropology, Psychology or Sociology elective
 Computer Science or Mathematics elective
 Four Arts & Sciences electives (any level)
 Three Arts & Sciences electives (200 level or above)
 Arts & Sciences elective (300 level or above)
 AS 400 Integrative Seminar

CHURCH AND MINISTRY CORE (15 credit hours)

CMFX 100 God's Mission for the Church

CMFX 105 Spiritual Formation and the Church

CMFX 200 The Worship of the Church

CMFX 300 The Community and Function of the Church

CMFX 400 Mobilizing the Church

ELECTIVES (6 credit hours)

Two electives

MAJOR (30 credit hours)

Discipline #1: Intercultural Studies, Outdoor Leadership, Pastoral, Sports Management, Teaching, or Youth

Elective from chosen area (any level)

Elective from chosen area (200 level or above)

Two electives from chosen area (300 level or above)

FEFX 4xx Practicum from chosen area

Discipline #2: Bible/Theology, Intercultural Studies, Outdoor Leadership, Pastoral, Sports Management, Teaching or Youth

Elective from chosen area (any level)

Two electives from chosen area (200 level or above)

Two electives from chosen area (300 level or above)

Notes:

- *Students preparing for seminary are strongly recommended to take Biblical Greek (BL 210 & BL 211)*
- *Arts & Sciences courses include anthropology (AN), English (EN), history (HI), Mathematics (MA), philosophy (PH), physical education (PE), psychology (PS) and sociology (SO).*
- *Intercultural Studies, Pastoral, Teaching and Youth require IS 100, PA 160, ED 120, YO 150 respectively. Pastoral, Sports and Youth require FE 401 in Discipline #1. Sports Management requires ED 430*