OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY
LEAP
Adult Degree Completion Program

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE:

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Where can a Christian go for a Christian perspective on leading and managing within church organizations and ministries and at the same time learn more about the Bible and Christian ministry? The answer is Oakwood University's Church Leadership degree. Church Leadership is designed to enable those whose lives and interests are intertwined with church and religious pursuits to obtain a 4-year degree in their area of primary interest. Furthermore, the strategic thinking and planning skills they develop in the program can be invaluable in other areas of work and professional life. The degree is offered in a blended online format in order to combine the benefits of onsite learning with the convenience and flexibility of online learning.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS | CHURCH LEADERSHIP

LD 300 3 hours
Foundational Theories of Leadership Principles
This course explores a range of theories of leadership. It engages the students in acquiring knowledge of leadership principles in the area of the definition and meaning of leadership, expectations for and functions of a leader, and qualifications and skills essential for effective leadership.

RG 203 2 hours
Foundations in Biblical Spirituality
This course is a biblical, theological, historical, and practical study of spiritual formation for ministry. Students examine and engage in the spiritual disciplines foundational to a strong devotional life and Christian service. Emphasis is given to the relationship between personal, corporate, and social spirituality, particularly the role of a spiritual guide in the development of spiritual formation in others. Laboratory work is required.

OM 305 3 hours
Group & Organizational Dynamics
OM 305 is a study of group behavior and how group functioning affects organizational effectiveness. Emphasis is placed on decision-making and conflict resolution. Students develop strategies for effective and productive group management and for determining which tasks are best handled by a group or an individual. The focus of this course is church-related contexts.

LD 310 3 hours
Communication Strategies in Leadership
Effective communication is one of the most important aspects of successful leadership in any organizational context or venue in society. In this course, emphasis is placed on a knowledge and understanding of communication models, practices, strategies and techniques illustrating and referencing historical and contemporary leaders in the context of leadership.

Church Leadership Requirements

Total General Education Requirements	**45 hours**
Adult Education Orientation Seminar	1 semester hour
Computer and Health	5 semester hours
Humanities	15 semester hours
Natural Science and Math	9 semester hours
Religion	6 semester hours
Social and Behavioral Sciences	9 semester hours
Elective Credits	**47 hours**
Church Leadership Credits	**36 hours**
Total Degree Requirements for Graduation	**128 hours**

> " Make sure that you are ready to learn and are committed to achieving your goal. There will be long nights and lots of praying and hard work, but it's worth it all in the end of your 18-month journey. "

—TYRAN BONE, 2011 LEAP GRADUATE

PY 201 3 hours
Psychology of Religion
This course is a study of the psychological aspects of religion and an analysis of several systems in psychology from a Christian perspective, using the writings of Christian authors.

RT 322 2 hours
World Religions
RT 322 is a survey of the development, beliefs, worldviews, and practices of the religions of the world as well as modern religious movements. Special emphasis is placed on their relationship with Christianity.

RT 421 3 hours
Christian Theology
In this course, an introductory survey of the development of Christian thought from A.D. 100 to 1300 is offered. Treatment is given to the task of theology, theological principles and methods, and biblical critique of theological ideas. Dogmatic categories include theology, Christology, pneumatology, anthropology, soteriology, ecclesiology, and eschatology. Students explore the relevance of theological reflection for modern church and society.

RG 202 3 hours
Fundamentals of SDA Beliefs
The course explores the fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist church from a biblical and historical perspective. Emphasis is placed on landmark beliefs and apocalyptic heritage.

PY 331 3 hours
Group Dynamics
Group Dynamics is a study of the dynamics of groups, with special emphasis being placed upon patterns of leadership, solidarity, cohesion, conflict, accommodation, and cooperation.

RP 231 2 hours
Personal Evangelism
Personal Evangelism is an introduction to Christian discipleship. Students examine biblical and theological foundations of discipleship as demonstrated in the ministry of Christ. Emphasis is given to the development of interpersonal skills for witnessing. Students learn to prepare and present Bible studies and train laity for discipleship. Field education is required.

RP 341 3 hours
Biblical Preaching I
The course is an introduction to the biblical and theological foundations, principles, and methods of Christ-centered preaching. Students review biblical hermeneutics for application to preaching. Attention is given to personal preparation, sermon development and delivery, and biblical preaching in the Seventh-day Adventist and Black traditions. Special emphasis is placed on Christ as the content of biblical preaching.

RP 442 3 hours
Public Evangelism & Church Growth
This course is an introduction to public evangelism and church growth with an emphasis on developing skills for practice. Students examine the biblical and theological foundations of public evangelism and church growth as demonstrated in the ministry of Christ. Traditional and non-traditional approaches are explored. Special emphasis is given to the role of the laity in successful public evangelism and church growth. Field education is required.

LD 320 3 hours
Applied Leadership in Organizational Change
This course focuses on the expectations and implementations of the leader's role and responsibility in facilitating and managing organizational change and the organizational climate with application in business, community, government, or religious or social organizations. Topics explored include diversity, ethics, organizational behavior, power and influence, motivation, politics and stakeholder relationships.

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