



SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY & MINISTRY

PASTORAL MINISTRY

— FOUR-YEAR PLAN —

ABOUT

In the School of Theology and Ministry at Southern Nazarene University, we are committed to equipping students to pursue their God-given call to ministry. Our Pastoral Ministry degree offers a solid biblical and theological foundation that prepares students to navigate the complexities of modern ministry with confidence and humility. This degree is ideal for those pursuing pastoral roles in local churches, non-profits, chaplaincy, or Christian higher education. With a robust academic core, our program integrates hands-on learning through our Ministerial Intern Program, providing real-world ministry experience alongside dedicated mentoring from faculty and local church pastors.

WHY CHOOSE SNU?

With personalized mentorships and small class sizes, students build lasting relationships with a strong sense of community with their peers, professors, and experienced pastors who are invested in their growth. Our ministerial internship programs give students valuable hands-on ministry opportunities. Upon completion of the Pastoral Ministry degree, all of the educational requirements for ordination in the Church of the Nazarene will be fulfilled.



DEGREE PLAN

FRESHMAN YEAR

Fall Semester

Christian Faith and Life
Introduction to Ministry

Spring Semester

Old Testament Literature & Life
Introduction to Biblical Languages
Introduction to Christian Missions

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Fall Semester

Greek or Hebrew
New Testament Literature & Life
Philosophy for Theological Studies
Methods of Biblical Study

Spring Semester

Introduction to Theology
Greek or Hebrew
History and Polity of the
Nazarene Church

JUNIOR YEAR

Fall Semester

Introduction to Church History
Biblical Theology
New Testament Exegesis Elective

Spring Semester

Old Testament Exegesis Elective
Evangelism and Discipleship
Special Topics in Church History
Survey of Worship

SENIOR YEAR

Fall Semester

Fundamentals of Preaching
Pastoral Leadership and
Team Building
Doctrine of Holiness
Systematic Theology I

Spring Semester

Senior Colloquium
Systematic Theology II
Church Administration
Pastoral Care and Counseling



GENERAL EDUCATION

General Education forms the foundation of every student's academic journey at SNU. As a Christian liberal arts university, we are committed to equipping students with the knowledge, values, and skills essential for their development as both thoughtful Christians and engaged community leaders. Our General Education curriculum is intentionally designed to be both comprehensive and flexible—allowing students to pursue their individual interests while ensuring they graduate prepared for lifelong learning, service, and growth.

The General Education program consists of approximately 51 credit hours that introduce and develop important skills such as the:

- Importance of thinking critically and solving problems
- Ability to communicate effectively
- Appreciation of human creativity
- Importance of science and technology in the 21st century
- Power of social responsibility in our community
- Awareness of global diversity
- Role of our Christian faith in daily life

Students take at least one foundational course and one upper-level windows course in each of these areas.

Central to SNU's mission is the engagement of students in transformational learning experiences designed to explore what it means to seek truth together with a Christ-centered community of scholars.

YEAR 1

- Composition I & Composition II
- Introduction to Speech
- A foundation course in Social Responsibility
- A foundation course in Science & Technology
- Christian Faith & Life

YEAR 2

- Modern World
- Aesthetics
- A foundation course in Critical Thinking & Problem Solving
- Old Testament or New Testament Literature & Life

YEAR 3

- A windows course in Social Responsibility
- A windows course in Effective Communication
- A windows course in Science & Technology
- A windows course in Critical Thinking & Problem Solving

YEAR 4

- A windows course in Global Perspectives
- A windows course in Artistic Expression
- Foundations of Christian Belief