

**Curriculum of Theology & Ministry Department**  
*Sterling College*

**Majors & Minors in Theology & Ministry**

Biblical Studies major: no concentrations

    Biblical Studies minor

    Biblical Languages minor

Christian Ministries major: concentrations in Missions, Worship Arts, or Youth & Family Ministries

    Missions minor

    Youth & Family Ministries minor

    Theology & Ministry minor (general minor)

Christian Thought major: no concentrations

    Christian Thought minor

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**Theology & Ministry Core Curriculum**

TM 105, Basic Christian Philosophy	3
Four-Course Bible Sequence (see below)	12
TM 184, Introduction to Spiritual Formation	1
TM 210, Hermeneutics (writing intensive)	3
TM 245, Homiletics	3
TM 286, Research Methods	1
TM 287, Historical Theology I	3
TM 288, Historical Theology II	3
TM 384, Spiritual and Vocational Formation	2
TM 392, Service Component	1
<b>Core subtotal:</b>	<b>32 credit hours</b>

Four-Course Bible Sequence — EITHER:

    TM 171, Old Testament I: Pentateuch and Wisdom Literature

    TM 172, Old Testament II: Historical and Prophetic Books

    TM 173, New Testament I: Gospels and Johannine Literature

    TM 174, New Testament II: Acts and the Epistles

OR:

    TM 102, Introduction to the New Testament

    TM 103, Introduction to the Old Testament

    TM 201, Intermediate Introduction to the Bible

    Any ONE elective (3 credit hours) among the “Books” and “Issues” Bible courses (see below)

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**Biblical Studies Major**

TM Core Curriculum	32
TM 331, Greek I	3
TM 333, Greek II	3

EITHER:

    TM 431, Greek III

    TM 433, Greek IV

OR:

TM 303, Hebrew I	
TM 304, Hebrew II	6
TM 310–319, Old Testament Books	3
TM 371–379, New Testament Books	3
TM 420–429, Issues in Biblical Studies (writing intensive)	3
Any ONE additional “Books” or “Issues” course	3
TM 498, Thesis Proposal	0
TM 499, Senior Thesis (writing intensive)	2
Any TWO 300- or 400-level electives in Christian Thought or Christian Ministries	6
<b>Program total:</b>	<b>64 credit hours</b>

### **Biblical Studies Minor**

Four-course Bible sequence	12
TM 210, Hermeneutics	3
Any TWO electives from “Books” and “Issues” courses	6
<b>Program total:</b>	<b>21 credit hours</b>

### **Biblical Languages Minor**

TM 331, Greek I	3
TM 333, Greek II	3
TM 431, Greek III	3
TM 433, Greek IV	3
TM 303, Hebrew I	3
TM 304, Hebrew II	3
TM 403, Hebrew III	3
<b>Program total:</b>	<b>21 credit hours</b>

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### **Christian Ministries Major: Missions Concentration**

TM Core Curriculum	32
EITHER (for foreign missions):	
TM 107, Training for Cross-Cultural Ministry (1)	
TM 108, Cross-Cultural Ministry Reflection (1)	
TM 363, World Religions (foreign missions) (3)	
OR (for domestic missions):	
TM 360, Internship in Christian Ministries (2)	
TM 365, Urban Entry (domestic missions) (3)	5
TM 320, Introduction to Missions	3
TM 340, Gender and Ethnic Issues in Ministry	3
TM 361, Case Studies and Sources in Missiology	3
TM 364, Leadership and Administration	3
TM 387, Christian Ethics (writing intensive)	3
TM 438, Theology and Society	3
TM 466, Senior Project (writing intensive)	2
Any TWO 300- or 400-level electives in Christian Thought or Biblical Studies	6
<b>Program total:</b>	<b>63 credit hours</b>

### **Missions Minor**

TM 340, Gender and Ethnic Issues in Ministry	3
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TM 364, Leadership and Administration	3
TM 387, Christian Ethics (writing intensive)	3
TM 320, Introduction to Missions	3
TM 361, Case Studies and Sources in Missiology	3
TM 438, Theology and Society	3
ONE course of the following two:	
TM 365, Urban Entry	
TM 363, World Religions	3
<b>Program total:</b>	<b>21 credit hours</b>

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### **Christian Ministries Major: Worship Arts Concentration**

*Note: this concentration alone has an abbreviated version of the TM core curriculum, allowing for more coursework in music.*

Four-Course Bible Sequence (see above)	12
TM 184, Introduction to Spiritual Formation	1
TM 210, Hermeneutics (writing intensive)	3
TM 286, Research Methods	1
TM 287, Historical Theology I	3
TM 288, Historical Theology II	3
TM 362, Contemporary Trends in Worship	2
TM 364, Leadership and Administration	3
TM 384, Spiritual and Vocational Formation	2
TM 460, Biblical Theology of Worship (writing intensive)	3
MU 108, Aural Skills I	1
MU 109, Aural Skills II	1
MU 208, Aural Skills III	1
MU 111, Music Theory I	3
MU 112, Music Theory II	3
MU 213, Music Theory III	3
MU 170–477, Private Lessons	
Voice	4
Guitar and keyboard	4
MU 261, Music Seminar/Concert Attendance (4x)	0
MU 285, Choral Ensembles	8
MU 317, Arranging (writing intensive)	2
MU 333, Conducting	2
MU 362, Contemporary Trends in Worship Music	1
MU 363, Music in Worship	3
MU 479, Senior Recital/Senior Project	0
<b>Program total:</b>	<b>69 credit hours</b>

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### **Christian Ministries Major: Youth and Family Ministries Concentration**

TM Core Curriculum	32
ONE course of the following two:	
BS 225, Developmental Psychology	
BS 251, Child Psychology	3
TM 339, Introduction to Youth, Family, and Culture	3
TM 340, Gender and Ethnic Issues in Ministry	3
TM 360, Internship in Christian Ministries	2

TM 364, Leadership and Administration	3
TM 370, Christian Formation for Youth & Their Families	3
TM 387, Christian Ethics (writing intensive)	3
TM 459, Theological Issues in Youth and Family Ministry	3
TM 466, Senior Project (writing intensive)	2
Any TWO 300- or 400-level electives in Christian Thought or Biblical Studies	6
<b>Program total:</b>	<b>63 credit hours</b>

#### **Youth and Family Ministries Minor**

TM 339, Introduction to Youth, Family, and Culture	3
TM 340, Gender and Ethnic Issues in Ministry	3
TM 364, Leadership and Administration	3
TM 370, Christian Formation for Youth & Their Families	3
TM 387, Christian Ethics (writing intensive)	3
TM 459, Theological Issues in Youth and Family Ministry	3
ONE course of the following two: BS 225, Developmental Psychology BS 251, Child Psychology	3
<b>Program total:</b>	<b>21 credit hours</b>

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#### **Theology & Ministry Minor**

Any 21 credits of TM courses with these stipulations:

No more than 3 credit hours at the 100-level

At least 9 credit hours must be at the 300- or 400-level

All 21 credits must be over and above general education requirements

**Program total:** **21 credit hours**

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#### **Christian Thought Major**

TM Core Curriculum	32
TM 354, Systematic Theology I	3
TM 355, Systematic Theology II	3
TM 369, Christian Apologetics	3
TM 387, Christian Ethics (writing intensive)	3
TM 438, Theology and Society	3
TM 470, Philosophy of Religion	3
TM 484, Contemporary Christian Thought	3
TM 498, Thesis Proposal	0
TM 499, Senior Thesis (writing intensive)	2
Any TWO 300- or 400-level electives in Biblical Studies or Christian Ministries	6
<b>Program total:</b>	<b>61 credit hours</b>

#### **Christian Thought Minor**

TM 105, Basic Christian Philosophy	3
TM 287, Historical Theology I	3
TM 288, Historical Theology II	3

TM 354, Systematic Theology I	3
TM 355, Systematic Theology II	3
Any TWO electives from the following list:	
TM 369, Christian Apologetics	
TM 387, Christian Ethics (writing intensive)	
TM 438, Theology and Society	
TM 470, Philosophy of Religion	
TM 484, Contemporary Christian Thought	6
<b>Program total:</b>	<b>21 credit hours</b>