

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY—

PROGRAM PLAN

2024–2025

Chicago Campus

This program plan is a suggested sequence of courses for students who entered this program during the 2024-25 academic year. Adjustments may be made as needed based on course availability, prerequisite courses, and transfer credits. Students are responsible to satisfy all program requirements by their expected graduation date. To assist with selecting courses, students should check their academic requirements report at MyMoody>Student Center>Other Academic Information (dropdown menu)>Academic Requirements.

Year 1					
Fall			Spring		
BI-1111	Old Testament Survey†	3	BI-1112	New Testament Survey†	3
GSU-1120	Speech Communication	3	GSU-1112	Research Writing	3
MS-1100	Spiritual Life in Community	3	MS-1102	Studying and Teaching the Bible	3
MS-1105	Intercultural Engagement	3	MS-1104	Music and Media for Ministry	3
TH-1110	The Church and its Doctrines	3	#	Math/Science elective	3
		Session Total		Session Total	15
Year 2					
Fall			Spring		
BI-2230	Bible Introduction	3	ED-2200	Teaching the Bible Practicum*	3
BI-2280	Hermeneutics/Bible Study Methods	3	ED-2220	Human Development	3
ED-2210	Faith and Learning: An Integrative Study	3	GSU-2201	Writing and Reading Children's Literature**	3
GSU-2226	History of World Christianity I	3	GSU-2227	History of World Christianity II	3
MS-3300	Making and Leading Disciples	3	GSU-2250	Introduction to Philosophy	3
		Session Total		Session Total	15
Year 3					
Fall			Spring		
ED-3300	Strategic Planning and Management† Or ED-3360 Issues and Counseling for Youth	3	ED-3342	Teaching and Ministry Skills for Children and Family Ministry†	3
ED-3303	Theology and Philosophy of Children and Family Ministry†	3	TH-3306	Biblical Ethics	3
TH-3330	Systematic Theology I	3	TH-3340	Systematic Theology II	3
#	Bible elective (NT)	3	#	Bible elective (OT)	3
#	Open elective	3	#	Open elective	3
		Session Total		Session Total	15
			Summer		
			ED-4421	Children and Family Ministry Internship	3
					Session Total
					3
Year 4					
Fall			Spring		
BI-4410	Romans Or BI-4411 Romans in Greek	3	ED-3322	Family Ministry through Disability and Suffering†	3
ED-3340	Marriage and Family Systems***	3	ED-4436	Senior Seminar: Children and Family Ministry†	3
ED-4426	Children and Family Ministry Capstone†	3	##	Children and Family Ministry elective	3
TH-4451	Apologetics	3	#	Open elective	3
#	Theology elective	3			
		Session Total		Session Total	12
				Total Program Credits	120

*ED-2200 Teaching the Bible Practicum fulfills the required Biblical Communications elective.

**GSU-2201 Writing and Reading Children's Literature fulfills the required Literature elective.

***ED-3340 Marriage and Family Systems fulfills the required Social Science elective.

†Only offered in the semester listed.

#Refer to the Undergraduate Approved Electives list for elective options.

##Children and Family Ministry Electives

ED-2222	Adolescent Psychology	ED-3320	Learning Theories and Applications
ED-2229	Youth Ministry	ED-3330	Introduction to Counseling
ED-3300	Strategic Planning and Management	ED-3335	Theories of Personality
ED-3305	Disability, Society, and the Church	ED-3337	Perspectives in Multicultural Counseling
ED-3307	Ministry in the Context of Crisis and Trauma	ED-3347	Introduction to Social Work Practices
ED-3309	Principles of Leadership	ED-4445	Teaching ESOL to Children

Undergraduate Approved Electives (Bachelor of Arts)

The following electives (all 3 credits) may be taken if the course is not already a core requirement for a student's major:

Bible Electives (Old or New Testament)*

BI-2270	Life in Bible Times	BI-4418	Daniel and Revelation
BI-3353	Introduction to Biblical Archaeology	BI-4462	Topics in Biblical Theology
BI-3342	Biblical Theology of Suffering	TH-3332	Introduction to Biblical Theology
BI-4401	Topics in Biblical Studies		

Bible Electives (Old Testament)*

BI-3301	Ancient Near Eastern Backgrounds & the OT	BI-3355	Old Testament Biblical Theology
BI-3305	Conquest to Kingdom: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Sam.	BI-3371/3372	Hebrew Exegesis I/II
BI-3307	Decline & Fall of Davidic Kingdom: 2 Sam., 1-2 Kings	BI-4422	Minor Prophets
BI-3308	Exile to Expectation: 1-2 Chron., Ezra, Neh., Esther	BI-4452	Messianic Prophecy
BI-3311	The Pentateuch	BI-4458	Topics in Old Testament Studies
BI-3312	Genesis	BI-4483/4484	Advanced Hebrew Reading I/II
BI-3313	Psalms	BI-4460	Topics in Old Testament Theology
BI-3316	Major Prophets I		

Bible Electives (New Testament)*

BI-2210	Gospel of John	BI-3356	New Testament Biblical Theology
BI-2214	Acts	BI-3383/3384	Greek Exegesis I/II
BI-3323	Life of Christ	BI-4403	Gospel of Mark
BI-3325/4427	Pauline Epistles I/II	BI-4459	Topics in New Testament Studies
BI-3326	General Epistles	BI-4485/4486	Advanced Greek Reading I/II
BI-3333	Hebrews	BI-4461	Topics in New Testament Theology

Biblical Communications Electives*

CM-3311	Performing Scripture as a Dramatic Text	ED-2201	Communicating Biblical Truth to Adolescents
ED-2200	Teaching the Bible Practicum	PS-3330	Communication of Biblical Truth

Literature Electives*

GSU-2200	Special Topics in Literature	GSU-2217	Contemporary Jewish Fiction
GSU-2201	Writing & Reading Children's Literature	GSU-2218	Ethnic Literature
GSU-2211	American Literature	GSU-2223	Forbidden Knowledge & the Monstrous in the Novel
GSU-2212	British Literature	GSU-2224	Listening for God in Fiction
GSU-2214	Violence and Grace in the Novel	GSU-2225	The Fiction of C.S. Lewis
GSU-2216	Images of Christ in the Novel		

Math/Science Electives**

GSU-2208	Introduction to Probability and Statistics
GSU-2232	Physical and Financial Wellness

Social Science Electives*

ED-2220	Human Development	GSU-2213	Introduction to Sociology
ED-2222	Adolescent Psychology	MI-2208	Race, Poverty, and Biblical Justice
ED-3305	Disability, Society, and the Church	MI-2230	Language and Society
ED-3340	Marriage and Family Systems	MI-3311	Intercultural Communication
GSU-2210	Introduction to Psychology		

Theology Electives*

BI-3342	Biblical Theology of Suffering	TH-3310/3320	Historical Theology I/II
BI-3355	Old Testament Biblical Theology	TH-3332	Introduction to Biblical Theology
BI-3356	New Testament Biblical Theology	TH-3343	Issues in Dispensationalism
BI-4460	Topics in Old Testament Theology	TH-3362	History of Ecumenism
BI-4461	Topics in New Testament Theology	TH-3363	The European Reformations
BI-4462	Topics in Biblical Theology	TH-3365	History of American Protestantism
MI-3302	Theological Issues in Missiology	TH-4411	Global Theology
MI-3360	The Holocaust: History and the Crisis of Evil	TH-4471	Topics in Systematic Theology
MI-3372	Jewish History	TH-4472	Topics in Theology and Intercultural Studies
MI-4471	History and Theology of Modern Israel	TH-4481	Topics in Historical Theology
MI-4474	Jewish Religious Thought	TH-4491	Topics in Apologetics/Philosophical Theology

Open Elective+

Any course not required for a degree program. Credits from any academic field will apply as an open elective.

*Refer to major requirements for any variations (or required courses) in the Bachelor of Arts Degree Core Requirements.

**Any three credits of Math/Science courses may be taken to fulfill this requirement.