

Griggs University Degree Programs

General Mission Statement for All Religion Programs

The Religion programs at Griggs University exist in order to reach students who cannot come to a Seventh-day Adventist campus for study for the purpose of training pastors, evangelists, Bible workers and lay leaders in the gospel ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Objectives for the Associate of Arts in Personal Ministries

The Associate of Arts in Personal Ministries is designed to provide a general background in doctrine and Biblical knowledge for lay leaders and Bible workers interested in conducting Bible studies and contributing to the effectiveness of their local church. Students who complete this program should be able to:

- Reflect on issues of faith within the framework of a Seventh-day Adventist community
- Articulate their own convictions and share those with others
- Understand and explain the basic doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church
- Demonstrate a familiarity with the Bible and a basic understanding of the process of Biblical interpretation
- Demonstrate a familiarity with the writings of Ellen G. White and the development of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Objectives for the Bachelor of Arts in Religion

The Bachelor of Arts in Religion major is designed as a liberal arts major, especially suited for adults who come to a desire to contribute to Adventist ministry after a career in another field. It may also prepare students to become Bible workers or Bible teachers but it is not designed to be the avenue for a young student whose first career is the ministry. However, adult students with experience working in the local church, may use this degree for entry into the seminary or MCM and MPM programs offered by many Seventh-day Adventist institutions. Students who complete this program should be able to:

- Reflect on issues of faith within the framework of a Seventh-day Adventist community
- Articulate their own convictions, share their convictions with others and explain the Biblical foundations of their convictions
- Demonstrate an ability to use the principles of biblical interpretation necessary for personal growth, ministry, and continuing education in ministry
- Demonstrate the ability to do research and to use information garnered from research
- Comprehend and explain the principles of Christian faith and the doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church
- Demonstrate an understanding of the writings and ministry of Ellen G. White and the global mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church
- Demonstrate a commitment to nurturing community through regular worship and participation in a local church congregation
- Trace the great controversy through biblical times to the ultimate conclusion in last day events

Objectives for the Bachelor of Arts in Theological Studies

The Bachelor of Arts in Theological Studies is designed to provide the foundation necessary for a student planning to enter the gospel ministry or preparing to enter the Adventist Theological Seminary. Students who complete this program should be able to:

- Reflect on issues of faith within the framework of a Seventh-day Adventist community
- Articulate their own convictions, share their convictions with others, and explain the biblical foundations of their convictions
- Demonstrate an ability to use the principles of biblical interpretation necessary for personal growth, ministry, and continuing education in ministry
- Demonstrate the ability to do research and use information garnered from research
Comprehend and explain the principles of Christian faith and the doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church
- Demonstrate an understanding of the writings and ministry of Ellen G. White and the global mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church
- Demonstrate a commitment to nurturing community through regular worship and participation in a local church organization
- Trace the great controversy through biblical times to the ultimate conclusion in last-day events
- Demonstrate competency in the basics of pastoral ministry (preaching, personal and public evangelism, biblical exegesis)
- Use the principles of biblical interpretation necessary for ministry and/or seminary training
- Model the leadership skills necessary for serving the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its related institutions
- Commit to a lifelong spiritual formation process essential for following God's call to ministry in our world

Objectives for Bachelor of Science in Business Management

The B.S. in Business Management helps to prepare students to run their own businesses or work in public or private business settings. It also prepares students to pursue the Master of Business Administration degree. Students who complete this program should be able to:

- Demonstrate a thorough general knowledge of good business practices
- Analyze information, solve problems, and make decisions from a holistic, global perspective
- Employ important management concepts and theories from several disciplines
- Communicate (in both written and oral form) effectively in a professional environment
- Demonstrate a sound ethical foundation for all business decisions and transactions
- Use technology effectively in the business environment to solve problems and plan strategically
- Understand how the growing international and online market works and how to leverage its use in an organizational setting
- Recognize international trends and changes in the business environment
- Demonstrate leadership skills built on personal integrity, ethical standards, and concern the greater good
- Plan strategically and creatively for the future development of an organization