

RELIGION (M.A.R.) - PASTORAL COUNSELING

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
Program Courses		
APOL 500	Introduction to Apologetics	3
BIBL 612	Principles of Biblical Interpretation	3
CHHI 510	Survey of the History of Christianity	3
DSMN 500	Discipleship Ministries	3
DSMN 520	Spiritual Formation	3
EVAN 525	Contemporary Evangelism	3
GICE 500	Global and Intercultural Engagement	3
HOMI 502	Teaching in Christian Contexts	3
or HOMI 602	Preaching to Change Lives	
NBST 516	Introduction to the Life of Christ	3
NBST 517	Introduction to the New Testament Church	3
OBST 516	Introduction to the Pentateuch and Old Testament Historical Books	3
OBST 517	Introduction to the Poetic and Prophetic Books	3
SEMI 505	Introduction to Ministry Studies ¹	3
SEMI 510	Tools for Ministry Studies	3
THEO 521	Foundations of Christian Theology	3
THEO 522	Essentials of Christian Theology	3
THEO 523	Issues in Christian Theology	3
Total Hours		51

¹ SEMI 505 is required to be taken within the first two semesters for all students.

Code	Title	Hours
Pastoral Ministries Cognate		
EVAN 500	Spiritual Factors of Growing Churches	3
LEAD 625	Preventing Ministry Failure	3
PACO 505	Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling	3
Total Hours		9

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 60 hours
- A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 2.0 GPA
- Degree must be completed within 7 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program Offered in Online Format Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
APOL 500	Introduction to Apologetics	3
DSMN 500	Discipleship Ministries	3
SEMI 505	Introduction to Ministry Studies ¹	3
SEMI 510	Tools for Ministry Studies	3
Hours		12
Second Semester		
CHHI 510	Survey of the History of Christianity	3
DSMN 520	Spiritual Formation	3
EVAN 525	Contemporary Evangelism	3
OBST 516	Introduction to the Pentateuch and Old Testament Historical Books	3
Hours		12
Third Semester		
GICE 500	Global and Intercultural Engagement	3
NBST 516	Introduction to the Life of Christ	3
NBST 517	Introduction to the New Testament Church	3
OBST 517	Introduction to the Poetic and Prophetic Books	3
Hours		12
Second Year		
Fourth Semester		
BIBL 612	Principles of Biblical Interpretation	3
THEO 521	Foundations of Christian Theology	3
Pastoral Counseling Elective ²		3
Pastoral Counseling Elective ²		3
Hours		12
Fifth Semester		
HOMI 502	Teaching in Christian Contexts	3
or HOMI 602	or Preaching to Change Lives	
THEO 522	Essentials of Christian Theology	3
THEO 523	Issues in Christian Theology	3
Pastoral Counseling Elective ²		3
Hours		12
Total Hours		60

¹ SEMI 505 is required to be taken within the first semester for all students.

² Choose any 500-600 level PACO course not already required by the degree.