

Business and Applied Theology Track

The business and applied theology track combines theological and ethical teachings of the historic Christian faith with the socio-economic realities of contemporary life. It is intended for:

- Students who have administrative or managerial responsibilities in Christian organizations (e.g., church, parachurch ministries, nonprofit organizations),
- Business people who desire to live integrated lives of faith in the workplace.

The M.A. core curriculum of 42 credits consists of two one-week intensive introductory courses in spiritual formation and mission, and three courses each in Bible, church history, and theology/ethics. Up to 9 credits will be a student internship. The capstone of the program is a 3-credit seminar integrating theology and business.

The remaining 24 credits are taken in the SPU School of Business and Economics: 12 in a prescribed suite of courses in business ethics and social responsibility, and 12 in the student's choice of business management courses (e.g., finance, accounting, operations, legal environment, and information systems).

This degree can be combined with the M.B.A. degree, offered by the School of Business and Economics.

Two-Year Model (full-time)

Year One, Summer (6 credits)

Christian Formation in Discipleship: Acts of Piety (3)

Christian Formation In Mission: Acts of Mercy and Justice (3)

Year One, Autumn (12 credits)

Bible 1: Interpreting and Teaching the Christian Scripture (4)

Theology / Ethics 1: Doctrine of God and Environmental Stewardship (4)

Global Christian Heritage 1: to 1500 (4)

Year One, Winter (12 credits)

Bible 2: Introduction to the Old Testament (4)

Theology / Ethics 3: Doctrine of Christ and Holistic Discipleship (4)

Global Christian Heritage 2: 1500 - 1900 (4)

Year One, Spring (12 credits)

Bible 3: Introduction to the New Testament (4)

Theology / Ethics 3: Doctrine of the Holy Spirit and the Global Church (4)

Global Christian Heritage 3: 1900 – present (4)

Year Two, Autumn (9 credits)

School of Business Course 1 (3)

School of Business Course 2 (3)

School of Business Course 3 (3)

Year Two, Winter (9 credits)

School of Business Course 4 (3)

School of Business Course 5 (3)

School of Business Course 6 (3)

Year Two, Spring (9 credits)

School of Business Course 7 (3)

School of Business Course 8 (3)

Theology and Business Integration Seminar (3)

Other Requirements (9 credits)

Contextual Education 1 (Internship) (6)

Contextual Education 2 (Internship) or an Elective Course (3)

TOTAL CREDITS 78

Three-Year Model (part-time)

Year One, Summer (6 credits)

Christian Formation in Discipleship: Acts of Piety (3)

Christian Formation in Mission: Acts of Mercy and Justice (3)

Year One, Autumn (8 credits)

Bible 1: Interpreting and Teaching the Christian Scripture (4)

Theology / Ethics 1: Doctrine of God and Environmental Stewardship (4)

Year One, Winter (8 credits)

Bible 2: Introduction to the Old Testament (4)

Theology / Ethics 2: Doctrine of Christ and Holistic Discipleship (4)

Year One, Spring (8 credits)

Bible 3: Introduction to the New Testament (4)

Theology / Ethics 3: Doctrine of the Holy Spirit and the Global Church (4)

Year Two, Autumn (7 credits)

Global Christian Heritage 1: to 1500 (4)

Business Course 1 (3)

Year Two, Winter (7 credits)

Global Christian Heritage 2: 1500 - 1900 (4)

Business Course 2 (3)

Year Two, Spring (7 credits)

Global Christian Heritage 3: 1900 - present (4)

Business Course 3 (3)

Year Three, Autumn (6 credits)

Business Course 4 (3)

Business Course 5 (3)

Year Three, Winter (6 credits)

Business Course 6 (3)

Business Course 7 (3)

Year Three, Spring (6 credits)

Business Course 8 (3)

Theology and Business Integration Seminar (3)

Other Requirements (9 credits)

Contextual Education 1 (Internship) (6)

Contextual Education 2(Internship) or an Elective Course (3)

TOTAL CREDITS 78

Theology and Business Elective Choices (3 credits each) – for two and three-year models

BUS 6110 Macroeconomics for Managers

BUS 6120 Managerial Finance

BUS 6130 Financial Accounting

BUS 6132 Managerial Accounting

BUS 6140 Legal Environment of Business

BUS 6150 Managerial Marketing

BUS 6164 Operations Management

BUS 6170 Information Systems Management

BUS 63XX Responsible Business and Leadership

BUS 63XX Stewardship & Global Sustainability

BUS 63XX Business as Community of Work

BUS 63XX Microfinance & Community Economic Development

BUS 63XX Social Enterprise

BUS 6917 Spirituality in Management

