



# ACADEMIC **PROGRAMS**

# INTRODUCTION

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## From Dr. Paul Brooks, Vice President for Academics:



**Dr. Paul Brooks**  
**Vice President for**  
**Academics**

SAGU manages its undergraduate academic program out of three colleges which are served by qualified faculty who have academic training and life experience appropriate to their disciplines.

Underlying our majors is a curriculum of GENERAL EDUCATION.

SAGU provides degree programs, which lead to competency in various academic disciplines. At the same time, students enjoy a substantial course of studies in general education curriculum. This core curriculum promotes the growth of knowledge and character as presented through a variety of broad-based and yet foundational disciplines.

These fundamental curricula include studies in Communication Arts, Psychology, Humanities, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education, and Biblical Studies. The specifics of these required studies are presented within each of the degree programs. At SAGU, all students in baccalaureate and associates programs have significant study requirements in Bible, theology and ministry. For

those interested, this achievement can directly prepare them to apply for ministerial credentials with the Assemblies of God. The General Education curriculum assists students in the achievement of their academic, career, and spiritual goals by improving their skills in reading comprehension, oral and written communication, research and analytical thinking, as well as science and math.

**The General Education curriculum** develops seven competencies that highlight proficient communication, critical thinking, and application in life. SAGU evaluates student achievement of the competencies through course-integrated assessments, which allows the institution to gauge students' achievements in accordance with the mission of the University.

Competency 1: Students will write effectively.

Competency 2: Students will communicate ideas effectively through oral presentation.

Competency 3: Students will evaluate, synthesize and employ needed information for research.

Competency 4: Students will critique worldviews and issues, past and present, represented in literature and the sciences.

Competency 5: Students will articulate foundational knowledge of Scripture and of Christian theology.

Competency 6: Students will demonstrate knowledge of the principles of human interpersonal relationships and behavior.

Competency 7: Students will formulate a Christ-centered response to social issues and problems.

**The College of Bible and Church Ministries** exists to promote a comprehensive program of training for life and ministry, offering a variety of programs leading toward Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Associate of Arts, and Associate of Science degrees. Their companies of academically qualified instructors are rich with experience, providing mature perspective to all who study at SAGU.

The College believes in the generation that God is raising up to follow His will into fruitful servant leadership. Christ is still building His Church (Matthew 16.18). Thus SAGU is poised to contribute to the process of equipping strong, wise, and able men and women of God, who will walk with integrity

of heart, produce an abundance of fruit that remains, and bear witness to the glorious gospel of Christ.

In the pursuit of its mission, the College emphasizes a sweeping program of hermeneutics (the science of Scripture interpretation), knowing that the entrance of God's Word gives light, and that only by the Word of the Lord are lives rescued, rebuilt and released into productive service. Students matriculating through these programs come out as unashamed workmen "handling accurately the Word of truth" (2 Timothy 2.15).

As you review the programs offered, it should become clear that no matter what practical ministry is engaged, whether pastoral, youth, children, music, counseling or otherwise, fidelity to the eternal Word lies at the core of its design. It is my high confidence that when you complete your academic journey, you will possess the tools you need to serve the calling of God upon your life in an exceptional way.

**The College of Business and Education and the College of Music and Communication Arts** both exist to promote a comprehensive program of training for life and ministry, offering a variety of programs leading toward the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Associate of Arts, and Associate of Science degrees. SAGU holds that all men and women are called to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Peter 4.10; Romans 12.1-8). Some stand in the pulpit; many more stand in the marketplace. Whether educators, musicians, or entrepreneurs, God has a plan to use each one for His glory. The Colleges are here to foster that faith in all their students by way of carefully designed Bible-based curriculum in addition to the regular attendance of chapel. Every student who leaves this University has a lot to offer to the ministries of the local church and the mission of the gospel in this world.

Some rightly ask, "Why go to a Bible university to study business, literature, education, or history? Wouldn't it be better stewardship to get the most affordable education at a local college?" The answer, though simple, is profound. It is not good stewardship to sacrifice the future and God's truth to the classrooms of the intelligent who are divorced from the knowledge of God and His purposes. This conviction contributes to the unique role of SAGU in the world of higher education. The education delivered at SAGU is on a university level, and recognized by its peers as a quality program. Yet more than that, every day at SAGU the power of a biblical world-view saturates the courses, whether in history, literature, business ethics, music, or teacher education. All students are challenged to excellence in their discipline of study, and in their devotion to Christ and His Kingdom.

SAGU instructors are fully qualified in their respective disciplines. They also know the Lord, and many instructors hold ministerial credentials. All are active in local church ministries, and some go beyond that regularly, while others participate in periodic mission trips. These hearts are deep wells of love for the students who come through their courses. It's no wonder that many students follow their examples and build a career as a platform to serve the ministry God has given them.

I invite you to take a few moments to read the following introductions from our Deans.

### From the Dean of the College of Bible and Church Ministries



**Dr. Michael Clarensau**  
Dean of the College of  
Bible and Church Ministries

Our conviction is that God has redeemed for Himself a generation of developing leaders to lead His church in years to come. These are ordinary people that God has called, gifted and empowered. You may be one of them! You have experienced God's grace, heard His voice, and felt His power. You've said "Yes" to the Lord but now you need help to prepare yourself to serve effectively.

The faculty of the College of Bible and Church Ministries exists to prepare church leaders who have keen minds, sharpened skills and hot hearts! Whether our students respond to the exploding demand that exists for children's pastors, the exciting opportunities in youth ministry, the challenging task of church planting and revitalization, guiding the disciple-making ministries of the church, worship, missions, or the critical task of pastoral ministry, we are determined that they will be prepared professionally and spiritually. The church and our world are crying for skilled people in the behavioral sciences with Christian values and convictions. We will help supply them.

The College of Bible and Church Ministries faculty has dedicated itself to the mission of preparing leaders who can mobilize the local church to represent Jesus Christ in our world without distortion in the power of the Holy Spirit. Ministry in and through the local church is our passion! We believe the local church exists to be the hands, feet, voice and healing presence of Jesus in our world. SAGU wants missionary passion to throb in the heart of every one of its graduates! We are convinced that divinely called, gifted, skilled and prepared leaders who serve in the power and passion of the Holy Spirit is the key to impacting our world with the gospel.

#### Consider the following Statement of Learning Outcomes for our ministry majors:

**Knowledge** - As a result of these programs, students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate competency in the general education core of the curriculum.
2. Demonstrate competency in the knowledge of Scripture and general theological terms and concepts.
3. Describe the significant personalities, events, and developments of Pentecostal history and explain the distinctives of Pentecostal doctrine.
4. Describe the significant personalities, events, and developments in church history and discuss their significance for the contemporary church.
5. Write a philosophy of ministry in keeping with a biblical view of the Church and its mission.
6. Take an exam for ministry credentials in their chosen field of ministry that results in a passing score.

**Attitudes** - As a result of these programs, students should be able to:

1. Subscribe to a high view of the authority and inspiration of Scripture.
2. Acknowledge the Lordship of Christ over their personal lives and ministries and the fellowship of the Church.
3. Relate a personal commitment to the Church, its varied ministries and its mission within contemporary culture.
4. Accept the challenges and opportunities of ministry within their chosen area of specialization after leaving college.

5. Report a refined and deepened sense of calling in keeping with a defined awareness of giftedness.
6. Report a deepened appreciation for the demands of ministry and leadership in the Church.

**Ministry skills** - As a result of these programs, students should be able to:

1. Exegete, interpret, and apply selected passages of Scripture from a variety of literary types in keeping with their original, intended meaning.
2. Prepare sermons and structure learning experiences, then present both acceptably.
3. Present the gospel message effectively in personal and corporate evangelistic settings.
4. Structure a comprehensive program for the Church in their area of specialization in keeping with the total needs and mission of the Church.
5. Function effectively in expected tasks and roles for their chosen field of specialization within the ministry of the Church after leaving college.
6. Plan and conduct a variety of church services and ceremonies.

**The College of Bible and Church Ministries offers the following Associate and Bachelor degrees:**

Bachelor Degrees

Church Ministries

Bible and Theology

Biblical Studies

Child and Family Studies

Children and Family Ministries

Church Leadership

General Ministry

Intercultural Studies

Pastoral Leadership

Religion and Philosophy

Worship Arts

Youth and Student Ministries

Counseling (Pre-Professional)

Counseling (Pre-Professional) with a Minor

Community Care and Counseling

Criminal Justice

Human Services

Occupational Leadership

Psychology (Pre-Professional)

Psychology (Pre-Professional) with a Minor

Social Work (Pre-Professional)

Social Work (Pre-Professional) with a Minor

Associate Degrees

Bible

Church Ministries

Human Services

Intercultural Studies

Religious Studies

Addictions Counseling

Psychology

## From the Dean of the College of Business and Education

The basic premise of the College of Business and Education is that all truth, revealed and discovered, is God's truth. Therefore, all subject matter, regardless of the major/specialization being pursued, must be thoroughly integrated with the Bible. This is not to say that the Bible should be correlated with the subject being taught; rather, it should be the foundation text of every course taught and the formal textbook(s) for the course should be viewed in the light of the Word of God.

Every faculty member is seen as a minister of the Gospel and teaches his/her discipline from a biblical perspective. All courses, in every Department, including General Education courses, are taught from a Christian perspective, including the:

1. Business Department, offering a B.S. in Business with specializations in Accounting, Business Administration, Business Sport Management, Human Resource Management, Management, and Marketing;
2. History and Social Studies Department, with majors in History and Ancient Studies;
3. Teacher Education Department, offering majors in Elementary Education, English Language Arts and Reading Middle/Secondary, History/Social Studies Middle/Secondary, Music Education All Levels, Mathematics Education Middle/Secondary, Physical Education (EC-12), Theatre Education (EC-12), and Education (Pre-Professional Track).
4. General Studies Department, offering majors in Interdisciplinary Studies and Mathematics.

The goal of the College is to graduate professionals who are: Authentic in Godliness; with Academic Excellence; based upon the Authority of the Word of God. Therefore, all students are prepared for ministry in the "marketplace," as well as to be productive, effective workers in the local church.

### Mission Statement

The purpose of the College of Business and Education is to provide a variety of programs leading toward Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Associate of Arts, and Associate of Science degrees in professions that are outside of the local church, and to provide quality educational and professional Christian service in a variety of cultural contexts. Business minors are available that complement majors from the other colleges.

The following objectives exist to guide our service for all "marketplace" graduates:

1. To prepare students for Spirit-filled, Bible-based ministry in the "marketplace."
2. To prepare students for excellence in professional areas outside of the local church.
3. To provide resources and opportunities for students to be fully prepared for lives of service.

**The College of Business and Education offers the following Associate and Bachelor degrees:**

Bachelor Degrees

Business

- Accounting
- Business Management
- Business Sport Management
- Human Resource Management
- Management
- Marketing

Education

- Elementary Education
- English Language Arts & Reading Middle/Secondary
- Mathematics Middle/Secondary
- Music All Levels (EC-12)
- Physical Education (EC-12)
- Social Studies/History Middle/Secondary
- Theatre Education (EC-12)
- Education (Non-Certification Track)

History

- Ancient Studies
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Mathematics

Associate Degrees

- Business Administration
- Early Childhood Education
- Education
- General Studies
- Health Science
- Social Studies



**Del Guynes**  
**Dean of the College of**  
**Music and Communication Arts**

## **From the Dean of the College of Music and Communication Arts:**

Sound and light...from the very beginning, there was sound and light. "Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light." (*Genesis 1:3, NASB*) If you look closely at this short sentence occurring early in the Genesis creation account, you'll observe that it was actually the very first demonstration of audio-visual properties.

These initial properties - media, if you please - have been the fundamental means by which all generations have communicated. God invoked sound, light and language in the act of creation itself, and has since given these media to humanity to use for good or ill. Equipping our SAGU students in the use of them for good, even divine, purposes is the mission of our College of Music and Communication Arts (CMCA).

The CMCA has been created to collect under one academic roof those disciplines that have synergistic similarities:

- A focus on the use of sound, language and light in operation;
- Similar performance requirements for preparation and public display; and
- Curricular interdependencies.

Accordingly, the College encompasses Music, Communication Arts and English academic programs, all three of which form natural complements in curriculum and use of facilities.

Enabling this complement of faculty, technology and facilities is the Hagee Communication Center which serves as the home of the CMCA, housing state-of-the-art media technology and equipment, specially-designed rehearsal and performance facilities, and faculty offices for the three programs:

- A 600-seat performing arts auditorium for music performance, theatre and special events, with a 2,000 square foot stage and 50 foot fly-loft for theatrical rigging and special effects
- Digital media labs with audio and video editing suites
- A black-box theater for one-act plays, spoken word, poetry reading and open-microphone events
- Sound-isolation *Wenger SoundLok*® practice rooms equipped with *VAE*® digital acoustic manipulation recording and playback technology
- Television broadcast studio, audio recording studio and film screening room, featuring *SONY* cameras, rigging and *OLED*® displays; *Newtek Tri-caster*™ video production technology; and audio mixing and recording components from *Euphonix*, *Solid State Logic* and *Digico*
- Dedicated, acoustically-enhanced rehearsal halls for both instrumental and vocal programs
- Piano and music theory labs (SAGU is an *All-Steinway* school)



Notwithstanding the amazing capabilities the HCC provides for our academic programs within the CMCA, the mission of the college essentially translates into two practical goals:

- The raising up of graduates who can perform and publish all forms of media in support of the mission of the local church and its pursuit of the Great Commission, and
- The development of graduates - media world changers - who can bring redemption to our world's media-rich culture, and turn its influence toward divine purposes.

**The College of Music and Communication Arts offers the following Associate and Bachelor degrees:**

Bachelor Degrees

Communication Arts

Communication Studies

Digital Media Arts

Theatre

English

Music

Music Performance

Associate Degrees

Media

English

Music