# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Is the LEAD Program accredited?
  - Yes. The LEAD Program is accredited through SAGU's regional accrediting agency, Southern Associations of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Further, all internship courses and the internship program at The Oaks Fellowship is accredited as well.
- What are the minimum admissions requirements for entry into SAGU and the LEAD Program?
  - You can find a detailed listing of all requirements at <u>http://www.sagu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-on-campus-</u> <u>admissions/undergraduate-admissions-requirements</u>.
  - Each student must complete and sign an application for admission.
  - The minimum scores for unconditional acceptance are a minimum ACT composite score of 19, or a combined SAT score of 1350.
  - Each student have a pastor or church leader complete a <u>Christian</u> <u>Character Reference Form</u>.
- Can I participate in athletics and student organizations?
  - Yes; however, as you move farther along through the program the more difficult it will be to participate in athletic opportunities due to time constraints and higher responsibilities of leadership in the local church.
- Can I do my internship through another church other than the Oaks Fellowship and remain in the LEAD Program?
  - Yes; however, each student will go through the preparation phase at the Oaks Fellowship. Additionally, each participating church in the internship program must be approved by both SAGU and The Oaks Fellowship.
- What is my average weekly commitment to the program in Year 1 (The Prep Phase) beyond my academic classes?
  - You will participate in 18 25 hours of service at the Oaks Fellowship in your first semester and 36 – 45 hours of service your second semester, averaging out to 1 – 2 and 2.5 – 3 hours a week, respectively.
- What are internship tracks are currently offered through the Oaks School of Leadership in Phase 2 (The Internship Phase)?
  - We currently offer 7 tracks: Worship, Pastoral Leadership, Media, Care Strategy, Youth, Children and Academic Leadership
- Will there be an orientation to the LEAD Program when I arrive?
  - Yes. There will be a specific orientation for all new students in the program at the beginning of year one—the orientation will be the responsibility of the LEAD Program Director and staff. Further, there will be a course

opening for the LEAD Seminar Series that will provide an opportunity for the student to learn how to be successful throughout the duration of the program.

- What is the LEAD Seminar Series?
  - The LEAD Seminar Series takes place every fall/spring semester. Each student at SAGU has the option to take the LEAD Seminar Series for credit; however, each LEAD Program student <u>MUST</u> take the LEAD Seminar Series for credit. Varying subjects on Christ-centered leadership will be available each semester.
- Is the LEAD Seminar Series a prerequisite for entrance or progression into the Internship Phase (Phase 2) of the LEAD Program?
  - No. The LEAD Seminar Series is not a prerequisite for entry into the LEAD Program; however, any student in the LEAD Program must take the LEAD Seminar Series during their first academic year of the program.
- What is the Jesus-Leader Conference?
  - Each fall semester, The Oaks Fellowship in Red Oak, Texas, will host the Jesus-Leader Conference. Attendance at the conference will be required for students enrolled in the LEAD Seminar Series. There is no cost of attendance for those students enrolled in the LEAD Program. All students in the LEAD Program are encouraged to attend, as well as, other current students at SAGU. Up to 6 hours of "seat" time will be given for attendance at the Jesus-Leader Conference in order for the student to receive credit.

## • What are the living stipulations for being a student in the LEAD Program?

- Students participating in the first 3 years of the LEAD Program are required to live on-campus at SAGU, unless the church they are fulfilling their internship requirements is more than 1 hour away. The student may choose which dorm he/she wants to live in. Housing rates for LEAD Program students are the same as that of full-time traditional undergraduate students.
- More info regarding the cost of housing can be found here: <u>http://www.sagu.edu/admissions/tuition-and-fees</u>.

## • What is the current tuition cost per hour and are scholarships available?

 The current tuition cost per hour is \$619. LEAD Program students have access to all SAGU scholarship opportunities. The average student received a 26% discount for 2013-2014 off their total bill. A detailed review of all scholarship opportunities for new students can be found here: <u>http://www.sagu.edu/financial-aid</u>.

- What are the admissions requirements to participate in the graduate level organizational leadership classes for college credit?
  - Early admission into the Graduate Studies program occurs just prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> graduate course in the rotation of the curriculum. The GPA requirement for early entry is a 2.75 UGPA. Full entrance into the graduate program occurs at the completion of the undergraduate degree.
  - To graduate with a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership (MOL) a
    3.0 GPA is required across the graduate curriculum.

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