

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS FOR ALL SAGU STUDENTS

The 24-hour Core of General Biblical Studies at Southwestern Assemblies of God University has been structured to provide a broad exposure to basic Bible knowledge, theological awareness in the Pentecostal-evangelical tradition, and an awareness of the opportunities and challenges of ministry within the Church and the marketplace for all students at SAGU, regardless of their major.

Consequently, all students at SAGU who complete this 24-hour core have the opportunity to apply for entry level ministry credentials with the Assemblies of God if they so desire and are otherwise eligible. While the University doesn't grant ministerial credentials, offering preparatory curriculum is in keeping with the mission and purpose of the University "to prepare undergraduate...students spiritually, academically, professionally, and cross culturally to successfully fill evangelistic, missionary and church ministry roles...wherever needed throughout the world" and the expressed desire of the supporting districts of Southwestern Assemblies of God University. For complete information regarding ministerial credentials, please contact the Dean's office of the College of Bible and Church Ministries.

In order to accomplish this, the University has covenanted with its supporting districts to provide for the following through its 24-hour Bible Theology Core:

1. A broad exposure to basic Bible knowledge.
2. A general knowledge of theological persons, events and doctrines within the Pentecostal-evangelical tradition.
3. An awareness of the opportunities and challenges of ministry within the church and marketplace today.
4. An overview of the governance, structure, polity and ministries of the Assemblies of God.
5. Specific preparation for the credentialing exam and interviews with the Assemblies of God should the student desire to apply and otherwise qualify.

The General Biblical Studies Core consists of the following courses:

BIB 1143	The Church in Mission
BIB 2213	Bible Study
CMN 2213	Foundations of Church Ministries*
REL 1133	Authentic Christianity
REL 1153	New Testament Literature
REL 1163	Old Testament Literature
THE 2113	Introduction to Theology and Apologetics
THE 2333	Pentecostal Doctrine and History

* *This course provides focused preparation to take the Assemblies of God exam for ministerial credentials at the Certified and Licensed Minister levels.*

English as a Second Language (ESL) Supplemental Certification

All Education majors desiring Texas Certification are now able to receive English as a Secondary Language (ESL) Supplemental Certification with the addition of only a few courses. This has the potential to open a variety of opportunities after graduation, which might not otherwise be available.

Pre-Law Studies

Students interested in a career in law can find helpful preparation in attending Southwestern Assemblies of God University. Although there is no prescribed course of undergraduate study required to prepare for law school, prospective law students would benefit significantly by taking courses that develop reading, writing and analytical skills as well as increase general knowledge.

Recommended majors for prospective law students include:

History	Criminal Justice
Business Management	English
Business Accounting	Religion

Recommended courses include:

National and State Government	World Political Systems
Constitutional Law	Any American History course
Any Philosophy course	Any Accounting course
Any Psychology course	Business Law
Public Speaking	

Students should contact the pre-law advisor for assistance in selecting courses and internships that will prepare them for law school.

TESOL Cert

SAGU offers the means for students interested in teaching English as a foreign language to earn TESOL credentials (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) which meet and exceed accepted international standards. The TESOL Cert can open doors of opportunity to teaching English around the world and can be an invaluable asset to graduating English majors, Education majors, Intercultural Studies majors, and all internationally-minded students.

The TESOL Cert will be granted to students who successfully complete ENG 3283 Teaching English as a Second Language and Diversity I, ENG 3293 Teaching English as a Second Language and Diversity II, ENG 3413 Introduction to Linguistics, and LNG 3123 Morphology and Syntax, and who receive a positive instructor's report verifying ten or more clock hours of TESOL teaching experience at sites approved by the TESOL Coordinator in the Department of English and Foreign Language.

The TESOL Cert is awarded by the Department of English and should not be confused with any certification offered through the Teacher Education Department.