

COUNSELING (PRE-PROFESSIONAL)

OBJECTIVES FOR COUNSELING MAJORS

The Counseling degree prepares students for graduate counseling studies and equips them to assume counseling roles in the church and society with a sound biblically based orientation. Students learn basic theories and techniques of counseling in order to function effectively in a counseling ministry and community setting.

Knowledge - 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 distinctive 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 credentials for ministry related to their chosen field of service that results in a passing score.

Attitudes - 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 major 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.

Pre-professional skills - Students should be able to:

1. Integrate the knowledge and principles of counseling into a biblical worldview.
2. Articulate a proper relationship between psychology and Christian faith.
3. Demonstrate academic competence in preparation for advanced study related to this field.
4. Successfully apply knowledge and techniques of counseling in supervised field experiences.

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GENERAL EDUCATION STUDIES 58 Hours

General Education: 14 hours

COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech Communication

ENG 1113 Composition and Rhetoric I

ENG 1123 Composition and Rhetoric II

3 hours from the following:

ENG 2233 American Literature I

ENG 2243 American Literature II

ENG 2273 Introduction to Literature

GES 1122 Strategies for Student Success

Social/Behavioral Sciences: 9 hours

GOV 2213 National and State Government

HIS 1113 American History I

PSY 1153 Introduction to Psychology

Natural Science/Mathematics: 7 hours

BIO 1113 Biological Science and BIO 1111 Lab

3 hours from the following:

MTH 1113 College Mathematics

MTH 1123 College Algebra

Physical Education: 4 hours

PED 2232 Wellness and Lifestyle

2 hours from activity courses without duplication: PED 1101-PED 2291

General Biblical Studies: 24 hours

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

Upon completion of this program, students will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of various approaches of counseling and of major counseling theories and techniques with a special emphasis on those that are biblically congruent.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of typical entrance requirements to graduate counseling programs.
3. Function effectively as a counselor in a church, parachurch or community setting.

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MAJOR STUDIES 57 Hours

COU 2123 Introduction to Counseling
COU 2213 Counseling Children and Adolescents
COU 2223 Addictive Behavior and Recovery
COU 3123 Advanced Methods and Techniques in Counseling
COU 3213 Counseling Adult Populations
COU 4313 Behavioral Science Research
COU 4413 Methods and Techniques in Marriage and Family Counseling
COU 4523 Advanced General Counseling
COU 4583 Field Practicum
PSY 1113 Psychology of Selfhood and the Christian Faith
PSY 2323 Developmental Psychology
PSY 2413 Statistics for Behavioral Sciences
PSY 2423 Cultural Issues in the Helping Professions
PSY 3313 Abnormal Psychology
PSY 3333 Theories of Personality
PSY 3443 Crisis Intervention and Management
PSY 4333 Introduction to Psychological Tests and Measurements
PSY 4433 Psychology of Religion
PSY 4483 Human Sexuality

GENERAL ELECTIVES 12 Hours

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 127 Hours

*Counseling students may want to consider obtaining the Addictions Counseling Minor.

Additional Program Stipulations

1. All full-time students are to include one Bible, theology, or religion course each semester until degree requirements have been satisfied.
2. First-year students enrolled full-time are to include GES 1122 in their first semester schedule.
3. First-year students are to enroll in activity physical education courses each of their first two semesters at SAGU. Exceptions will be granted only with approval of the College Dean.