Master of Arts in Youth Ministry and
Master of Arts in Theology and Ministry
Howard Payne University’s School of Christian Studies
Brownwood, Texas
42-Hour Master of Arts in Youth Ministry

**CORE (24 HOURS)**

*General (6 hours)*
- YMN 5300 Research and Writing
- YMN 6320 Youth Ministry and Leadership

*Biblical and Theological (9 hours)*
- BIB 53XX Advanced Bible: Old Testament
- BIB 53XX Advanced Bible: New Testament
- BIB 5391 Biblical Interpretation
- YMN 6380 Youth Ministry and Theology

*Practical (9 hours)*
- YMN 5370 Church and Personal Financial Management
- YMN 6340 Ministering to Youth and Their Families
- YMN 6390 Advanced Youth Ministry

**INTERNSHIP (6 HOURS)**
- YMN 6261 Youth Ministry in Multicultural Settings
- YMN 6262 Crisis Management/Intervention
- YMN 6263 Local Church Youth Ministry
- YMN 6264 Youth Ministry in Urban Settings
- YMN 6265 Youth Ministry in Camp/Retreat/Recreation Settings
- YMN 6266 Youth Ministry in Suburban Settings
- YMN 6267 Youth Ministry in Rural Settings
- YMN 6268 Youth Ministry in Parachurch Settings

**ELECTIVES (12 HOURS)**
- PTH 5311 Baptist Identity
- PTH 5331 History of Christianity
- YMN 5310 Philosophical Foundations for Youth Ministry
- YMN 5320 International Youth Ministry
- YMN 5350 Survey of Youth Education
- YMN 6305 Evangelizing/Discipling the 21st Century Teen
- YMN 6330 Adolescent Development
- YMN 6335 Counseling Youth and Their Families
- YMN 6370 Youth Ministry Institute
- YMN 6375 Researching Youth Culture
- YMN 6385 Communicating with Youth Audiences
- YMN 6395 The Minister’s Personal World

Baptist Students who receive Ministerial Financial Aid from the BGCT and who have not taken a substantial undergraduate course emphasizing Baptist distinctives and polity must take PTH 5311. In addition, students who receive Ministerial Financial Aid from the BGCT and who have not taken a substantial undergraduate course in church history must take PTH 5331.

**Prerequisites** – Students must have completed undergraduate courses in Old and New Testament and an introductory course in Youth Ministry. Students who have not taken an undergraduate course in Biblical Interpretation must take BIB 5391 and 3 additional hours of Bible. Students who have taken the equivalent undergraduate hermeneutics course should choose 3 hours each of O.T. and N.T.
42-Hour Master of Arts in Theology and Ministry

**CORE (27 HOURS)**

*General (6 hours)*

- PTH 5300 Research and Writing
- PTH 6395 The Minister's Personal World

*Theological (12 hours)*

- CED 6314 Education and Faith Development
- PTH 5322 Christian Ethics: Theology and Practice
- PTH 6321 Leadership: Theory and Practice
- PTH 6340 World Christianity

*Bible or Greek (3 hours)*

- BIB 5311, 5321, 5331, 5341, 5342, 5351, 5352, 5361, 5381
- BLA 5321, 5351

*Practical (3 hours)*

- PTH 6331 The Church: Its Culture and Context

*Communication (3 hours)*

- CED 6311 Teaching in Context
- PTH 5312 Christian Proclamation

**MENTORSHIP (6 HOURS)**

- PTH 6261 Christian Care and Counseling
- PTH 6262 Family Ministries
- PTH 6263 Church Leadership and Administration
- PTH 6264 Preaching
- PTH 6265 Teaching
- PTH 6266 Leading a Missional Church
- PTH 6267 Community Ministries
- PTH 6268 Christian Higher Education
- PTH 6269 Selected Experiences in Christian Ministry (Course may be repeated for credit if field experiences differ)

**ELECTIVES (9 HOURS)**

- PTH 5304 Special Topics in Theology
- PTH 5311 Baptist Identity Required for BGCT Ministerial Scholarship
- PTH 5331 History of Christianity Required for BGCT Ministerial Scholarship
- PTH 5370 Church and Personal Financial Management
- PTH 6312 Theology of Church and Its Mission
- YMN 6335 Counseling Youth and Their Families

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The MAYM and MATM Programs at Howard Payne University

Since its founding by a local Baptist minister more than a century ago, Howard Payne University has prepared thousands of men and women for their special callings to places of Christian service. To provide training specifically designed to each student’s area of future ministry, HPU’s School of Christian Studies offers a broad range of degree programs.

To meet the need for even more in-depth training specifically for youth ministers, in 2006 HPU proudly unveiled the Master of Arts in Youth Ministry (MAYM) program. Additionally, in response to requests from current students and alumni, in 2013 HPU launched the Master of Arts in Theology and Ministry (MATM) program.

These 42-hour, non-thesis programs provide well-rounded learning experiences to prepare current and future ministers for work in various fields of ministry. Students can complete a graduate degree in only two years. These degrees also provide a foundation for further graduate theological education.

Benefit from HPU’s small class sizes and individualized guidance from experienced faculty. Discover ways to grow academically and spiritually. Develop your unique gifts through effective training and service opportunities. Answer God’s call by becoming well-prepared for a lifetime of effective service and ministry. Become a part of HPU’s close-knit network of ministers who serve in churches and other ministry settings around the state and the world.

NO RESIDENCY REQUIRED

Our unique non-residency program allows you to complete your degree while you continue to minister right where you are.

MODULAR CLASS FORMAT

The modular format, typically four days on campus, allows for a focused learning experience with minimal disruption to the schedule of a full-time youth minister. Students must complete pre-assignments before the classes begin and post-assignments within four weeks afterward.

INTERNSHIPS/MENTORSHIPS

In lieu of a thesis, students must complete three semester-long internships or mentorships, each focusing on the student’s personal and spiritual growth, and also a specific target area for development in ministry.

FINANCIAL AID

Church Match Scholarship – Howard Payne University will match designated church gifts for MAYM and MATM students up to, but not exceeding, $100.00 per semester hour.

BGCT Ministerial Financial Aid – The Baptist General Convention of Texas distributes funds to graduate students in the amount of $100.00 per semester hour.

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