

# MAYFM

(42 HOURS)

## CORE (24 HOURS)

### General (3 hours)

YMN 5300 Research and Writing

### Biblical (6 hours)

BIB 53XX Advanced Bible: Old Testament  
BIB 53XX Advanced Bible: New Testament  
BIB 5391 Biblical Interpretation

### Theological (6 hours)

YMN 6320 Youth Ministry and Leadership  
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

## 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 (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 21st Century Students  
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.

# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

## Program Information

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.

# MATM

(42 HOURS)

## CORE (27 HOURS)

### General (3 hours)

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

### Biblical (3 hours)

BIB 53XX Advanced Bible: Old Testament  
BIB 53XX Advanced Bible: New Testament  
BLA 53XX Advanced Greek

### Theological (12 hours)

CED 6314 Education and Faith Development  
PTH 5322 Christian Ethics: Theology and Practice  
PTH 6350 Trinitarian Theology  
PTH 6340 World Christianity

### Practical (3 hours)

PTH 6321 Leadership: Theory and Practice

### Communications (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  
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## ELECTIVES (9 HOURS)

PTH 5304 Special Topics in Theology  
PTH 5311 Baptist Identity  
PTH 5331 History of Christianity  
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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**Prerequisites** – Students must have completed undergraduate courses in Old and New Testament, an upper-level undergraduate course in Biblical Hermeneutics and an upper-level undergraduate course in Theological Foundation.

# THEOLOGY & MINISTRY

# Why Howard Payne?

## 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 MAYFM 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.

## Program History

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 & Family Ministry (MAYFM) 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.

## Learn More

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## SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES CALLED TO SERVE

### Master of Arts

**Youth &  
Family  
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