



COURSE CATALOG

2020-2021

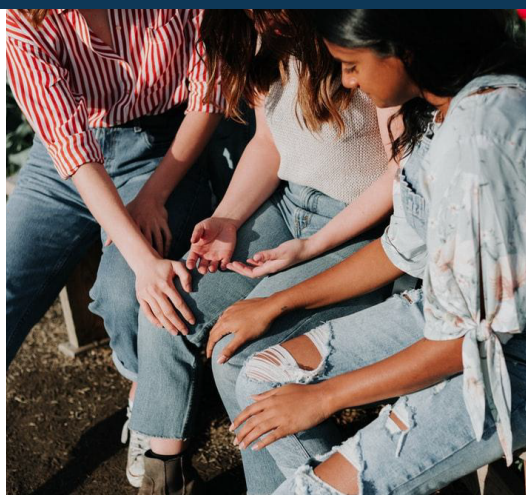


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A Message from the Executive Director

Have you felt the call of God on your life to train for vocational ministry, but don't know where to start? Are you looking for training in your faith so you can minister more effectively in your job and community? Or are you simply looking to increase your knowledge of the Bible, and dive deeper into advanced study of the scriptures?

Central Valley School of Ministry exists to help you answer that call on your life, wherever it may lead. We believe that every follower of Jesus is meant to be a disciple who reaches the world with the gospel of Kingdom. While people have often been challenged by having to uproot their lives and move away to a Bible College or Seminary for training, we are able to bring the education and training to people in their local settings.

CVSOM has been training men and women for ministry since 2005, and we have seen over 325 students graduate with our Christian Ministry certificate.

Please prayerfully consider how the school can further equip you for works of ministry. May God bless you and continue to grow your life for His glory!

David A. Chumley, D.Miss

Executive Director

Central Valley School of Ministry

Statement of Non-Discrimination

The Central Valley School of Ministry admits students of any race, color, nation and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, tuition assistance, and or any other school-administered program.

General Information

HISTORY

Central Valley School of Ministry began in Fall 2005 as a local church-based ministry training school serving the Central California San Joaquin Valley. CVSOM was started to meet the need for convenient, accessible and practical ministry training for leaders serving in the local church and ministering for Christ in the workplace. The school has grown to include satellite campuses from all around the nation, and there have been over 400 students enrolled and 325 graduated with a Christian Ministry certificate.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Central Valley School of Ministry exists to develop Christian leaders in biblical understanding, ministry skills and personal maturity, equipping them to fulfill God's call to serve the local church, establish new churches, minister cross-culturally and develop workplace ministry.

AFFILIATION

Central Valley School of Ministry is a non-profit school affiliated with The Foursquare Denomination. The school is a certified training institution of The Foursquare Church. It is interdenominational and welcomes students from other Christian churches. Central Valley School of Ministry is not accredited. The goal is ministry training and certification rather than degree completion. However, transferability of credits is available with Life Pacific College, The King's University, California Christian College, and Southeastern University.

LOCATION

Central Valley School of Ministry has satellite campuses throughout the Central San Joaquin Valley, Northern Nevada, and Central Iowa. Our main site is located on the property of Valley Christian Center located in Fresno, CA 4649 E. Shields Ave.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

In the context of its commitment to the Foursquare Statement of Faith, Central Valley School of Ministry is a school that adheres to the following tenets of faith based on the Bible, the inspired Word of God.

- We believe in God the Father, creator and sustainer of all, Who so loved humankind, made in His image, that He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, born of a virgin, to be the Savior of Adam's lost and fallen race.
- We believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ, who through His death and resurrection, is the sufficient sacrifice for the sin of the world. Through repentance and faith all who receive Him are born anew and adopted into the family of God as His children.
- We believe in God the Holy Spirit, Who brings new life to those dead in sin, indwells all who receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, baptizes, fills and gifts for service those who ask in faith, and Who continually transforms into Christ's likeness all who walk according to the Spirit.
- We believe in the Gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ as God's sole and sufficient plan of deliverance from sin's penalty and Satan's power and His full provision of grace for righteous and holy living.
- We believe the Church is the Body of Christ and includes all who through repentance and faith have received Jesus Christ as Savior and publicly confessed and follow Him as Lord.
- We believe the Bible is the Word of God, inspired by the Spirit of God, without error in the original manuscripts and infallible in its truth for faith and life.
- We believe in the unity of the Church under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and His commission to go into all the world preaching the Gospel, baptizing those who believe and making disciples of all nations.
- We believe in the imminent, visible, bodily return of Jesus Christ to earth to reign in righteousness and in the final judgment of all humankind into eternal union with God of those who believe in Jesus Christ and eternal separation from God of those who do not believe.

Academic Information

ADMISSION

Central Valley School of Ministry requires a high school diploma or equivalent (GED) for entrance. Prior college experience, though not required, is helpful in light of the fact that the level of instruction and learning hours are comparable to that of an accredited Bible College. As a Christian training institution Central Valley School of Ministry requires applicants to affirm and agree with the historic Christian faith as expressed in the Nicene Creed. An application process, including a non-refundable application fee, is required for enrollment in the program for all credit and audit (noncredit) students.

REGISTRATION

Registration for classes takes place four to six weeks before the Fall, Winter and Spring Trimesters. Classes can be taken for credit or no credit. A prospective student may take for credit a maximum of two class sessions without applying for admission. Thereafter, they will be required to go through the application process.

PROGRAM

Central Valley School of Ministry currently offers one course of study; the one-year, twenty-five unit Christian Ministry Certification program consisting of nine core courses, two ministry seminars, a directed study and three ministry mentoring internships (one each trimester).

GRADING

Central Valley School of Ministry functions as an adult-education institution. Satisfactory completion of all course assignments is the basis of credit. Grading is based on the following scale:

A = 93-100
A- = 90-92
B+ = 88-89
B = 83-87
B- = 80-82
C+ = 78-79

C = 73-77
C- = 70-72
D+ = 68-69
D = 63-67
D- = 60-62
F = 59 and below

Late work may only be turned in with permission of the instructor who also determines the grade reduction and date due.

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Tentative Tuesday Calendar (2020-2021)

Application for Admission deadline: August 28th, 2020

Fall Trimester 2020 (class registration deadline: Sept. 6th, 2020)

Sept. 8	New Student Orientation
Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Fall Ministry Mentoring Internship (1 unit)
Sept. 15, 22, 29, Oct 6,13	Old Testament Survey (2.5 units)
Oct. 16	Saturday Ministry Training Seminar (1.5 units)
Oct. 20 (off)	Break
Oct 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24	New Testament Survey (2.5 units)
Dec. 5, 6	Weekend Seminar: Biblical Interpretation (1.5 units)
Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	(all December Tuesdays off for Winter Break)

Winter Trimester 2021 (class registration deadline: December 15, 2020)

Jan. 1 - Mar. 31	Winter Ministry Mentoring Internship (1 unit)
Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, Feb 2,	Kingdom of God (2.5 units)
Feb 9 (off)	Break
Feb. 12,13	Weekend Seminar - DOAN or WIM (1.5 unit)
Feb. 16 (off)	Break
Feb. 23, Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23	Christian Spiritual Disciplines (2.5 units)
Apr 3	Saturday Seminar: Maintaing Sound Doctrine (0.5 unit)

Spring Trimester 2021 (class registration deadline: March 15, 2021)

April 1 - June 30	Spring Ministry Mentoring Internship (1 unit)
April 6, 13, 20, 27	Communication: Biblical Preaching & Teaching (2.5 units)
May 1	Saturday Seminar - Book of Revelation (0.5 Units)
May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1	Church History (2.5 units)
June 12	Weekend Seminar: Directed Study Urban Ministry (0.5 units)

Graduation 2021: Sunday in June or July

Course Descriptions

ONE-YEAR CERTIFICATE OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY (25 UNITS)

****Core Courses (9 required)**

Old Testament Survey (2.5 units)

A survey of the books of the Old Testament with a view to understanding how they lay the foundation and find their fulfillment in the New Testament revelation of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ and how they equip the people of God for every good work by teaching, reproving, correcting and instructing in righteousness.

New Testament Survey (2.5 units)

A survey of the books of the New Testament with a view to understanding how they fulfill the hope and promises of the Old Testament for a savior and deliverer and how they equip the Body of Christ for every good work by teaching, reproving, correcting and instructing in righteousness.

Biblical Interpretation: How to Study Your Bible (1.5 units)

An introduction to the inductive, direct method of the study of Scripture focusing on observation, interpretation, correlation and application so the student may “rightly divide the word of truth” for both personal study and growth and public teaching and preaching.

Biblical Theology: the Kingdom of God (2.5 units)

A study of the theology of the New Testament in its historical setting with a major focus on Christ’s teaching on the kingdom of God as the foundation for ministry in the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Christian Spiritual Formation (2.5 units)

A study and practice of the basic disciplines of spiritual life which nourish inner life, growth and transformation by the working of the Holy Spirit through “means of grace.”

Communication: Biblical Teaching and Preaching (2.5 units)

A study of the art and practice of preparation and public communication of biblical truth in teaching and preaching for the building up, lifting up and stirring up of the Church, the Body of Christ.

Church History (2.5 units)

An overview of the major ecclesiastical “streams” which have characterized the life and progress of the Church since the Day of Pentecost with a view to understanding key individuals and events and their contributions to the historical development of the Christian Church.

Disciples of All Nations: Continuous Mission Until He Comes (1.5 units)

A biblical, historical, and practical study of the four-stage process that develops reproducible and expanding church movements through discipleship.

Missions Outreach (1.5 units)

Participation in an urban, local or overseas missions outreach accompanied by guided reading and the writing of a ministry focus paper on reaching under-evangelized and unreached people.

****Possible Ministry Seminars (2 required)**

Seeing the World With Hebrew Eyes: Embracing a Biblical Worldview (1.5 units)

This seminar explores the worldview inherent to the biblical writers and assumptions that constitutes the Hebraic thought world of the Scriptures. The “Jewishness” of the Bible is proposed as essential to proper biblical interpretation, Christian belief, and to living a truly Christian life.

The Book of Revelation (.5 unit)

A seminar focused on examining the Book of Revelation and its purpose in its original context and setting.

Balancing Word & Spirit (.5 unit)

A seminar focused on communicating and teaching the scriptures accurately while at the same time making room for the Holy Spirit to inspire and speak today.

Maintaining Sound Doctrine (.5 unit)

A seminar focused on the essential truths of the Christian faith that nurture sound doctrine and godly living as well as learning how to identify and deal with false and unsound teaching.

Women in Ministry (.5 unit)

A seminar that looks at the scriptural understanding of female involvement in christian ministry. This seminar will examine the view of women during bible times and explore the NT passage that deal with gender directives in the church.

****Internship (required)**

Ministry Mentoring Internship (3 units: 1 unit per trimester)

A guided practical application of classroom instruction in the field of assigned ministry each trimester (Fall, Winter, Spring) through the oversight and regular interaction with a pastor, pastoral staff member or Christian ministry leader. Mentors function as coaches and counselors, meeting with their mentorees at least twice a month for prayer, counsel and interaction concerning ministry, personal growth and leadership development.

FEES & TUITION

Fees and tuition are modest. The application fee for admission is \$30.00. Tuition is \$50 per unit, or \$1250 for the 25 unit Christian Ministry Certificate program. A married spouse receives a 10% reduction which is applicable if enrollment takes place within one year of the enrollment of one spouse. Auditors pay 50% of credit tuition cost, or \$25 per unit. Graduates of the school pay no tuition fees for courses they choose to attend which they have already taken.

PAYMENT & REFUNDS

1/3 of the total tuition is due at the time of registration each trimester with the remaining due throughout in the trimester. All fees and tuition must be paid upon completion of the program. The deadline for a refund of tuition is the second week of each upon written request and formal withdrawal from the school.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Tuition assistance up to 25% is available each trimester following the Fall Trimester upon application to and approval by the Administrative Committee. The student's church is asked to match the amount the school provides in assistance up to 25% of the tuition total. The student is asked to pay the remaining 50% each trimester.

GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Central Valley School of Ministry is governed and administrated through a local Board of Directors. The chairperson of the Board of Directors (president) oversees the meetings of the Board of Directors and acts in conjunction with the Executive Director.

Personnel

FACULTY



John L. Amstutz, founder, Central Valley School of Ministry
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If you would like more information about the Central Valley School of Ministry visit our website at www.centralvalleysom.org. There you will find:

- A FAQ Sheet
- An Application and Forms
- A CVSOM Brochure
- A Course Catalogue
- A Promotional Video



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