



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
PRACTICAL MINISTRY
PERSONAL MENTORSHIP
AFFORDABILITY



SUM.EDU



“SUM was by far the most challenging yet rewarding experience of my life. It helped cultivate me into a godly man.”

- Graduate

Would you believe me if I told you that three years from now you could be a part of a billion soul harvest...

having received a fully accredited Biblical Studies degree...

while completely engaged in practical ministry...

being personally mentored by a visionary leader...

with little to zero college debt?

SUM is the best choice for training ministry leaders. 86% of SUM graduates are in ministry today, with little to zero college debt.



SUM AT A GLANCE

- Founded in 1992
- Located in El Dorado Hills, California
- 86% of our graduates are in ministry
- Average class size: 30
- Student-faculty ratio: 11:1
- Scholarships? Yes
- 95% of students receive financial aid
- Average institutional aid package: \$5,040
- Work-study programs? Yes
- Accredited Biblical education

Our commitment is to help students graduate in 3 years, with a ministry placement, and little to zero college debt.



WHAT IS SUM ABOUT?

SUM is an accredited Bible College and Theological Seminary whose purpose is to raise up Pentecostal ministry leaders through the Jesus Model of Leadership - the Servant of All Philosophy.

"SUM - where disciples of Christ are trained to reach the nations!"

- Student

SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary (SUM) equips indigenous leaders from America and the nations of the world by offering an affordable theological education, combining academic instruction with practical hands-on ministry and personal mentorship. Our mission empowers these leaders to be instruments of change in their communities.



SERVANT OF ALL (SOA)

Underlying the SUM curriculum and Biblical Studies program is the “Servant of All” (SOA) philosophy. The SOA philosophy comes from the words of Jesus: “and whosoever would be first among you, shall be servant of all” [Mark 10:44—ASV]. This biblical injunction of Jesus Christ - to be a servant of all - forms the backbone of SUM’s educational philosophy.

The SOA philosophy embraces spiritual, intellectual, financial, social, and physical development, and emphasizes the leading of the Holy Spirit in growing student discipline, passion, and character. In compliance with the SOA Philosophy, students are expected to adhere to strict work schedules, prayer times, Bible studies, fasting, physical fitness, and mentoring meetings while earning their degree.

“SUM has pushed me out of my comfort zone and allowed me to grow in many areas of my life. I am thankful for a school that expects excellence and trains future ministers to achieve all God has for them.”

- Graduate.



WHAT MAKES SUM UNIQUE

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Qualified faculty with ministry experience and love for students

Undergraduate and Graduate degrees offered

Global, live, interactive, online delivery

Undergraduate degree in three years

86% student ministry placement

PRACTICAL MINISTRY

Experiencing ministry with a Fivefold focus

Equipping disciples faithful to Pentecostal/Charismatic heritage

Offering hands on training and ministry in local church

Empowering community transformation



PERSONAL MENTORSHIP

Engaging student life with cohort advisors

Combining student ministry with community

Interacting with faculty, peers and church leaders

Receiving leadership training from visionary leaders

AFFORDABLE EDUCATION

Financial aid available

Students can graduate with little to no debt

Low cost tuition

US students make it possible for international students to receive education in their country

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL STUDIES (BABS)

Degree Goal:

To equip students for effective ministry through academic instruction combined with hands-on ministry and personal mentorship that help students attain a fundamental grounding in Biblical Studies.

"Anything is possible; resilience starts in the mind. Get up, step up, and never give up and you can see every dream become a reality."

- Student



ACADEMIC CONCENTRATIONS

Biblical Studies (Fivefold Ministry)

Church Planting

Church Teaching

Evangelistic Ministry

Global Missions

Pastoral Ministry

Prophetic Ministry

Worship Studies

Youth Ministry

Completion Time: 3 Years

Credits: 139 credits

Academic Requirements:

High School Diploma or GED

2.5 GPA minimum (2.0 GPA Provisional Acceptance)

MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL STUDIES (MABS)

Degree Goal:

The MABS program equips students in biblical-theological understanding as it informs ministry work, including teaching, preaching, Bible education, and research. Students research biblical concepts and theological understanding with a view toward equipping the saints and building the local church. The MA in Biblical Studies is an appropriate degree for anyone called to serve in any of the five-fold ministries.

ACADEMIC CONCENTRATIONS

Biblical Languages

Biblical Exegesis

Biblical Theology

Completion Time: 2 Years

Credits: 48 credits

Academic Requirements:

A BA degree from an accredited institution

2.5 GPA minimum

Currently active in ministry



MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP (MACL)

Degree Goal:

The MACL program is designed for (1) men and women called to leadership roles in a local church setting, para-church organizations, or the marketplace, and (2) those who are currently in leadership roles who are seeking to enhance their leadership skills through development of biblical, theological, practical, and theoretical understanding. The program provides students with a solid understanding of biblical leadership principles and strategies, while preparing them to serve in leadership positions.

Completion Time: 2 Years

Credits: 38 credits

Academic Requirements:

A BA degree from an accredited institution

2.5 GPA minimum

Currently active in ministry



"SUM's Master of Christian Leadership was an answer to prayer and a second chance to fill a void of accredited, biblical, leadership training that had been looming inside of me for over a decade. This program gave me the education, training, and confidence to say 'Yes' when God said 'Go.' My wife and I are now Lead Pastors of a thriving

church in south Louisiana where we have weekly opportunities to train and prepare others to minister and reach our community with the Gospel. God used this degree program to confirm my calling, and replace a feeling of inadequacy with a sense of accomplishment. Through it all, I learned that, as I lead others, the most important person I learn to lead is myself."

- Pastor

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Degree Goal:

The Master of Divinity program at SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary equips Christian leaders in the charismatic-pentecostal faith for their fivefold callings as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors or teachers. The program forms leaders for the present global Christian movement. The MDiv is the degree for senior Christian leaders and those who seek deep and broad understanding of Christian faith and church leadership to guide the church in the 21st century.

Completion Time: 3 Years

Credits: 76 credits

Academic Requirements:

A BA degree from an accredited institution

2.5 GPA minimum

Currently active in ministry

"I am a huge fan of all that SUM has to offer. More than just helping me succeed in my educational pursuits, SUM helped me become the person I am today. I started as a shy, 18 year old who didn't know what she wanted or needed in life. Over the last 10 years (while getting my BA, going into full time ministry, and coming back to pursue my MDiv) I have constantly been surrounded by mentors, staff, and faculty who cared about my growth and pushed me to be more. I have grown exponentially in my walk with God and would not trade my experience for anything."

- Graduate



DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Coming soon to SUM is the new DMin program. Our theme is: Leadership in the Global Pentecostal Movement. The DMin program is built on a modular structure where students will gather at strategic, regional locations for 1 week of study 2-3 times each year combined with online interaction and assignments.

Purpose:

1. Students will greatly enhance their skills and sharpen their leadership gifting, taking their leadership to the next level.
2. Students will gain a wider awareness and understanding of the global Pentecostal movement.
3. Students will be inspired to transcend categories of preacher, pastor, minister to become movement makers.
4. Students will have experiences and learning that will widen their vision to the global dimension indicated in Matthew 28:18-20.
5. Students will become globally transforming leaders moving in the power of their spiritual anointing and calling.
6. Students will interact with other Pentecostal leaders, developing skills of understanding and evaluating theological concepts and ideas in a manner that is faithful to the scripture and the Spirit.

Completion Time: 3+ Years

Credits: 38 credits

Academic Requirements:

An MDiv or equivalent

Currently active in ministry

3.0 grade point for graduate level work

(2.5 with proof of academic ability)

**ABHE Approved, Pending WSCUC Approval for DMin

FACULTY HIGHLIGHT

SUM selects instructors for their educational expertise, sound biblical theology, concern for students, and years of proven ministry experience.



"SUM offers students from all over the world tools of Christian and academic excellence to equip these students to be leaders now and in the future."

- Kathy Frady, Ph.D.



"Teaching at SUM affords us the opportunity to prepare our students to share, live, and multiply our Heavenly Father's heartbeat with the nations."

- Carlos Baladez, Ph.D.



"Teaching at SUM allows me the opportunity to instill a passion for the gospel in a new generation of leaders."

- Robby Kagarise, Ph.D.



"It is a delight and an honor to be part of an elite faculty and staff team at SUM. Our team works diligently to train and empower indigenous leaders from different nations who are positively re-shaping their communities for the Kingdom. To God Be the Glory!!!"

- Mozart Dor, Ph.D.



Practicum

SUM values a holistic education, balancing academic excellence with hands-on ministry and personal mentorship, together in the "Servant Of All" (SOA) philosophy. Each trimester, students will enroll in courses as well as put their education into practice in real-life ministry situations.

Internship

SUM's mission is to provide hands-on ministry opportunities in the marketplace, mission field, and local church. The student will work alongside an Internship Leader who is approved by the Director of Student Ministry or Cohort Advisor. The Internship Leader will guide the student to develop a Senior Year Project demonstrative of the student's call of God and/or course concentration.

Missions Trips

SUM encourages students to go to the ends of the earth for Jesus Christ. Students can earn up to 2 credits by completing a Summer Mission Practicum anywhere in the world; whether in the U.S. or overseas. Students will be required to plan for maximization of their mission trip: witnessing, street evangelism and preaching, leading Bible studies, or doing humanitarian works.

MARDI GRAS OUTREACH

Annually, SUM students from across our nation and from our foreign sites will converge on the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, during the Mardi Gras festival. Students begin each morning together with powerful worship experiences, and devote evenings to street evangelism. Students are stirred by the Holy Spirit through worship, prayer, and preaching of God's Word by dynamic visionary leaders, followed by reaching lost and hurting people on the streets.

Luke 4.18-19 - "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, 19 and that the time of the Lord's favor has come."

"We met a lady who complained of back pain. We asked her on a scale of 1-10, how bad it was. She said 8. As we prayed it went to a 5, then to 0! Jesus healed her fully!"

- Student

All BA students are required to participate in two Mardi Gras Outreaches (2 credits each), in their first and second year, in order to graduate.



"The experience overall at Mardi Gras was probably one of the best moments of my entire life. Seeing people on the streets realize their need for Jesus was probably the most rewarding feeling of all. I am so thankful to SUM that we are a college that is dedicated to missions and outreach. How will people fully know if we don't tell them? How will people see if we're not serving? This experience corrected me, blessed me completely, and absolutely changed my life."

- Student

Mentors:

Each student at SUM is assigned a personal mentor. The relationship between the mentor and student is built upon mutual trust and respect. A mentor's role is to encourage and to hold students accountable in the areas of Academics, Spiritual Development, Physical Fitness and Diet, Relationships, Financial Integrity, and Personal Development. A strong mentor is vital in helping a student develop the disciplines for life-long ministry.



Spiritual Development:

Each day at SUM is designed to promote the spiritual and social development of our students. The school day begins with a time of community worship and prayer. At mid-day, spiritual growth is further enhanced during Chapel service. Students enter into a dynamic time of contemporary praise and worship, preaching, personal ministry, and prayer. Guest lecturers are selected for their commitment to His Word, yielding to the Holy Spirit, and their years of proven ministry experience. Each student is encouraged to have a consistent devotional life including fasting, prayer, and Bible study.

Health and Fitness Program:

Only two out of every twenty ministers retire from ministry. A primary cause is their lack of oversight in the area of personal health—diet and exercise. Wellness is a combination of physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. SUM students learn to honor God in body, mind, and Spirit through the Health and Fitness Programs. Each full-time student in the BA degree program is to complete 10 hours of Physical Fitness per trimester or three 20 minute workouts per week, and complete required reading in the area of health and fitness.

Spiritual Emphasis/Campus Days

During Spiritual Emphasis, shortened classes allow for extended chapel time. Participants are challenged to greater intimacy with Christ through fasting, prayer, worship and the proclamation of the Gospel. Spiritual Emphasis is also SUM's traditional preview Campus Days. During this time prospective students experience the life of an SUM student from classroom visits, evangelistic opportunities, dorm stay, and chapel.

AFFORDABILITY

SUM offers quality theological education at low cost. Our goal is for you to graduate with little to no debt, allowing for immediate ministry work upon graduation.

For current tuition, visit: [SUM.EDU/TUITION](https://sum.edu/tuition)

Federal Student Aid:

SUM students are eligible to apply for Federal Student Aid and Veterans Benefits. **95% of our students receive some type of financial aid.**

- ☐ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at fafsa.ed.gov.
- ☐ Add SUM to your 'schools list', using our school code: 037524.

Federal Student Loan:

Most students obtain a Federal student loan to assist with education expenses.

- ☐ Complete a Master Promissory Note and Loan Entrance Counseling at www.studentloans.gov

Your financial aid application will be processed once you've been officially admitted to SUM and the above forms are completed. If selected for verification, additional documents may be requested.

Veterans Benefits:

If you are eligible for Veterans Benefits and wish to use your educational benefits to pay for college, apply at your local Veterans Administration Office for approval.

QUESTIONS?

How Can We Help?

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ARE **YOU** CALLED TO MINISTRY?

Ready to apply?

Find a cohort location near you at sum.edu/sum-locations



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JOIN THE MOVEMENT

APPLICATION CHECKLIST FOUND AT [SUM.EDU/APPLY](https://sum.edu/apply)

- ☐ A completed SUM General Application
- ☐ Pastor Reference Form
- ☐ General Reference Form (Undergraduate Studies)
- ☐ Educator Reference Form (Graduate Students)
- ☐ Official School Records

Freshman - If you have never attended college, submit your Official High School Transcripts or proof of GED

Transfer - If you have attended college, submit both your Official High School Transcript or GED and your previous college's Official College Transcript

- ☐ Graduate Students: Official College Transcript from CHEA accredited institution
- ☐ Essay (email to admissions@sum.edu, please attach as a separate document and include your name and desired cohort at the top.)

The essay should be a 1-page typed, 12-point, and double spaced testimony answering three questions:

- a) How did I become a Christian?
- b) How am I currently serving in my home church?
- c) And upon graduating from SUM, where do I feel the Lord is leading me?

- ☐ One time non-refundable Application Fee

Apply at sum.edu/apply



QUESTIONS?
How Can We Help?
admissions@sum.edu

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Find out how you and your youth ministry
can join the movement!

510.567.6174



LEAD NOW



"Mardi Gras/Lead Now Outreach was the experience of a lifetime. I feel overwhelmed with thankfulness as I recall the friendships made, challenges walked through, the laughter, the witnessing, and all of the impactful qualities that made this SUM experience unforgettable. It brings tears to my eyes as I recall all of the wonderful memories and faces that I encountered, and I am on my knees in wonder that God would call me to be a student of such a solid Bible college."

- Student



Go to **SUM.EDU/LEADNOW** to register for
Mardi Gras Conference/Outreach



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