

Learning Outcomes

The School of Theology and Christian Ministry redesigned its academic programs for the 2017-18 academic year. Our curriculum grows out of *our mission to educate students in the disciplines of Bible, theology, and philosophy in service of the Church and the University, preparing them for Christian discipleship, ministry and graduate level academic work.*

We prepare students for church-based leadership in pastoral positions, youth and family ministries, worship arts, Biblical teaching and preaching, missions, intercultural ministry and administration. Our students are also prepared to pursue academic vocations in Biblical Studies, Theology and Philosophy and professions in pre-law and non-profit service.

Our work intersects in a significant way with the Institutional Learning Outcomes of our university as we engage students in understanding the Bible, Christian doctrine, Christian tradition, Ethics and Philosophy and how they inform and lead to lives of engaged discipleship and service.

PLNU Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs)

ILO 1. Learning, Informed by our Faith in Christ

Members of the PLNU community will

**display openness to and mastery of foundational knowledge and perspectives;
think critically, analytically, and creatively; and
communicate effectively.**

ILO 2. Growing, in a Christ-Centered Faith Community

Members of the PLNU community will

**demonstrate God-inspired development and understanding of self and others,
live gracefully within complex professional, environmental and social contexts.**

ILO 3. Serving, in a Context of Christian Faith

Members of the PLNU community will

**engage in actions that reflect Christian discipleship in a context of communal service and collective responsibility,
serve both locally and globally in a vocational and social setting.**

Below you will find an overview of the program outcomes as they relate to the two majors housed in the School of Theology and Christian Ministry.

SoTCM Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)

B.A. Christian Studies

There are six concentrations--Biblical Studies, Leadership, General, Theology, Philosophy, Youth and Family-- that share one set of PLOs:

Note: The Christian Studies major--Leadership Concentration fulfills the educational requirements for ordination required by the Church of the Nazarene.

Students will:

PLO 1. Interpret scripture evidencing biblical literacy. (ILO 1-Learning)

PLO 2. Articulate clear theological doctrines relevant to Christian life and ministry. (ILO 2-Growing)

PLO 3. Engage the perennial questions of the human condition using resources from philosophy. (ILO 1-Learning)

PLO 4. Apply principles of Christian formation for the practice of ministry. (ILO 3-Serving)

B.A. Philosophy

Students will:

PLO 1. Engage in the disciplined practice of asking questions about God, the world, and of themselves, including questions for which there may be no easy answers. (ILO 1-Learning)

PLO 2. Differentiate among interrelated movements or figures in the history of philosophy. ILO 1-Learning)

PLO 3. Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of human reasoning or experience to provide an adequate account of significant issues that relates to our human condition, the world, ethics and Christian life. (ILO 2 Growing and ILO 3 Serving).