

MASTER OF MINISTRY/ MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

2024-25 Program Information

School of Graduate and Professional Studies



CONTENTS

Welcome	3
Master of Ministry/ Master of Business Administration	4
Program Design and Curriculum	5
Admission Requirements	6
Transfer Credits	6
Program Policies	7
Graduation Requirements	7
Financial Information	8
Tuition Costs	9
What our Students are Saying	13
Rankings	14
Course Start Dates and Deadlines	15
Steps for Applying to SGPS	16



HELLO, WE ARE MVNU.

And we are here to help you succeed.

Since 1993, MVNU's School of Graduate and Professional Studies program has helped thousands of graduates jumpstart their future.

Our programs will bring your strongest skills and abilities to light. You will create lifelong connections, learn to strive in and out of the classroom, and discover who you were truly meant to be.

- + **Quality** – Our award-winning programs are expertly crafted and continually updated to keep our students ahead of the game.
- + **Convenience** – Life doesn't come with a pause button, so our classes are offered online one at a time, to fit into your busy schedule.
- + **Enriching Environment** – Learn from professors who care about your personal, professional, and educational growth.
- + **Affordability** – Payment is made on a course-by-course basis and our advisors will work with you on a variety of financial aid options.

*You are brighter than you know
— don't put your future on hold.*



MASTER OF MINISTRY/MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

MVNU's School of GPS is proud to offer a dual Master's degree program designed for individuals who have entered the ministry field and would like to continue their ministerial studies while also obtaining a quality, comprehensive education in business administration.

Through a rigorous and engaging curriculum, the MMin/MBA program seeks to meet the educational and professional needs of individuals from:

- + Clergy
- + Parachurch ministries
- + 501c3 nonprofits
- + Other ministry-minded business roles

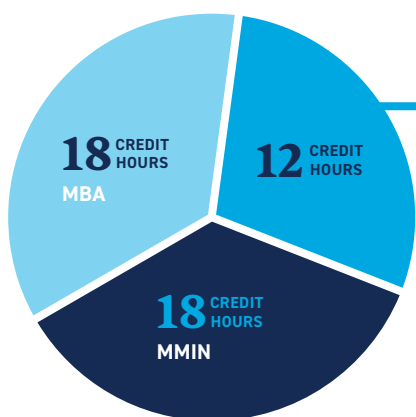
“Ministry includes aspects that require business knowledge. Christian businesspersons may find themselves in Christian non-profit/for-profit organizations or find that coworkers in a secular context are looking for spiritual guidance. In both arenas making ethical decisions and providing Christ-like leadership is critical. The Master of Ministry-MBA dual degree is a wonderful program that blends ministry leadership training for business-minded students and business-knowledge for leaders in the church. Of course, earning two master’s degrees while saving time and money makes good business sense!”

DR. MICHAEL VANZANT, MINISTRY PROGRAM COORDINATOR

With Dr. Aaron Burgess, Business Program Coordinator

PROGRAM DESIGN AND CURRICULUM

In this program, students are equipped to engage in practical learning in the areas of business administration and strategic leadership, and then apply that learning in very practical ways to any type of ministry organization they might seek to lead. Combining the most advanced theories and skills required in essential areas of business, the program curriculum enhances the education, skills, and training necessary to have a meaningful impact in a variety of forms of Christian ministry.



**48 TOTAL
CREDIT HOURS NEEDED**

CROSS-LISTED COURSES:

- + MINS6043/MANG6023**
(Building Ministry Teams/Organizational Behavior)
- + PGRW6023/MANG6113**
(Ethical Issues in Ministry/Ethical Leadership)
- + LEDR6033/MANG6043**
(Managing the Church/Strategic Management)
- + LEDR6013/MARK6003**
(Church Growth/Marketing Management)

**100%
online**

**24 month
completion**

**Flexible
scheduling**

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Although the admissions process is relatively straightforward, our knowledgeable staff is available to help you at all times. Once you have completed and submitted your application materials, the MMin/MBA Admissions Committee will determine your acceptance status. In order to qualify for admission to this program, you must have earned a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 (on a 4.0 scale).

Students may be admitted with conditional acceptance if approved by the MMin/MBA Admissions Committee. Students without an undergraduate degree in business will also be required to complete up to two prerequisite Academic Leveling Courses prior to admission to the MMin/MBA program.

Applicants from countries and U.S. territories in which English is not the primary language must also provide recent evidence of proficiency in English by scoring 80 or above on the Internet-based TOEFL with subscores in writing, reading, speaking, and listening of at least 20; or scoring 550 or above on the written TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with subscores in both writing and reading of at least 50. All tests of English proficiency must have been taken in the last 2 years to be considered for acceptance.

TRANSFER CREDITS

Up to six (6) semester hours of graduate business coursework may be transferred from regionally accredited colleges and universities. Credit is transferred on a course-by-course basis as applicable to the degree. Transfer credit is granted only if grades of "B" or better were earned and provided the course is a reasonable equivalent to one required in the program. No credit for prior learning is awarded. Equivalence and transfer of credit is determined by the MMin/MBA Admissions Committee.



UP TO 6
CREDIT HOURS
TRANSFERABLE

PROGRAM POLICIES

- + Students must attend and fully participate in each course. Online courses require participation in weekly discussion forums in addition to a variety of readings and other assignments.
- + Students must have access to a computer that meets current program and software requirements (required for weekly participation). Students are expected to have basic knowledge and understanding of Microsoft Office (or programs similar). (As an MVNU student, you will have access to Microsoft Office 365.)
- + Students must successfully complete the “Preventing Sexual Harassment” online training session (required of all MVNU faculty, staff, and students) and abide by the university’s policies in this area.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduate students must meet the degree requirements as stated in the Catalog under which they first enrolled. Students must earn their degree within a maximum of six (6) years from the first date of enrollment at the university. Students who withdraw from the university for more than six (6) months will meet the graduation requirements as stated in the catalog under which they resume enrollment. Students changing majors or programs must meet requirements as stated in the Catalog that is current at the time they make such changes. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required for graduation. A student who receives a grade of less than a C- will be required to repeat that course until a grade of C- or better is earned.



CONTINUALLY
UPDATED
CURRICULUM

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The MMin/MBA program has been designed with both affordability and student convenience in mind. Payment is made on a course-by-course basis and our financial aid advisors will work with you on a variety of financial aid options, including employer tuition reimbursement. Course-by-course payment is due no later than the first night of each course. A \$5,000 Master of Ministry student scholarship is available to help reduce the cost. It is awarded in \$500 per class increments and is applied to Master of Ministry core courses as well as the cross-listed courses. Discuss with your Enrollment Counselor for more information.

Although financing your college education can seem overwhelming, you may be able to reduce your cost if you are proactive and fully explore your financial aid opportunities. You can pay for your degree in many different ways, so taking the time to apply for financial assistance from as many sources as possible is worth the effort.

In addition to completing your online application for admission, you should also complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at studentaid.gov. MVNU's school code is 007085. Filling out the FAFSA is an important step in the financial aid process and is required for any financial aid to be awarded. Finally, please be reminded that applications that contain incorrect information will delay the approval process, so accuracy is extremely important!



COURSE-
BY-COURSE
PAYMENTS

TUITION COSTS

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE NAME	CREDITS	TUITION
MINS6033	The Church in the 21st Century	3	\$1,494
BIBL6003	Biblical Hermeneutics	3	\$1,494
MINS6003	Pastor as a Person	3	\$1,494
MINS6103	Contemporary Approaches to Preaching	3	\$1,494
THEO6013	Contemporary Theological Issues	3	\$1,494
THEO6023	The Doctrine of Holiness ¹	3	\$1,494
MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COURSES			
MANG6123	Legal Issues	3	\$1,494
ECON6083	Managerial Economics	3	\$1,494
MANG6093	Global Business	3	\$1,494
ACCT6003	Managerial Accounting	3	\$1,494
FINC6013	Corporate Finance	3	\$1,494
MANG6033	Change Management	3	\$1,494
CROSS-LISTED COURSES			
MANG6113/MINS6023	Ethical Leadership	3	\$1,494
MANG6023/MINS6043	Organizational Behavior/Building Ministry Teams	3	\$1,494
MARK6003/MINS6013	Marketing Management/Church Growth	3	\$1,494
MANG6043/MINS6053	Strategic Management/Managing the Church	3	\$1,494
TOTAL			\$23,904
	Master of Ministry Student Scholarship (\$500 per Master of Ministry class) ²		-\$5,000
	TOTAL (WITH SCHOLARSHIP)	48	\$18,904

¹ THEO6023 (Doctrine of Holiness): A Wesleyan theological examination of the doctrine of holiness. Attention is given to the doctrine as it has been understood historically within the American Holiness and Wesleyan traditions respectively. The course addresses topics in the doctrine of holiness with application to preaching and teaching within the local church.

² \$500 per class scholarship is applied to the following Master of Ministry core courses: BIBL6003, MINS6013, MINS6053, MINS6033, MINS6043, MINS6023, MINS6003, MINS6103, THEO6013, and THEO6023.

- Program schedule and costs are subject to change and are provided for students during the enrollment process.
- Textbook costs are not included in the total cost of the program.

*A \$100 Graduation Fee is charged to all students, regardless of degree type, when the Registrar's Office receives their Intent to Graduate Form.



**CLASSES
OFFERED ONE
AT A TIME**

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Managerial Accounting - ACCT6003

A comprehensive examination of managerial accounting on the use of accounting data in the management of an organization. What accounting data are interesting and how they might be used depend on what the manager is seeking to accomplish and what other information is available.

Biblical Hermeneutics - BIBL6003

An examination of the principles underlying the interpretation of the various types of literature found in the Bible. Special emphasis is given to the exegesis of scriptural passages for preaching and teaching.

Managerial Economics - ECON6083

A study of the concepts of microeconomics and macroeconomics theory and policy including the concepts of demand and supply theory, resource and product markets, fiscal and monetary policy, and price theory and profit maximization.

Corporate Finance - FINC6013

An advance study of risk management, capital budgeting, cost of capital, capital structure, the function and role of capital markets, and analysis of financial statements.

Organizational Behavior/Building Ministry Teams - MANG6023/MINS6043

A systematic examination of psychological and sociological variables that are important in the comprehension of individual motivation, the managing of groups, interpersonal relationships, and organizational effectiveness, as well as creativity and leadership within the organization. Specialized assignments will explore the biblical foundations for understanding of ministry by all of God's people and for leadership in that ministry, with special emphasis given to the biblical basis for the use of teams in ministry and in giving leadership to that ministry, resulting in an understanding of the values of the teams in ministry and strategies for the development of such teams in the local setting.

Change Management - MANG6033

A study of the role of the manager in the context of a changing environment. Special emphasis is given to current theories and strategies for leading an organization through transition. Students gain an understanding of management issues involved in implementing a major initiative, supervising staff and maintaining productivity despite resistance or personnel shifts, and sustaining commitment to new practices over time.



24 MONTH
COMPLETION

**Strategic Management/Managing the Church -
MANG6043/MINS6053**

A study of how organizations formulate, implement, and evaluate strategies. Students study strategic management concepts and techniques used to chart the future direction of different organizations. The major responsibility of the student is to make objective strategic decisions based on an integrated perspective of the program curriculum and to justify their decisions through oral and written communication. Specialized assignments will focus on a theological study of the principles of church finance, with special emphasis given to developing a sound financial base for ministry and management.

Global Business - MANG6093

An intensive course designed to give a thorough understanding of the important dimensions of conducting business internationally. Students will gain an appreciation of the complexities associated with international business including: the importance of cultural differences, choice of modes of entry, strategic marketing strategies, strategic human resource strategies, and important international business theories.

**Ethical Leadership/Ethical Issues in Ministry -
MANG6113/MINS6023**

An examination of current theories and practices of leadership, along with an exploration of the thesis that effective and ethical leadership lies in a commitment to universal moral principles, including justice, integrity, and compassion. Challenges to this thesis are also examined. Specialized assignments will focus on moral leadership in the church in a pluralistic world.

Legal Issues in Management - MANG6123

A course designed to give students an understanding of the legal concepts, rights, obligations and liabilities faced in the business environment. This course focuses on the arena in which commercial transactions occur and the legal issues that arise with these transactions. It is the goal of this course to prompt students to proactively consider legal issues among the decision dimensions when making a business decision.

Marketing Management/Church Growth - MARK6003/MINS6013

An introduction to the theory and practical application of marketing principles. Special emphasis is given to developing a framework for analyzing strategic marketing situations by defining target markets and developing a marketing mix related to the market stakeholders of the organization. Specialized assignments will focus on the practice, policy, and methods of church growth in local and worldwide settings, with special emphasis given to sociological, anthropological, and ethnic factors.



The Church in the 21st Century - MINS6033

A study of biblical, historical, and contemporary understandings of the Church to develop insights and competencies in the practice of ministry.

Pastor as a Person - MINS6003

An inquiry into self-understanding, personal spiritual growth, and goal development for the practice of ministry.

Contemporary Approaches to Preaching - MINS6103

A study of contemporary patterns of preaching in the Christian church. Topics include narrative preaching, biographical preaching, preaching with imagination, life-situation preaching, inductive preaching, seeker-sensitive preaching, and other models.

Contemporary Theological Issues - THE06013

An analysis of contemporary theological issues with which the minister may be confronted and a consideration of ways to respond to the issues. Special emphasis is given to historical backgrounds and current trends in Christian thought.

Doctrine of Holiness - THE06023

A Wesleyan theological examination of the doctrine of holiness. Attention is given to the doctrine as it has been understood historically within the American Holiness and Wesleyan traditions respectively. The course addresses topics in the doctrine of holiness with application to preaching and teaching within the local church.



**48 CREDIT
HOUR PROGRAM**

WHAT OUR STUDENTS ARE SAYING:

“MVNU has taught me so many skills both in and outside the classroom that I will carry with me into the future as this chapter ends. My MVNU education has given me the knowledge and confidence needed to be a strong and Godly businesswoman.”

HANNAH HINERMAN

Master of Business Administration -
Ministry Leadership, 2018

“The professors have been extremely helpful, willing to come alongside and take the time to be with you in any struggle.”

ANDREW M. LUCAS

Master of Ministry, 2019

RANKINGS



COURSE START DATES AND DEADLINES



Classes starting soon!

Contact your Enrollment Counselor or [visit our website](#) for more information about getting started.

STEPS FOR APPLYING TO MVNU ONLINE

1. **Complete your application.** (There is no application fee!)
2. **Request official transcripts** to be sent to MVNU from each college or university where you've received your bachelor's degree. Please have your transcripts sent to:

Mount Vernon Nazarene University

Attn: SGPS Admissions

800 Martinsburg Road

Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Official Electronic Transcripts should be sent to

SGPSApplication@mvnu.edu.

*Additional materials may be required based on individual situations.

3. **Fill out the FAFSA** at studentaid.gov if you plan to use Federal Student Aid.
MVNU Code: **007085**
4. Once all transcripts have been submitted, you will **receive an admission decision** (typically within one week).
5. **Review your admission decision** with your Enrollment Counselor to understand transfer credits and program requirements.
6. **Complete a Registration Agreement Form** to be scheduled for classes.
7. **Receive course schedule and official Financial Aid award.**
8. **Start your classes!**



QUESTIONS?
1-800-839-2355
MVNU.EDU/SGPS

 **MVNU/ONLINE**