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# School of LifeLong Education

## External Degree Fact Sheet

### **Purpose:**

Recognizing that learning is an ongoing, lifelong process, Oral Roberts University has created the *School of LifeLong Education* to enable mature adults to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree through an accredited non-residential program. It is designed for adult learners who seek to better equip themselves educationally but find it impossible to leave their homes, jobs, and ministries to relocate in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The purpose of the program is to train mature learners who seek the realization of truth and achievement of one's potential life capacity and who desire to become integrated persons—spiritually alive, intellectually alert, and physically disciplined.

All courses are designed by ORU faculty. In many cases, they are identical to on-campus courses; but where appropriate, some have been specially adapted for this program. Careful attention has been given to course development to ensure that the spirit and ethos of Oral Roberts University are transmitted to the adult learner.

### **Accreditation:**

Oral Roberts University is accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Oral Roberts University is accredited by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

### **Majors:**

Currently, the School of LifeLong Education offers a major in Business Administration, Christian Care and Counseling, Church Ministries, Liberal Studies, and Exploratory. Students may enroll in any of these five majors. The curriculum is outlined on the following pages of the fact sheet.

### **Credit Possibilities:**

The emphasis of the School of LifeLong Education is upon the individual. Although students would benefit from full-time residential classroom experience, research has indicated that motivated, independent learning adults can utilize other resources for obtaining a college degree. Thus, various modes of instruction and evaluation of learning experiences are utilized.

# Admissions Requirements:

Applicants must be at least 22 years of age (except full-time military personnel), be a high school graduate or GED recipient, and submit all required documents for admissions consideration. Those under the age of 22 are encouraged to apply for on-campus programs.

## **Academic credit can be obtained through the following options:**

***Independent Study:*** The External Degree's correspondence courses allow you to earn college credit at home.

***Examination:*** The School of LifeLong Education accepts the following examinations:

CLEP Exams

Advance Placement Exams

ORU Faculty-Constructed Comprehensive Exams

***Transfer from Accredited Colleges.***

***Prior Learning Assessment:*** Credit may be granted for knowledge acquired which is equivalent to knowledge taught in a specific course in ORU's curriculum.

**Tuition costs are listed in the current University catalog.  
Financial Aid is available to degree-seeking students who qualify.**

*For more detailed information or to have your questions answered, contact:*

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**Business Administration Major—*Bachelor of Science***
**128 Credit Hours**

The business administration major is designed to provide background for executives in business enterprises and industrial society. A broad background in the liberal arts provides a basis for social understanding and appreciation in society as it relates to the business environment. This major is an excellent preparatory program for students desiring to pursue the Master of Business Administration degree or the Master of Management degree, which are offered through the ORU School of Business.

<i>General Education</i>	<i>Credit Hours</i>	<i>Business Cognate</i>	<i>Credit Hours</i>
English (ENG 101, 305)	6	BUS 201 Principles of Economics I	3
Oral Communication (COM 101)	3	BUS 202 Principles of Economics II	3
Humanities (HUM 111, 112, 213, 214)	12	CSC 112 Microcomputer Applications in Business	3
Biblical Literature (BLIT 110,120)	6	FIN 244 Personal Financial Planning	3
Theology (THE 103)	3	<b><i>Cognate Total</i></b>	<b><u>12</u></b>
Laboratory Science (BIO 101 and PSC 101)	8	<b><i>Minor</i></b>	<b><u>18</u></b>
Mathematics (MAT 232)	3	<b><i>Electives*</i></b>	<b><u>14</u></b>
American History (HIS 101)	3	<b><i>Degree Total</i></b>	<b><u>128</u></b>
Government (GOV 101)	3		
Social Sciences Elective (Choice of one of the following: PSY 201, SOC 101, SOC 201)	3	*Note: Elective requirements may be fulfilled through transfer credit or by correspondence offerings.	
Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPE 001, 002, 101, 102)	<u>4</u>		
<b><i>General Education Total</i></b>	<b><u>54</u></b>		
<b><i>Major</i></b>			
ACT 215 Prin. of Financial Accounting I	3		
ACT 216 Prin. of Financial and Managerial Accounting II	3		
ACT 320 Quantitative Analysis	3		
BUS 325 Business Law I	3		
BUS 326 Business Law II	3		
MKT 130 Principles of Marketing	3		
MGT 130 Principles of Management	3		
FIN 338 Financial Management	3		
MGT 431 Strategic Management	3		
BUS 499 Seminar and Senior Paper	<u>3</u>		
<b><i>Major Total</i></b>	<b><u>30</u></b>		

**Christian Care & Counseling Major—*Bachelor of Science***

**128 Credit Hours**

This major is designed to prepare students for lay ministries of counseling within the context of the local church and church-related agencies. This program equips students to help people realize wholeness in every area of their lives—spirit, mind, and body. This major is an excellent preparatory program for the Master of Arts in Christian Counseling offered through the School of Theology and Missions.

<i>General Education</i>	<i>Credit Hours</i>	<i>Credit Hours</i>
English (ENG 101, 305)	6	
Oral Communication (COM 101)	3	
Humanities (HUM 111, 112, 213, 214)	12	
Biblical Literature (BLIT 110, 120)	6	
Theology (THE 103)	3	
Laboratory Science (BIO 101 and PSC 101)	8	
Mathematics (MAT 151)	3	
American History (HIS 101)	3	
Government (GOV 101)	3	
Social Sciences Elective (Choice of one of the following: BUS 201, SOC 101, FIN 244)	3	
Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPE 001, 002, 101, 102)	4	
<b><i>General Education Total</i></b>	<b><i>54</i></b>	
		<i>Choice of 7 courses from the following list:</i>
	6	CCC 303 Issues and Identity of the Caregiver 3
	3	CCC 321 Christian Approaches to Counseling 3
	3	CCC 405 Crisis Intervention 3
	3	CCC 426 Assessment and Evaluation 3
	3	CCC 429 Substance Abuse 3
	3	CCC 430 Special Issues in Counseling 3
	3	SOC 201 Marriage and the Family 3
	3	CHRM 306 Pastoral Ministry Skills 3
	3	PSY 338 Psychology of Abnormal Behavior 3
		<b><i>Counseling Total</i></b>
		<b><i>Minor</i></b>
		<b><i>Electives*</i></b>
		<b><i>Degree Total</i></b>
		<b><i>45</i></b>
		<b><i>18</i></b>
		<b><i>11</i></b>
		<b><i>128</i></b>
<b><i>Major</i></b>		
THE 217 Seminar in Theological Research	3	
PSY 201 Introduction to Psychology	3	
CCC 301 Introduction to Christian Caregiving	3	
CCC 324 Foundations of Personality Development	3	
CCC 332 Lifespan Development	3	
CCC 339 Developing Helping Skills	3	
CCC 411 Practical Applications of Helping Skills	3	
CCC 413 Senior Practicum	3	

\*Note: Elective requirements may be fulfilled through transfer credit or by correspondence offerings.

**Church Ministries Major—*Bachelor of Science***
**128 Credit Hours**

According to Ephesians 4:11, evangelists, pastors, and teachers have been appointed in the church to prepare God's people for works of service so that the Body of Christ may be built up. The Bachelor of Science in Church Ministries is a general theological degree.

<i>General Education</i>	<i>Credit Hours</i>	<i>Bible Electives</i>	<i>Credit Hours</i>
English (ENG 101, 305)	6	<i>Choice of four of the following courses:</i>	
Oral Communication (COM 101)	3	BIB 302 Historical Geography of the Holy Land	3
Humanities (HUM 111, 112, 213, 214)	12	BIB 363 Eschatology and the Book of Revelation	3
Biblical Literature (BLIT 110, 120)	6	BIB 364 The Pauline Epistles	3
Theology (THE 103)	3	BIB 376 Hebrews and General Epistles	3
Laboratory Science (BIO 101 and PSC 101)	8	BIB 421 Pentateuch	3
Mathematics (MAT 151)	3	BIB 424 Hebrew Prophets	3
American History (HIS 101)	3	BIB 437 Psalms and Wisdom Literature	3
Government (GOV 101)	3	<b><i>Bible Electives Total</i></b>	<b><u>12</u></b>
Social Sciences Elective (Choice of one of the following: PSY 201, BUS 201, SOC 101, SOC 201, FIN 244)	3	<b><i>Theology Electives</i></b>	
Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPE 001, 002, 101, 102)	4	<i>Choice of three of the following courses:</i>	
<b><i>General Education Total</i></b>	<b><u>54</u></b>	THE 304 Contemporary Religions of America	3
		THE 353 History of Christianity in America	3
<b><i>Major (Required)</i></b>		THE 402 Divine Healing	3
BIB 222 Old Testament Introduction	3	THE 444 Contemporary Theology	3
BIB 261 New Testament Introduction	3	THE 445 Charismatic Theology	3
BIB 306 Hermeneutics	3	THE 464 Prayer	3
BIB 362 Jesus and the Gospels	3	<b><i>Theology Electives Total</i></b>	<b><u>9</u></b>
THE 217 Seminar in Theological Research	3	<b><i>Pastoral Electives</i></b>	
THE 313 Systematic Theology I	3	<i>Choice of two of the following courses:</i>	
THE 314 Systematic Theology II	3	CHRM 304 Educational Ministries of the Church	3
THE 453 History of Christianity I	3	CHRM 335 Introduction to Evangelism	3
THE 454 History of Christianity II	3	CHRM 340 Sermon Preparation and Preaching	3
CHRM 305 Teaching the Bible	3	MISS 404 Church Growth and Planting	3
CHRM 306 Pastoral Ministry Skills	3	<b><i>Pastoral Electives Total</i></b>	<b><u>6</u></b>
CHRM 460 Church Administration	3	<b><i>Electives*</i></b>	<b><u>8</u></b>
CHRM 499 Senior Practicum/Project	3	<b><i>Degree Total</i></b>	<b><u>128</u></b>
<b><i>Required Major Courses Total</i></b>	<b><u>39</u></b>		

\*Note: Elective requirements may be fulfilled by transfer credit or by correspondence offerings.

## **Liberal Studies/Liberal Arts Major—*Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts* 128 Credit Hours**

The liberal studies and the liberal arts majors offered through the SLLE provide students with the opportunity to participate in a program that can be more directed to their needs, interests, and even utilize previous academic experiences. Under the direction of administrative and faculty advisors, individualized programs are developed that not only provide flexibility for students, but also maintain high academic and professional standards within the content areas. The liberal studies major requires that students pursue at least two distinct areas of emphasis with an interdisciplinary format. A variety of course work and experiences, including transfer opportunities from other recognized institutions of higher learning, is possible within the degree plan. The liberal arts major includes the same content requirements plus a foreign language component validating oral and written proficiency.

### ***Program Requirements***

Those wishing to major in the Liberal Studies or Liberal Arts degree must submit a brief, typewritten proposal to the Dean of the School of LifeLong Education (SLLE) with their application for admission. (Admission into the School of LifeLong Education does not necessarily guarantee automatic acceptance of a particular student's proposed course of study.) The proposal needs to include reasons for choosing the proposed areas of emphasis (at least two subject areas) and the student's overall goals. Each area of emphasis consists of a minimum of 18 hours of upper-division credit in a single subject area. Consideration should be given to using elective credit to build special areas of interest.

After the proposal is reviewed by the Dean, the student is assigned an advisor to assist in planning his/her specific degree program. The SLLE reserves the right to make appropriate course modifications or additions to ensure a sound education program in accordance with ORU's standards of excellence. The student's approved course of study is outlined in the final degree plan. No changes to the degree plan may be made without SLLE approval. The liberal studies/liberal arts major consists of three components: general education courses, specialization requirements, and electives.

### ***Major Requirements***

***General Education Core:*** A total of 54-60 credit hours of course work in the general education core is required of all students in the program.

***Specialization Requirements:*** At least 45 credit hours in upper-division courses (300-400 level) must be completed in the two or more areas of emphasis. Each area consists of a minimum of 18 upper-division credits in a single subject area. All students are required to complete GEN 499, Senior Paper/Project.

***Electives:*** Once the 45 upper-division hours have been completed, additional elective hours should be used to complete the hour requirements of the degree.

***\*Foreign Language Option:*** Students who have completed at least 6 hours in a foreign language, including at least a 203-level or higher foreign language course, may request consideration for the liberal arts degree.

—*Liberal Studies/Liberal Arts Major continues on the following page* ⇨

	<i>Credit Hours</i>
<b><i>General Education</i></b>	
English (ENG 101, 305)	6
Oral Communication (COM 101)	3
Humanities (HUM 111, 112, 213, 214)	12
Biblical Literature (BLIT 110, 120)	6
Theology (THE 103)	3
Laboratory Science (BIO 101 and PSC 101)	8
Mathematics (MAT 151 or 232)	3
American History (HIS 101)	3
Government (GOV 101)	3
Social Sciences Elective (Choice of one of the following: PSY 201, BUS 201, SOC 101, FIN 244, SOC 201)	3
Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPE 001, 002, 101, 102)	<u>4</u>
<b><i>General Education Total</i></b>	<b><i>54</i></b>
<b><i>Specialization Requirements</i></b>	
Area of Emphasis #1	18-45
Area of Emphasis #2	18-45
Electives (minor, related course work, or additional area of emphasis)	varies
Foreign Language Option (for liberal arts only)	<u>6</u>
<b><i>Specialization Total</i></b>	<b><i>71</i></b>
GEN 499 Senior Paper/Project	<u>3</u>
<b><i>Degree Total</i></b>	<b><i>128</i></b>

The exploratory major is designed with two purposes in mind: (1) to guide students who are not yet ready to declare a major and (2) to help potential Elementary Education with Certification (Degree Completion Program) students gain the general education credits required by the ORU School of Education. The exploratory major does not lead to a degree; rather, it is a way for students to complete their required general education courses before declaring a major.

	<i>Credit Hours</i>
<b>General Education</b>	
English (ENG 101, 305)	6
Oral Communication (COM 101)	3
Humanities (HUM 111, 112, 213, 214)	12
Biblical Literature (BLIT 110, 120)	6
Theology (THE 103)	3
Laboratory Science (BIO 101 and PSC 101)	8
Mathematics (MAT 151 or 232)*	3
American History (HIS 101)	3
Government (GOV 101)	3
Social Sciences Elective (Choice of one of the following: PSY 201, BUS 201, SOC 101, FIN 244, SOC 201, SOC 323)**	3
Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPE 001, 002, 101, 102)	<u>4</u>
<b>General Education Total (BUA, CHM, CHCC)</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Additional General Education Courses (BSED)***</b>	
EVR 250 Environmental Science Lecture	3
EVR 250L Environmental Science Laboratory	1
MAT 232 Elementary Statistics	<u>3</u>
<b>Additional General Education Total (BSED)</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>General Education Total (BSED)</b>	<b><u>61</u></b>

\*MAT 232 is required for both the Business Administration (BUA) and Elementary Education (BSED) programs. Students taking MAT 232 for the Business Administration (BUA) program **do not need to take MAT 151**. Students in the Elementary Education (BSED) program must take both MAT 151 **and** MAT 232. All other programs require only MAT 151.

\*\*The Social Sciences elective is required for all SLLE degree programs. If interested in the Church Ministries (CHM) degree, students can choose from PSY 201, SOC 101, SOC 201, BUS 201, or FIN 244 to fulfill this requirement. Students interested in the Christian Care and Counseling (CHCC) degree can choose from SOC 101, BUS 201, or FIN 244. Students interested in the Business Administration (BUA) degree can choose from PSY 201, SOC 101, or SOC 201. Students interested in the Elementary Education (BSED) degree **must** take SOC 323.

\*\*\*Students planning to pursue the Elementary Education (BSED) degree are required to take seven (7) credit hours of general education in addition to those required for the other majors.

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