

Bachelor of Arts in Religion

Anti-Human Trafficking

This concentration blends the foundations of ministry and leadership with the very best national program of understanding and combating human trafficking. This degree prepares students for multiple facets of church ministry along with a nuanced understanding of anti-human and labor trafficking.

Hispanic Ministry and Leadership

This concentration, with an emphasis in Hispanic ministry and leadership, integrates unique Hispanic cultural dimensions of ministry. It prepares students for a staff position in a church, equips laypeople for more effective ministry, and provides an excellent foundation for graduate studies.

Ministry

This concentration is already built into the core courses and will provide a wide array of practical tools to carry out the varied aspects of pastoral ministry within the local church. You will learn to preach, teach, counsel, organize, and lead your congregation.

Bachelor of Science

Church Leadership

This degree, with an emphasis in ministry leadership, prepares students for a staff position in a church, equips laypeople for more effective ministry, and provides an excellent foundation for graduate studies.

Humanitarian Leadership

This degree prepares students for urban and international mission work. Those interested in disaster relief, urban ministry, and overseas ministry should consider this degree as foundational for such ministry development.

Master of Arts

Strategic Leadership

This degree equips ministry leaders who seek to be culturally competent and guided by an enduring moral compass. By building character and deepening spirituality, students in this program will become more effective in leadership skills.

Theology

This degree offers rigorous study in the various disciplines of biblical, systematic and historical, and applied theology. This program invites students to join a learning community that prepares them for advanced study or ministry in the church.

Certificate Program *New*

Jakes Divinity School Coding Bootcamp (Powered by Bethel School of Technology)

This nine-month certificate program in technology will equip individuals, regardless of previous technology background, with in-demand skills in the areas of software development and UI/UX design. In addition to in-demand tech skills, our program emphasizes biblically based soft skill development, such as accountability, empathy, integrity, conflict resolution, and others. This certificate forms technologists who infuse skills and character for the advancement of technology and human development.

Doctor of Ministry *New*

The Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) program is designed to form doctors of ministry for the church and society. Ordained clergy, leaders of nonprofits, and other ministry practitioners who desire to stimulate high-level thinking, network with other church and community leaders from around the world, and develop next-level ministry projects will master the integration of experience with advanced training, research, and reflection. With a focus on developing high-powered leaders, the D.Min. program offers an emphasis on the work of the Holy Spirit in leadership while expanding upon the richness of African culture in a global context.

Spirit-filled Global Leadership in the African Diaspora (Powered by Portland Seminary at George Fox University)

Our latest degree program includes participation in several seminars, conferences, and 'field research' experiences both domestically and abroad.

Professional & Continuing Education *Coming 2021*

- Africa's Presence in Christianity
- Latino / Latina Ministry Leadership
- Pastoral Care and Guidance
- Reading the Bible for All it's Worth
- Women in Leadership

"My career in corporate America has been prosperous, but during prayer, God whispered a resounding confirmation that I needed to go back to school. The world needs the integration of unyielding Christian values and morals in leadership. The online programs at Jakes Divinity School are an answer to my prayer." - Adrienne Long



Welcome to Jakes Divinity School (JDS)! We are an emerging institution with a vision to educate leaders for the church and society in a Spirit-filled and academically rigorous environment. Leadership is key to transforming our world for a positive and productive future. After more than 40 years of ministry and leadership, I want to see future generations step into their God-ordained purpose and soar into their spiritual calling. At JDS, we are partnering with some of the world's most prestigious institutions of higher learning to offer fully accredited degrees and prepare women and men with the very best training. Now is the time; the world is waiting for leaders like you. How will you prepare for the opportunities and challenges ahead? I would like to invite you to prayerfully consider the role of Jakes Divinity School in your path to success.

In His Service,



Bishop T.D. Jakes
Founder and Chancellor



I am thrilled to be part of a vision that transforms lives. Jakes Divinity School is an ideal opportunity for those in pursuit of strong scholarship and experiential learning from a Spirit-filled perspective. The walls that once separated the mind, the heart, and the hands now crumble in a generation that is motivated by spirituality that integrates all of life. Through our education partners, global reach, and spiritual emphasis, JDS is uniquely positioned to train leaders to respond to a deep yearning for integrated learning. Our founder, Bishop T.D. Jakes, has exemplified multi-dimensional leadership and ministry. His living legacy inspires students to think deeply, imagine what could be, and reach globally. As a young boy, I dreamed of the opportunity to serve the Lord in powerful ways. Theological education became a doorway to opportunities imagined but were beyond my reach. I believe God will take you further than you may be prepared to go. Invest today for the ministry leadership opportunities of your future.

In Christ,



Dr. Antipas L. Harris
President and Dean



Vision

Forming leaders for innovative ministry in the church and society.

Mission

Our mission is to prepare men and women for excellence in both local and global ministry, as guided by the power of the Holy Spirit and with faithfulness to Jesus Christ. We aim to fulfill this commitment to ministry through undergraduate and graduate education, professional and continuing education, spiritual formation, experiential-learning, and strategic partnerships. All of our programs strive to glorify God.

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