Master of Arts in
SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND LEADERSHIP
ONLINE PROGRAM GUIDE
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THE SAU CONCEPT
Spring Arbor University is a community of learners distinguished by our lifelong involvement in the study and application of the liberal arts, total commitment to Jesus Christ as the perspective for learning, and critical participation in the contemporary world.

LIVE ON PURPOSE
As a Spring Arbor University online student, your growth and success – academically, professionally and personally – are our focus. Even though you may not be physically present on campus, you are part of a community of learners that is distinguished by our lifelong involvement in the study and application of the liberal arts, a total commitment to Jesus Christ as the perspective for learning, and critical participation in the contemporary world.

As leaders in adult online education, we understand that you need flexibility and support. That is why I encourage you to fully engage with your fellow students, faculty and your student success advisor. Each will enrich your academic experience in ways you never imagined possible.

You are here to receive a quality education and to advance your career. Keep these goals top of mind as you engage in critical thinking by asking questions in your pursuit of wisdom. Demonstrate your personal commitment to responsible, ethical leadership and effective communication through the original work you do here. Remember, the skills, knowledge and abilities you gain as a Spring Arbor University student will serve you well long after you have completed your degree.

We appreciate your interest in Spring Arbor University and wish you the best in your academic endeavors.

Dr. Brent Ellis
President
About SAU Online

Since 1873, Spring Arbor University has helped students pursue wisdom by offering an education grounded in the Christian faith. What began as a small elementary and secondary school in the late 1800s has evolved into a premier private Christian university that offers engaging online programs designed to meet the unique needs of busy, working adults. While we’re not the only university to offer online degree programs, our distinction lies in our total commitment to providing educational excellence within a Christ-honoring and supportive online community.

- Since 2000, Spring Arbor University’s overall enrollment has grown by 40 percent.
- Spring Arbor University is a community of learners distinguished by our lifelong involvement in the study and application of the liberal arts, total commitment to Jesus Christ as the perspective for learning, and critical participation in the contemporary world.
- U.S. News & World Report named Spring Arbor University in the top tier of the “Midwestern Regional Universities” category of colleges and universities in 2010 and 2011.
- Spring Arbor University alum Rick Herter, ’84, made the Guinness World Records for the world’s largest indoor mural with the completion of the 28,000-square-foot mural depicting influential moments in the evolution of flight that adorns the walls of the Air Zoo in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

“What a blessing it is to be an SAU graduate student. Not only am I investing in my future and in the development of my career, but I am surrounded by a community of mentors and scholars who are also committed to integrating Christ’s love into today’s business world.”

Chelsea Page, MBA
SAU Online is a pioneer and leader in adult online education. We understand your needs, and we welcome you with an online environment specifically created to enhance your strengths and support your journey.

- An Online Admissions Representative will help you choose a program that best fits your needs and walk you through the admissions process
- Our Financial Aid Staff will give you accurate information on financial resources, based on your specific needs and circumstances
- You will have direct access to SAU’s highly acclaimed instructors
- Upon acceptance, you will be assigned your own Student Success Advisor, who will be your personal concierge from day one to graduation day
- Our Tech Support Team will help you with any technical issues you may have
- A Graduate Career Advisor will help you develop a career plan and will notify you of opportunities, experiences or resources related to your career plan

At SAU Online, you’ll find that you are becoming close friends with your classmates, and your professor even encourages you to call him or her when you need help.

From the comfort of your own home, you will submit assignments, take tests and review class resources. You also will enjoy engaging podcasts, interesting threaded discussions and thought-provoking videos that cause you to be transformed in ways you never thought possible.

Keeping you connected is our priority, which is why we offer so many ways to keep in touch - e-mail, chat, discussion boards, live audio-conferencing, a state-of-the-art learning management system, iTunesU®, and more.
ACCREDITATION

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) – All degrees offered by Spring Arbor University are accredited by The Higher Learning Commission, 30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 2400, Chicago, IL. 60602. 1.800.621.7440.

Spring Arbor has been approved by the Michigan Department of Education to offer online reading courses for elementary and secondary teachers that are required by Michigan law for initial certification renewal. The courses are EDU 624 for elementary and EDU 625 for secondary.

State Authorization
SAU is authorized to offer online education in the following states: AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, HI, ID, IL, IN, MI, MO, MT, NE, NH, NJ, OK, PA, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WY.

SAU is authorized to offer online education in the following states with limitations: AK, DE, GA, KS, KY, LA, MA, ME, MN, MS, NC, ND, NY, RI, WA, WV.

NATIONAL RANKINGS

■ 2013 Washington Monthly: 212 out of 684 ranked Master’s universities


■ 2014 FindTheBest Colleges Smart Ratings: 92 out of 100 data points representative of quality
SAU ONLINE PROGRAMS

Spring Arbor University offers affordable, accredited, Christ-honoring degrees online that are designed to broaden your professional reach, enrich your faith and make you more marketable in your sphere of influence. As an SAU online student, you will enjoy an engaging curriculum that will prepare you to pursue a more purposeful career with confidence. You’ll also find it easy to engage with your instructors and peers. It’s a fully integrated approach to online education that’s specifically designed to inform and transform the mind, body and spirit of adult learners.

FINANCIAL AID

SAU offers a great financial aid package. In fact, 100 percent of our students receive some type of financial aid. On average, those who receive grants or scholarships are awarded $14,203. And military veterans and active-duty personnel enjoy a 30 percent discount on tuition. Upon acceptance to your program, our Financial Aid Staff will walk you through available institutional, state, and federal awards based on your specific circumstances.
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Online

Total Credit Hours: 36
Tuition Per Credit: $484
Total Tuition: $17,424
Application Fee: $30
Registration Fee: $40/sem
Technology Fee: $105/sem

*Additional $1,000 per Seminar Fee
# Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation & Leadership

The Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation & Leadership program is designed to help you bring scripture to the hearts, minds and hands of those you serve. It’s a rigorous program – one of only three in the world delivered online – that combines knowledge, practice, theology, contemplation and spirituality in a way that encourages personal and communal spiritual health.

Designed to be completed in two years, this program is offered primarily online with several onsite residencies and retreats, including a week-long residency in Guatemala. Upon graduation from this program, you will be prepared to effectively counsel those in servant leadership roles or promote godly character in your church, community and throughout the world as a minister or congregational leader.

## Program Requirements

### Year 1
- SFL060 Orientation to Online Learning (0)
- SFL600 Introduction to Christian Spirituality (3)
- SFL602 Disciplines of the Spirit (3)
- SFL673 Special Topic in Christian Spirituality (one-week intensive residency) (3)
- SFL612 Formational Theology (3)
- SFL623 Spiritual Wisdom of the Hebrew Scriptures (3)
- SFL671 Social Justice and Christian Spirituality (3) (one week intensive in Guatemala)

### Year 2
- SFL624 Jesus Christ and New Testament Spirituality (3)
- SFL613 The Spirit-Empowered Life (3)
- SFL674 Special Topic in Christian Spirituality (one-week intensive residency) (3)
- SFL637 Introduction to Spiritual Direction (3)
- SFL611 Christian Spirituality and Everyday Life (3)
- SFL604 History of Christian Spirituality (3)

## Admissions Requirements

- A Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- A 3.0 GPA for at least the last two years of the Bachelor’s degree
- An official transcript from the institution granting the Bachelor’s degree, as well as official transcripts for any graduate work
- Two recommendations: one church reference (minister or church leader) and either one academic reference or one professional reference
- Submission of Autobiographical Question form (available online)
- Vocational or volunteer ministry experience (subject to evaluation)
- A completed application and application fee