



GREATER WITH FAITH



LET PURPOSE GUIDE YOU

LET'S MAKE THE JOURNEY TOGETHER.

Have you always known what you wanted to be? Or are you still discovering your God-given calling?

Nelson University is a place where you can collect tools and skills and make connections to launch you toward your purpose. Together, let's discover more. Together, let's launch you into your purpose.



PURPOSE GREATER THAN OURSELVES

The beauty of college is that learning takes place inside and outside of the classroom. When you come to Nelson, your education will be more than an education. In marketing class, you might design a fundraiser that benefits a local ministry. Your professor's industry experience and attentiveness to the Spirit might guide you on a career path you never expected. And your internship may open doors to carry God's presence to places you never thought you would.

DEGREES

BACHELOR'S

- ✔ Accounting 📖
- ✔ Ancient Studies
- ✔ Bible & Theology
 - ✔ Pre-seminary
- ✔ Business
- ✔ Business Administration 📖
- ✔ Business Sport Management 📖
- ✔ Child & Family Studies
- ✔ Church Leadership 📖
 - ✔ Children & Family Ministries
 - ✔ Church Planting
 - ✔ Church Revitalization
 - ✔ Compassion Ministry
 - ✔ Media Ministry
 - ✔ Pastoral Leadership
 - ✔ Spiritual Formation
 - ✔ Worship Ministry
 - ✔ Youth & Student Ministries
- ✔ Communication Studies
- ✔ Criminal Justice
- ✔ Criminal Justice & Law Enforcement
- ✔ Digital Media Arts
- ✔ Education
 - ✔ Elementary Education
 - ✔ English Language Arts/Reading Education
 - ✔ Mathematics Education
 - ✔ Music Education
 - ✔ Physical Education
 - ✔ Social Studies/History Education
 - ✔ Theatre Education
 - ✔ Education Pre-Professional
 - ✔ English
 - ✔ General Ministry
 - ✔ History
 - ✔ Humanitarian Relief & Development
 - ✔ Human Services
 - ✔ Counseling
 - ✔ Criminal justice
 - ✔ Psychology
 - ✔ Social Work
 - ✔ Kinesiology
 - ✔ Intercultural Studies
 - ✔ Interdisciplinary Studies
 - ✔ Management 📖
 - ✔ Marketing 📖
 - ✔ Music
 - ✔ Music Performance
 - (Instrumental, Jazz, Piano, Vocal)
 - ✔ Occupational Leadership
 - ✔ Psychology Pre-Professional
 - ✔ Religion & Philosophy
 - ✔ Social Work
 - ✔ Theatre
 - ✔ Worship Arts
 - (Creative/Dramatic, Musical, Technical)
 - ✔ Worship Leadership

MASTER'S

- ✔ Biblical/Theological Studies
 - ✔ Bible and Theology
- ✔ Business Administration
- ✔ Children & Family
- ✔ Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- ✔ Clinical Psychology
- ✔ Curriculum & Instruction
 - ✔ Curriculum Studies
 - ✔ Early Childhood
 - ✔ History
- ✔ Educational Leadership
 - ✔ Christian School Administration
 - ✔ Public School Administration
- ✔ English
- ✔ General Psychology
- ✔ History
 - ✔ Education Track
 - ✔ Thesis Track
 - ✔ Non-thesis Track
- ✔ Intercultural Studies
 - ✔ Compassion Ministry
 - ✔ Islamic Studies
 - ✔ Theological/Teaching
- ✔ Master of Divinity
 - ✔ Biblical Languages
 - ✔ Biblical Studies
 - ✔ Chaplaincy
 - ✔ Church Health & Revitalization
 - ✔ Counseling
 - ✔ Family Ministries
 - ✔ Global Compassion Ministry
 - ✔ Intercultural Studies
 - ✔ Islamic Studies
 - ✔ Pastoral Theology
 - ✔ Theological Studies
- ✔ Organizational Leadership
- ✔ Practical Theology
 - ✔ Church Health & Revitalization
 - ✔ Compassion ministry
 - ✔ Islamic Studies
- ✔ School Counseling

DOCTORATE

- ✔ Doctor of Ministry in Leadership
 - ✔ Communication & Technology
 - ✔ Cultural Engagement
 - ✔ General Ministries

CERTIFICATION

- ✔ Texas Alternative Certification
- ✔ On-Campus & Online
 - ✔ On-Campus Only
 - ✔ Online Only
 - ✔ Partially Online, Some Residency Required
 - ✔ Fast Track to Master's Degree

EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT

Through Nelson University's Early College Credit Program, high school students can simultaneously earn college credit and fulfill high school requirements towards their diploma. A variety of classes are offered online or in-person on the Nelson University campus. At \$100 per credit hour and the opportunity to earn up to 42 college credits, students can save over \$25,000 towards their undergraduate degree.

ACCREDITATION

Nelson University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate, baccalaureate, masters, and doctorate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Nelson University.



JOIN THE TRADITION



CAMPUS TRADITIONS

BATTLE OF THE DORMS: Dorms face off for bragging rights in team competition to determine which dorm will win the coveted Battle Vac trophy.

HOMECOMING: Students join alumni for festivities, football and the crowning of the Homecoming king and queen.

CHRISTMAS AT NELSON: All Lions come together for the annual campus lighting, treats, pictures with Santa, train rides and more.

COLLINSTOCK: Music, plus comedy, plus couches on the lawn equals laid-back entertainment as students share their talents and cheer for their favorite acts.

20+

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

from athletic clubs to the arts, from community to world outreach; Connect with like-passioned individuals.

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NATIONALLY RANKED DORMS (Niche, 2023)

All of our dormitories have their own dorm pastor, student leaders, and events to make your Nelson experience greater than you could imagine.



WELLNESS CENTER

- Cardio Equipment
- Freeweights
- Indoor Running Track
- Basketball Courts
- Lap Swimming Pool
- Racquetball Courts
- Sauna & Hot Tub



STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- Student Congress
- World Outreach
- Prayer & Advocacy
- Nelson Theatre
- Student Alumni Association
- FCA Lions United
- Nelson Cinema
- Intramural Sports



Residence Life To Help You Thrive

GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE IS GREAT.

With the Nelson community at your side, you'll find that everything you experience is greater. You'll join other Lions in study sessions, service projects, dorm devotions, chapel, and campus events like Battle of the Dorms. Everything we do lets you deepen friendships and celebrate the joy we experience together.

Like the Lion's first basketball game of the season. Sitting in the stands, you'll grasp a ping pong ball and wait. As soon as we score, you — and every other Lion's fan in Sheaffer Center — will cheer and lob a ball onto the court. It will be the best

"Texas snowstorm" you've ever experienced. At Nelson, this is our specialty. We take something great — like a basketball game or chapel service or pancake breakfast — and make it greater with joy.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

DAILY COMMITMENT TO SPIRITUAL LIFE

TUESDAYS: Dorm Devotionals

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY: Nelson chapel featuring student-led worship and special guests.

EVERYDAY: All classes begin by praying for the country of the day, exposing students to the needs of the world.

WEEKENDS: Student-led ministry groups.



"What better place to be apart of than a place that values your spiritual life. One of my favorite things about Nelson is their emphasis on the importance of worship and being led by the Spirit."

MELEANA LAVATA'I

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP



STUDENT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Lions are a force for good in our local community and around the world. To create opportunities, Nelson has many student-led ministry groups open to all students.

MINISTRIES INCLUDE

- Global Mission Trips
- After-School Outreach
- Street Ministry
- Local Community Service
- Homeless Ministry
- Sex Trafficking Victim Outreach



GREATER WITH FAITH

Our faith doesn't stop at the chapel door. We carry it with us wherever we go. Because God's love is greater than a chapel, or a classroom, or a university can hold. And because of that, Nelson University is greater than a campus, a set of degree programs, or even a collection of students, staff, and professors. It's a channel of Christ's love showing up in Waxahachie and across the world.





MISSIONS

CARRY PURPOSE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO

Life is too short to think small. You are a conduit of God's grace, meeting people in coffee shops, remote villages, and classrooms across the world. You carry purpose with you wherever you go. At Nelson, you will have the opportunity to explore cultures through summer mission trips, internships and study-abroad partnerships. You will forever be connected to Nelson, and forever greater than you could be alone.



"I have learned that missions is not about what you do so much as it's about who you are. We are all on mission by God to share His love to a world that needs it. This school showed me that mission can be in my backyard or 9,000 miles away. The important thing is that our words and lives are an active reflection of the heart of God for others."

JOCLYNN BRISTOW
INTERCULTURAL STUDIES GRADUATE

MISSIONS TRIPS

Every summer, Lions participate in mission trips as part of the university's goal to send students to every nation in the world. Nelson University's founding principle of "The whole gospel for the whole world" drives our students to put their faith into action and reach out to those in need.

Students get to serve overseas in a variety of areas including: Business Training, Coffee Shop Evangelism, Construction Projects, Children's Ministry, Teaching English as a Second

Language, School Assemblies, Jungle Treks to Remote Villages, Street Evangelism, Safe Houses for Trafficked Women, and Youth Ministry.

GLOBAL STUDY CENTER

Students can also enroll in a semester-in-context. Our partnerships include, *Base Camp* in Daloa, Ivory Coast, *LiveDead Study Center* in Cairo, Egypt, and a *Muslim Ministry Training Center* in Dearborn, MI.



EXPLORE OUR CAMPUS

SCHEDULE A VISIT AT [NELSON.EDU/VISIT](https://nelson.edu/visit)

CAMPUS DAYS

- Stay overnight in the dorms
- Have fun at the block party
- Join in late night worship
- Check out classes

DAILY VISIT

- Tour campus & attend chapel
- Meet an admissions counselor
- Talk with a coach or professor
- Learn about admissions & financial aid



SATURDAYS AT NELSON

- Tour the campus
- Attend a home game
- Learn about the admissions process
- Connect with students

UNIVERSITY FRIDAY

- Attend classes
- Tour the campus
- Meet professors
- Experience chapel



GREATER OPPORTUNITIES

NAVIGATING FINANCIAL AID

AFFORDABILITY

We believe that a private Christian education should be affordable. We work to offer many types of scholarships, grants, and need-based financial aid.

99% RECEIVE AID

Most on-campus students benefit from some form of financial aid. 99% of students receive scholarships, grants, student work aid or qualify for loans to invest in college.

WORK STUDY

Our work-study opportunities allow you to earn money through part-time jobs right here on campus, helping you to offset educational costs while gaining valuable work experience.

MINISTRY DEGREE GUARANTEE

All on campus ministry majors receive at least 50% off tuition including all federal, state, and Nelson scholarships and grants. This means each ministry major will receive at least \$6,000 per semester in grants and scholarships!

\$29 MILLION DISBURSED

Nelson disburses more than \$29 million in financial aid to students each year - \$9.2 million alone in institutional scholarships. Check out all of our scholarships and grants and learn more about Nelson financial aid at nelson.edu/financialaid.

BIBLE & CHURCH MINISTRIES

BACHELOR'S

Bible & Theology
 Child & Family Studies
 Church Leadership

(Children & Family Ministries, Church Planting, Church Revitalization, Compassion Ministry, General Ministries, Media Ministry, Pastoral Leadership, Spiritual Formation, Worship Ministry, Youth & Student Ministries)

General Ministry
 Humanitarian Relief and Development
 Intercultural Studies
 Religion & Philosophy

“Our faculty give their full energies to preparing leaders who have keen minds, sharpened skills and passionate hearts! Our students are people like you who will lead the local church’s disciple-making ministries, its worship, missions efforts, or the critical task of pastoral ministry.”



DR. CLANCY HAYES

DEAN, SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE OF BIBLE AND CHURCH MINISTRIES



CREDENTIALING DAY

Nelson University hosts annual ministerial credentialing days to help connect ministry students with Assemblies of God district leadership. Students network with pastors and leaders, connecting them with future ministry opportunities.



APOLOGETICS SEMINAR

Each year, Nelson University hosts an apologetics seminar to challenge and equip students to communicate truth and make a difference in their spheres of influence.

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE THROUGH INTERNSHIPS

Bible and Church Ministry degrees combine classroom instruction with real-life experience through internships and other leadership opportunities.



BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES & COMMUNITY SERVICES

BACHELOR'S

Criminal Justice
 Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement
 Human Services
(Counseling, Criminal Justice, Psychology, Social Work)
 Psychology Pre-Professional
 Social Work

“One of the things I love the most about this degree is the professors. I love the open format of classes. We can have conversations where professors bring their professional experiences and students are able to ask questions about areas of interest.”

EUNICE MONTEMAYOR
 SOCIAL WORK GRADUATE



BUSINESS

CAPSTONE

Students gain real world experience through an end-of-degree capstone course which allows students to either complete an internship or capstone project.

COMPANIES LOVE LIONS

Graduates have been hired by companies like Walmart Corporate Headquarters, Disney Corporate Headquarters, Southwest Airlines, Encore Live, Southwest Exteriors, Cognizant, Technology Solutions Corp. and Murphy Oil.

IACBE ACCREDITATION

Nelson has received accreditation for its business programs through the International Accreditation Council for Business Education (IACBE).



“The business department taught me how to build relationships and network. I consistently catch up with my professors, and ask for advice on how I can progress in not only my career, but also as a Christian in the work place.”

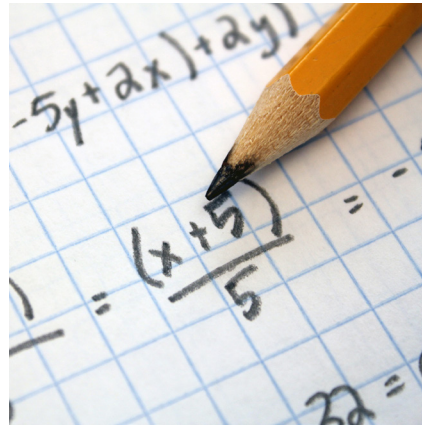
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BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

BACHELOR'S
Optional Master's Fast-Track for all majors

- Accounting
- Business Administration
(Optional minors in Entrepreneurship or Marketing)
- Management
- Marketing
- Sports Management

BACHELOR'S

- Education Pre-professional
- Elementary Education
- English Language Arts/Reading Education
- Mathematics Education
- Music Education (Instrumental, Piano, Vocal)
- Physical Education
- Social Studies/History Education
- Theatre Education



LITERACY LAB

Nelson Teacher Education has a partnership with local schools to work with elementary students through a special literacy lab. The lab provides early hands-on experience outside of the college classroom.

STUDENT TEACHING

All Nelson teacher education majors who plan to become certified participate in student teaching. Nelson's education department works with area schools to find a great fit for students to learn from mentor teachers on-the-job.

FROM COLLEGE TO THE CLASSROOM

Many Lions have teaching job offers when they graduate. Literacy labs, classroom observation and student teaching provide opportunities to network with school leaders. Nelson has a strong reputation, with 99% of education majors passing certification exams.

CLASSROOM TECH

Teachers today are expected to adapt with technology-rich classrooms. Nelson provides hands-on experience with the latest technology tools in class and at area conferences.

“What makes our education program different from other institutions is the fact that students are taught to see every situation with Biblical perspective. We help our students understand that they are different; they are called and filled with the Holy Spirit and that is something unique within Education. There is a mission field in our schools, and we prepare teachers to reach those children.”

DR. PAULA MANLEY
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHAIR





COMMUNICATION ARTS

AWARD-WINNING FILMS AND BROADCAST PRODUCTION

Digital Media Arts students take the lead and showcase their skills during student summer film projects. These projects have repeatedly won nationally acclaimed awards in film competitions. Students also produce Nelson Sports Network and entertainment broadcasts using the studio and professional equipment in the Hagee Communication Center.

“My experience with the Digital Media Arts program has been nothing short of amazing! I have had opportunities to access high end gear and technology, as well as off-campus learning experiences to truly simulate what a professional job would be like. This is such a unique and wonderful opportunity - one I’m not sure I would’ve ever gotten anywhere else.”

CHLOE HAWPE
DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS



BACHELOR’S
Communication Studies
Digital Media Arts
English
Theatre

SONY ALLIANCE
Nelson is one of only 20 schools in America that are part of the Sony Academic Alliance which helps provide internships and special access to the latest audio/video equipment in the industry.

NATIONALLY TELEVISED
Student films have been featured in national broadcasts.

PLAYS AND MUSICALS
Stage performances, black-box theatrical performances and musical productions are performed throughout the semester – offering opportunities to perform, design sets and write.

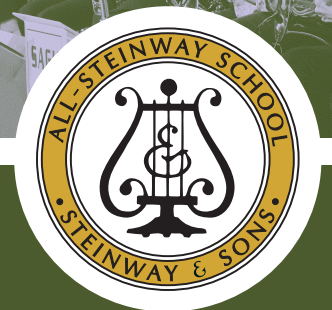
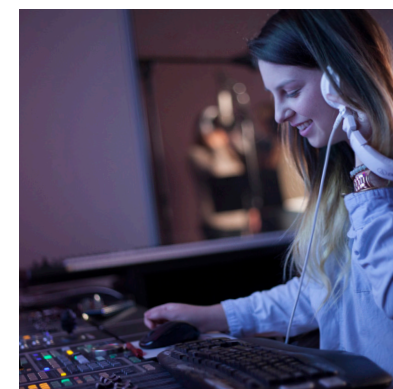


MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

“It is my greatest passion to see students develop their musical skills and come to the realization that they were created to craft music or lead worship.”

DR. TYRONE BLOCK
DEAN, COLLEGE OF MUSIC AND COMMUNICATION ARTS

BACHELOR’S
Music
Music Performance
(Instrumental, Jazz Studies, Piano, Vocal)
Worship Arts
(Creative/Dramatic, Musical, Technical)
Worship Leadership



ALL STEINWAY
Nelson is one of a few schools officially recognized as an All-Steinway music program.



NELSON

ATHLETICS

BASEBALL ♦ BASKETBALL* ♦ CROSS COUNTRY* ♦ FOOTBALL
 ESPORTS (CO-ED) ♦ SOFTBALL ♦ SOCCER* ♦ VOLLEYBALL
 INDOOR TRACK & FIELD* ♦ OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD*

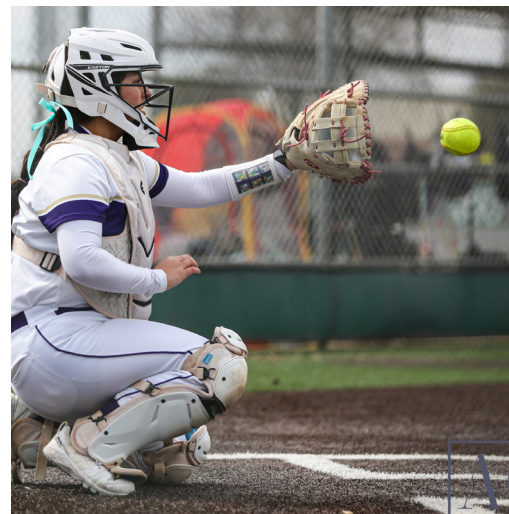
* MEN'S & WOMEN'S OFFERED

“At Nelson University, I found the support and opportunities that nurtured my growth as

a leader. The community encouraged me to give back and learn from those around me. Relationships are most important, and this university has been instrumental in fostering those connections.”



CJ HALL
 MEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-AMERICAN



POPULAR DEGREES AMONGST STUDENT ATHLETES

- Kinesiology
- Business Sport Management
- Management
- Marketing
- Physical Education
- Coaching Minor



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ALL SPORTS: Our athletes contribute over 3,500 hours annually in service and outreach. The Lions have earned the Sooner Athletic Conference Scholar Award and the Wheeler Award.

VOLLEYBALL: The Lady Lions secured back-to-back SAC Regular Season Championships in 2023, earning an automatic bid to the NAIA National Tournament.

MEN'S BASKETBALL: Qualified for the NAIA Division I National Tournament for the fifth consecutive year.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S SOCCER: Both teams qualified for the NCCAA, with outstanding performances in the 2023 NCCAA All Central Region Awards.

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL: Both programs received Sooner Athletic Conference postseason honors and produced multiple NCCAA Scholar-Athletes.

FOOTBALL: Twelve players were recognized in the Sooner Athletic Conference Awards, with a special teams member named NAIA National Player of the Week in 2023.

TRACK & FIELD: A men's track athlete achieved NAIA All-American status after a record-breaking performance in the NAIA National Track & Field Championship heptathlon.



WAXAHACHIE, TX



A COZY HISTORIC TOWN

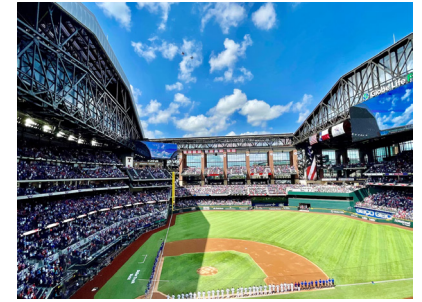
Our campus is located in Waxahachie, a cozy town full of history and culture. Here you'll find local shopping, restaurants, parks and coffee shops. Our location in Texas gives us the feel of a small town with the proximity to a big city. Just 30 minutes north is the greater Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex.

DISCOVER LOCAL

Waxahachie has so much to offer! From artisan coffee shops and antique stores, to cool arcades, movie theatres and parks. Enjoy a variety of food like wood-fired pizzas at Tuscan Slice, fresh BBQ at Blue Bonnet BBQ, and hand-crafted drinks from Vita Coffee House and Prickly Boba. Our community hosts countless events like Farmer's Markets, concerts on the square and we even have a Scarborough Renaissance Festival each year!

PLACES TO VISIT

- Fresh Market Coffee Shop
- Blue Bonnet BBQ
- Tuscan Slice
- The Dessert Spot
- Straight from Philly
- The Dove's Nest
- Pop's Burger Stand
- Osuba's Japanese and Sushi
- Two Amigos Taqueria
- Vita Coffee House
- Getzender Park
- Farmers Market
- Scarborough Renaissance Festival



BIG CITY ENTERTAINMENT

Just 30 min from campus, the DFW metroplex is a hub for professional sports, state-wide fairs, famous theme parks and historical landmarks. As the home to amazing teams like the Texas Rangers and Dallas Mavericks, students can experience first-hand the journey to a national championship. History can come to life at the JFK memorial and Dallas Museum of Art. Students can enjoy some of the best restaurants in the state and find beautiful hiking trails along the Trinity river. With free events and places, DFW has endless entertainment.

- Six Flags over Texas
- Texas Rangers Baseball
- Dallas Cowboys Football
- Dallas Mavericks Basketball
- JFK Memorial Museum
- Dallas Aquarium

- Fort Worth Stock Yards
- Perot Science Museum
- Dallas Museum of Art
- Fort Worth Zoo
- Bishop Arts District
- Fort Worth Sundance Square





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