

Youth Ministries

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Youth Ministries major is designed to prepare students for effective pastoral ministry focused on adolescents. This four-year program's emphasis is on developing an ability to minister the Scriptures to the unique needs of youth while operating as part of a pastoral team. The skills and competencies focused on in this program are transferable to a range of career applications in ministry settings as well as the secular market.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the Youth Ministries major, the student will:

- Articulate a clear philosophy of youth ministry that is founded on a solid understanding of Scriptural priorities, is focused on the particular needs of students, and considers the unique gifts and abilities of a leadership team.
- Create effective strategies for youth ministry based on solid principles of strategic thinking.
- Build strategies for training their students to influence their world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Develop a discipleship strategy that provides for the spiritual growth of students and training for youth workers as effective disciples of students.
- Understand a theology of teaching and demonstrate skills for effective teaching of the Scriptures.
- Prepare and present effective sermons using solid principles of biblical exposition.
- Understand key current issues and provide solid biblical counsel in response to those issues.
- Read biblical Greek at an elementary level.

DEGREE: Bachelor of Science

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

121 Credits ▪ All courses are three credits unless noted otherwise.

Fall Year 1 (16 credits)

CSU101	CSU First Year Experience (0)
BI100	Principles of Bible Study
BI111	Bible Survey *
EN121	Academic and Researched Writing
HP101	Living Well (1) *
SP100	Speech Communication *
ELEC	History Core Elective

Spring Year 1 (15 credits)

EN122	Writing Across the Disciplines
EV220	World Religions *
PS100	General Psychology *
TH120	Building a Biblical Lifestyle
ELEC	Humanities Elective

Fall Year 2 (15 credits)

PA311	The Personal Life of the Ministry Leader
PH206	Worldviews: Humanities and Science *
ELEC	Biblical Studies Elective
ELEC	Humanities Elective
ELEC	Math or Science Elective

Spring Year 2 (15 credits)

PS310	Dynamics of Discipleship
TH211	Theology Survey
ELEC	Biblical Studies Elective
ELEC	Biblical Studies Elective
ELEC	Humanities Elective

Fall Year 3 (15 credits)

EM413	Foundations of Ministry Leadership
NT502	Elements of Greek – 1
YM301	Youth Ministry Philosophy
ELEC	Biblical Studies Elective
ELEC	Ministry Leadership Elective

Spring Year 3 (15 credits)

NT503	Elements of Greek – 2
PA412	Expository Preaching
TH308	Theological Distinctives
YM302	Youth Ministry Strategy
ELEC	Free Elective

Fall Year 4 (15 credits)

TH480	Senior Seminar *
YM407	Youth Evangelism
ELEC	Ministry Leadership Elective
ELEC	Ministry Leadership Elective
ELEC	Free Elective

Spring Year 4 (15 credits)

EM412	The Family Life of the Ministry Leader
YM402	Youth Ministry Seminar
ELEC	Ministry Leadership Elective
ELEC	Free Elective
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* Courses offered both semesters