



**Youth Ministry  
Bachelor of Arts  
Arts & Sciences  
Traditional**

**Program Coordinator: D. Kreiss**

The B.A. in Youth Ministry is an interdisciplinary program incorporating courses in Psychology and Biblical Studies in addition to the required Youth Ministry courses. Youth Ministry majors are also strongly encouraged to work toward a second major in another field to enhance opportunities for employment and service upon graduation. This broad program thoroughly prepares the graduate to give oversight to Youth Ministry programs associated with the local church, community agencies, Christian youth organizations (Young Life, Youth for Christ, Urban Promise, etc.), and other related programs.

Course requirements include practical application as well as theoretical learning. Included in the degree requirements is 'Recreation & Adventure Based Learning' which is only offered during the first 5-week term of the Summer Semester. Tuition for this course is assessed at the summer rates. Internships provide needed experience in working with young people in a variety of settings. Those who pursue this major are mentored by professionals in the field and experience hands-on ministry while they are gaining academic credit. These opportunities may lead to employment, either on the internship site or another location. Because of the many opportunities for employment available in youth ministry, this degree gives the graduate an advantage over others without this level of education and training.

Prior to graduation all students must complete the comprehensive assessment and pass with a score of 75% or better. The comprehensive assessment is a program portfolio assignment and part of the YTMN 4110 course assessments.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

1. Students will employ the necessary skills and tasks to develop and carry out a youth ministry program.
2. Students will demonstrate the ability to train volunteers and others in leadership roles conducting youth ministries.
3. Students will comprehend the major psychological concepts and theories of adolescent development and the unique nature of adolescents as seen from a psychological perspective

**Youth Ministry Major Requirements\***

YTMN 1620	
Foundations of Youth Ministry .....	2 s.h.
YTMN 2220	
Youth Ministry in Varied Contexts .....	4 s.h.
YTMN 2450	
Recreation and Adventure-Based Learning .....	4 s.h.
YTMN 3210	
Developing a Practical Theology of Youth Ministry.....	4 s.h.

YTMN 3610	
Program Administration for Effective Youth Ministry .....	4 s.h.
YTMN 3800	
Internship .....	4 s.h.
YTMN 4110	
Senior Seminar for Ministry .....	2 s.h.
BIBL 2251	
The Old Testament and Interpretation .....	4 s.h.
BIBL 2252	
The New Testament and Interpretation .....	4 s.h.
PSYC 3010	
Spiritual Formation and the Book of James.....	2 s.h.
PSYC 3320	
Adolescent Development.....	4 s.h.
PSYC 4200	
Introduction to Christian Counseling.....	2 s.h.
<i>Choose from the following courses</i> .....	4 s.h.
BIBL 3040	
The Life and Teaching of Jesus (4 s.h.)	
BIBL 4060	
The Gospels and Epistles of John (4 s.h.)	
RELG 3210	
Introduction to Theology (4 s.h.)	
RELG 3850	
History of the Christian Movement (4 s.h.)	
YTMN 4990	
Comprehensive Assessment .....	0 s.h.

\* Students majoring in Youth Ministry are required to complete a minor in another area of study.

**Summary of Total Credits**

Core Curriculum .....	42 s.h.
Major Requirements.....	44 s.h.
Required Minor/Second Major .....	38 s.h.
<b>Minimum to Earn Bachelor of Arts in Youth Ministry .....</b>	<b>124 s.h.</b>