

YOUTH MINISTRY MAJOR - B.S.

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The mission of the Department of Youth Ministry and Christian Education is to “enfold, encourage, equip, and unleash collegians to accomplish great goals in God’s power.” The themes of prayer, excellence, and vision are important in every class and effort within the department. Skills in youth ministry leadership are taught that would be applicable not only in local church ministry but para-church organizations as well, especially Youth for Christ and Young Life. Field experience is an extremely important part of the program and the department receives numerous requests for students to minister on a part-time basis during the school year. Courses are taught with a view towards applicability in a variety of cultural, social, and geographic contexts.

Programs to enrich one’s youth ministry training experience are offered as well. For those interested in an urban youth ministry focus, the New York City campus offers the complete youth ministry degree. On the Rockland County (Nyack) campus, urban opportunities are still quite accessible.

We have a heart to instill a global vision for youth ministry. The department is informally linked with Moorelands College in England, and this linkage shows itself in a variety of ways. Our International Youth Ministry course goes to England for ministry on alternate years. January 2008 will see our first youth ministry experience in Taiwan.

While the Youth Ministry degree, *as it stands*, prepares an individual for future ministry in the church, para-church, international, or non-government agency ministry environment, students may choose to further specialize their study. Concentrations offered are:

Retreat and Wilderness Leadership Concentration is helpful for any student interested in ministry with youth missions organizations, traditional camping ministries, or with at-risk youth in wilderness challenge ministries.

Media and Technology. As the “emergent church” movement grows, youth workers are being called upon to give leadership in media and technology not only in youth ministry, but the entire church.

Adolescent Social Welfare. Focus is on those interested in helping youth and families through social service agency/no for profit/non-governmental agency work.

Family Ministry. The position of “Family Ministries Pastor” is becoming more common. Some youth ministries are expanding their scope to include family ministry as well.

Youth Worship and the Arts. This is a natural choice for those feeling a call to youth ministry and are also gifted musicians and worship leaders.

(For additional concentrations available to Youth Ministry majors, see Christian Education section.)

126 credit hours, distributed as follows, are required for the Bachelor of Science degree:

Liberal Arts and Science Core Component	37*
*The B.S. in Youth Ministry has no foreign language requirement.	
Bible and Ministry Minor Curriculum	15
Major Field Component (55 credits)	
BIB 365 - Romans	3
CED 202 - Foundations of Teaching in the Church (Worldview requirement)	3
CED 334 - Teaching the Bible.....	3
CED 346 - Personal Spiritual Formation.....	3
CED/YMN 391,392 - Student Teaching I and II	4
CED 441 - Leadership & Administration <u>or</u> CED 444 - Equipping Leadership	3
CED/YMN 491,492 - Seminar and Practicum in Youth Ministry.....	5
CED/YMN-Electives	4
CSC 242 - Webpage Design.....	3
PMN 311-312 - Introduction and Intermediate Homiletics	6
PSY 101 - General Psychology	3
SOC 345 - American Youth Cultures.....	3
YMN 332 - Counseling Adolescents.....	3
YMN 333 - Introduction to Youth Ministry.....	3
YMN 336 - Youth Outreach.....	3
YMN 434 - Advanced Youth Ministry	3
Concentration (12 credits)	12
Liberal Arts Electives (7 credits)	7
Total credits required	126

Concentrations

Youth Ministry majors may elect to specialize in one of several concentrations.

Retreat and Wilderness Leadership (12 credits)

YMN 342-Small Groups in Youth Ministry	3
YMN 355-Retreat and Camping Ministries.....	3

Offered in May Term at Sacandaga Bible Conference in New York Adirondacks:

YMN 321-Extreme Skills or YMN 322-Camping Programming	3
YMN 323-Emergency Rescue	3

Adolescent Social Welfare Concentration (12 credits)

SOC 241-The Family or CED 340-Parent Ministries Leadership	3
SOC 243-Adolescent Sociology	3
YMN 339-Introduction to Adolescent Social Welfare	3
YMN 360-At Risk Youth and Gangs.....	3

Media and Technology Concentration (12 credits)

COM 236-Basic Audio Production.....	3
COM 348-Film/TV Production	3
CSC 243-Computer Arts.....	3
CSC 245-Computer Graphics and Animation.....	3

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Family Ministry Concentration (12 credits)

CED 335-Adult Ministries Leadership or CED 340-Parent Ministries Ldrshp. 3
CED/YMN 349-An Introduction to Family Ministry 3
CED 444-Equipping Leadership 3
PMN 310-Pastoral Counseling or PSY 349-Family Counseling 3

Youth Worship and the Arts Concentration (12 credits)

YMN 345-Youth and Worship..... 3
PMN 328-Contemporary Worship Models 3
CED 348-Drama in the Church..... 3
CSC 243-Computer Arts or COM 338-Film/Video Production..... 3

Youth Ministry Major Suggested Program Plan

FIRST YEAR: Fall

PMN 101-Intro to Spiritual Form. ...2
YMN 333-Intro. to Youth Min.3
INT 112-Found. for Excellence2
ENG 101-College Writing I.....3
PMN 201-Nyack Heritage.....1
HIS 113-Hist. of World Civ. I.....3
INT 101-Info Literacy1

SECOND YEAR: Fall

BIB 201-New Testament Lit.3
CED 344-Teaching the Bible3
ENG 201 or 202-Global Lit. I or II.3
YMN 336 Youth Outreach.....3
MAT-Math Elective3

THIRD YEAR: Fall

BIB 301 or 302-Biblical Doc I or II.3
BIB 365-Romans3
YMN/CED Elective.....3
YMN 391-Student Teaching3
SOC 347-Multicultural America.....3
YMN 332-Counseling Adol.....3

FOURTH YEAR: Fall

CED 441-Leadership & Admin3
YMN 491-Seminar and Pract.....3
CSC 242-Webpage Design3
PMN 311-Intro. Homiletics.....3
CED/YMN-Elective1
Electives3

FIRST YEAR: Spring

BIB 102-Old Testament Lit.3
CED 202-Found. Teach. Church3
ENG 102-College Writing II.....3
HIS 114-Hist. of World Civ. II3
Social Science Elective3

SECOND YEAR: Spring

PHI 101-Intro. to Philosophy3
PSY 101-General Psychology.....3
Laboratory Science.....4
Fine Arts Elective3
Concentration Elective3

THIRD YEAR: Spring

YMN 434-Adv. Youth Min. 3
CED 346-Personal Spirit. Form. 3
CED/YMN 392-Student Teaching .1
SOC 345-Amer. Youth Culture.3
Concentration Electives.....6

FOURTH YEAR: Spring

BIB Elective3
CED/YMN 492-Seminar and Pract.2
PMN 312-Interm Homiletics.....3
Concentration Elective3
Electives.....4