

YOUTH MINISTRY (YMN) COURSE DESCRIPTIONS 2004-05

YMN 205-Youth Missions Practicum (2)

Experience in planning, executing, analyzing and evaluating a youth missions trip. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

YMN 321-Extreme Skills (3)

Gain experience in mountain biking, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, water skiing, rock climbing, and archery. Demonstrate mastery and ability to teach three of these seven skills in a way that exemplifies spiritual truths.

YMN 322-Teaching High Altitude Challenge (3)

Experience the challenging thrill of group cohesion through the high ropes course and low ropes course. Students will then teach group initiatives and team building skills through the use of high and low ropes course, providing object lessons of biblical truths to campers in a one to five ratio.

YMN 323-Emergency Rescue (3)

Become Red Cross certified in RTE and CPR for the professional rescuer. Such training enables students to give first aid assistance or CPR for situations that require it. In addition, undergo child abuse training according to NY State regulations, in order to prevent and intervene in abusive situations.

YMN 324-Camp Programming (3)

Hands-on experience that begins with learning two major kinds of theories and philosophies for today's Christian camping. Students will become familiar with the concept of decentralized and centralized programming, and will develop a decentralized overnight program, implementing it into two 10-day sessions.

YMN 332-Counseling Adolescents (3)

This course takes into consideration the unique developmental, familial, and cultural issues in the life of the adolescent today with a view toward helping students learn to counsel adolescents in pastoral situations. Students will cultivate practical skills, learn how to apply counseling principles in working with adolescents.

YMN 333-Introduction to Youth Ministry (3)

Meeting the needs of adolescents through local church methods and materials, with attention to discipleship, leadership development, and program design.

YMN 334-Para-church Youth Ministry (3)

The historical and theological background of para-church ministries; an analysis of the methodological assumptions and procedures of the para-church model in comparison to that of the church-based ministry. The policies, practices, and methodologies of key para-church ministries will be examined in detail. Prerequisite: CED 333.

YMN 336-Youth Outreach (3)

Study and practice methods of programming activities and processes to meet youth needs. Emphasis on reaching and ministering to non-church youth and training church youth for evangelism and discipleship.

YMN 339-Introduction to Adolescent Social Welfare (3)

An analytical and critical survey of the formal and informal means whereby society organizes to service the needs of youth. Both governmental and private sector non-profit agencies are considered. Materials for thought and discussion will be provided through readings, video, site visitations, and guest presenters. (Same as SOC 339)

YMN 342-Small Groups in Youth Ministry (3)

An analysis of the role and dynamic of the small group in youth ministry; its use and effectiveness in outreach, spiritual growth, ministry, and leadership. Students will develop and practice small group leadership skills. Prerequisite: CED 333.

YMN 343-International Youth Ministry (2)

Youth Ministry is being done around the world. This course surveys how youth ministry is developing on each continent. The class will visit (required) an international site to both observe and participate in youth ministry in places such as the UK and the Philippines. Special course fee to cover cost of trip. Instructor permission required.

YMN 345-Youth and Worship (3)

In youth ministries around the world renewal is coming to youth in worship. This course concentrates on the philosophy, principles, and practice of worship in the context of youth ministry.

YMN 355-Retreat and Camping Ministries (3)

Philosophy, organization, and administration of youth ministry retreats and camps. Mission and work trips are also covered.

YMN 360-At-Risk Youth and Gangs (3)

This course examines theoretical constructs, empirical research, and field operationalization of programs related to those adolescents whom government and social service agencies deem “at risk” for delinquent or criminal behavior. (Same as SOC 360)

CED/YMN 371-Student Teaching I (3)

Teaching methodology and supervised field experience related to ministry courses; students teach one hour each week throughout the year. To be taken in the junior year.

CED/YMN 372-Student Teaching II (1)

Advanced teaching methodology, supervised field experience, and construction of teacher training events related to ministry courses; students teach one hour each week throughout the year. To be taken in the junior year. Prerequisite: CED/YMN 371.

YMN 434-Advanced Youth Ministry (3)

This course seeks to deepen understanding of vital issues related to youth ministry and give specialized training in major areas, such as youth development, youth group growth, and development of volunteer staff. Prerequisite: CED 333; juniors or seniors only.

YMN 442-Discipling and Mentoring Youth (3)

This course provides opportunity to gain understanding of discipling and mentoring youth beyond the level covered in CED 333. Different models will be explored and students will develop their own strategy applicable to a current or projected ministry. Prerequisite: CED 333.

CED/YMN 471-472-Seminar and Practicum in Christian Education (3-2)

Class sessions involve the integration of the student’s knowledge in Christian education into a coherent whole. During the course, the student will be associated with a local church working with a pastor, youth pastor, director of Christian education, or a Sunday school superintendent. Open to Senior CED and YM majors only or by permission of Department Head.

CED/YMN 480-Independent Study (1-3)

Independent study in an approved topic in Christian education. Permission of the Department Head and Dean is required.

CED/YMN 490-Internship (1-3)

Available each summer for students involved in any full-time ministry for two or more weeks. Permission of the Department Head and Dean is required.