

# Youth Ministry and Christian Education



## Program Overview

Many students feel called to some form of ministry. For some, this takes the form of a full-time career as a youth minister or director of religious education at a church. At Capital, students studying this program prepare for professional and volunteer ministries with youth and children in churches, camp settings, and non-profit organizations. Students receive a rich and deep exposure to the academic study of religions. Students will also complete a specialized major course of study carefully designed by our faculty to prepare them for a variety of personal and professional pursuits. As a student, you will gain an understanding of the ways in which various religious perspectives impact individuals' daily lives and the values and beliefs of cultures and societies. Students enrolled in Youth Ministry and Christian Education courses gain skills which are foundational to the practice of ministry.

## Careers and Placement

At Capital, your advisor and other faculty mentors will work with you as you discern your next steps after graduation. Some of our graduates attend graduate school or seminary for further training. Others enter directly into full-time lay ministry, pursue careers in business or not-for-profit organizations, or spend a year in volunteer service. Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University can also be a valuable resource to you during your ministry studies. Our graduates are accomplished critical thinkers and writers, work well independently and in teams, are flexible and able to "think outside the box," and are committed to lives of service.

## Experiential Learning

Our Youth Ministry and Christian Education students gain real world experience through paid or unpaid internships that can be taken during summer or part-time during the academic year. Our students receive academic credit for serving as interns in churches, camps, campus ministry, and more.

## Faculty

Our religion faculty have earned doctoral degrees from some of the most prestigious programs in the country and the world. Their specialties include ancient languages and literature, contemporary theology, history of theology, indigenous religions, Asian philosophy, contemplative practices, church history, liturgy, hymnology, and faith and moral development. Your ministry courses will be taught by professors who have practical parish experience and also are highly regarded scholars in the academic study of religion—an unusual combination of qualifications in an undergraduate faculty. Notable faculty include:

- E. Wray Bryant, Ph.D., The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Joy A. Schroeder, Ph.D., University of Notre Dame
- Judson Murray, Ph.D., Brown University
- Sally Stamper, Ph.D., University of Chicago Divinity School

### What Our Grads Are Doing Now:

Pastor

Youth Minister

Church Musician

College Professor

Entrepreneur

Chaplain

### You'll Be Prepared To:

- Work in a church setting
- Work in religious settings such as church camps
- Join staff at a parochial school
- Continue to a graduate seminary education
- Support spiritual development and formation throughout life

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## Four Year Sample Curriculum

### First Year, Fall

Ministry in Congregations  
Departmental Seminar  
First Year Seminar  
Reading & Writing  
Modern Language

### First Year, Spring

Ethics  
Jesus through the Ages  
Oral Communication  
Quantitative Reasoning  
Modern Language

### Second Year, Fall

Religious Foundations  
Departmental Seminar  
Intro to Youth Ministry  
Psychology  
Cultural Pluralism

### Second Year, Spring

Creative Writing  
Natural Science & Society  
Environmental Science  
Native American Religion  
Elective

### Third Year, Fall

Religion and Film  
Global Systems  
Departmental Seminar  
Field Experience  
Elective

### Third Year, Spring

Reformation History  
Pauline Studies  
Problem of Evil  
Counseling Psychology  
Elective

### Fourth Year, Fall

Senior Thesis  
Old Testament  
Modern Christian Thought  
Women Mystics  
Elective

### Fourth Year, Spring

Faith & Morals  
Intro to Public Relations  
Electives

Program Specific Organizations

Embrace Ministries

Student Government

Symposium on Undergraduate Scholarship



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