

Worship Ministries



Program Overview

Many students feel called to some form of ministry. At Capital, students majoring or minoring in Worship Ministries prepare for professional and volunteer ministries through study and practice in church worship and praise settings. Students receive a rich and deep exposure to the academic study of religion by taking courses in biblical studies, theology, world religion, and by completing specialized courses in ministry, worship, and music. The Worship Ministries curriculum is carefully designed by faculty to prepare you for a variety of personal and professional pursuits. Worship Ministries is a program within the Religion and Philosophy department. Our students gain an understanding of the ways in which various religious perspectives impact individuals' daily lives and the values and beliefs of various cultures and societies. Students are enrolled in courses to gain skills which are foundational to the practice of ministry. Students of any denominational or religious background may undertake a Worship Ministries major or minor.

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

Worship Ministries 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

Worship Leader

Church Musician

College Professor

Corporate Manager

Lawyer

You'll Be Prepared To:

- Work in a variety of worship settings
- Serve as a worship leader or coordinator
- Work effectively with a church staff
- Continue on to a graduate seminary education
- Support worship through technology

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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
Christian Worship
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
Electives

Fourth Year, Fall

Senior Thesis
Old Testament
Modern Christian Thought
Women Mystics
Elective

Fourth Year, Spring

Christian Hymns
Electives

All courses subject to availability and advisor approval. All undergraduates must demonstrate that Signature Learning goals have been met.

Program Specific Organizations

Embrace Ministries

Student Government

Symposium on Undergraduate Scholarship



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