

Biblical + Theological Studies

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Study options

- Biblical and theological studies
- Youth ministry and Christian education
- Worship arts (*interdisciplinary major*)
- Middle East studies (*interdisciplinary minor*)
- Mission and justice (*interdisciplinary minor*)

Faith focus

A Christian perspective is integrated with everything at Northwestern. It's what sets us apart from other colleges and universities where faith is either on the margins or missing altogether. It's among the reasons our grads—with their Christian ethics and values—are in high demand.

Biblical foundation

Your Northwestern experience will start with Christian Story I and II, classes that all students take. Your major courses will build on that foundation, helping you develop your Christian worldview and strengthening your knowledge of Scripture, theology and the practice of ministry.

Expert professors

Our professors have diverse scholarly expertise as well as extensive experience in church ministry and missions. They have degrees from Harvard, Princeton and Yale and include a Fulbright Scholar, ordained pastors and published authors. They will get to know you personally, challenge you to love God with your heart *and* mind, and guide you as you discern your calling.

Real-world experience

- Lead worship in chapel, mentor a Discipleship Group in your residence hall, and travel for spring break and summer mission trips across the U.S. and around the world.
- Be a ministry mentor for Living Your Faith (LYF), a weekend "Christian training camp" for high school students who are passionate about their faith.
- Lead worship in local churches. Teach Sunday school and volunteer with youth.
- Spend a summer or semester interning as a worship assistant or youth ministry leader.

Study abroad

- Biblical and theological studies professor Dr. John Vonder Bruegge leads a 3-week study course to Greece with Northwestern honors students every other summer.
- Visit Italy for a summer study class with youth ministry professor Dr. Jason Lief.
- Enroll in Northwestern's semester abroad programs in Oman and Romania. Oman Semester study includes Arabic and Christian-Muslim relations under the mentorship of missionaries at the Al Amana Centre. Romania Semester study includes partnering with the New Horizons Foundation to work with Romanian youth.

Seminary success

Northwestern biblical and theological studies majors earn high praise for their preparation and training from their seminary professors at schools like Duke Divinity School, Princeton Theological Seminary and Western Theological Seminary in Holland, MI. Their undergraduate study of Greek and Hebrew has proven especially helpful to their seminary success.

Unlimited career opportunities

Our grads are pursuing their callings around the world, including as pastors, ministry staff, and missionaries with organizations like Pioneers and World Team. They are also camp directors, counselors, hospital chaplains, professors and teachers, and social justice advocates.