



Religion & Youth Ministry

Grow in your love for God and your neighbor by studying the Christian faith. What you learn will help you lead a thoughtful, reflective and active Christian life as you respond to God's call to service and ministry in the world.

Study options

- Christian education/youth ministry major & minor
- Religion major & minor
- Christian mission minor
- An interdisciplinary worship arts major and interdisciplinary minors in Christian community development and Middle East studies are also options for religion students.

Northwestern's religion department serves all students through general education courses in biblical studies and Christian theology. Your major courses will help you develop your Christian worldview and further strengthen your foundational knowledge in Scripture, theology and ministry.

Faculty

Northwestern's award-winning religion and youth ministry professors are scholars with diverse areas of expertise and extensive church ministry and mission experience. Approachable and involved in students' lives, they'll engage you in thoughtful study, challenge you to love God with your heart and mind, and guide you as you discern your call to ministry.

Explore your call

If you're exploring a call to ministry, you can start during college with co-curricular opportunities to lead worship in chapel, disciple your peers, and travel on short-term mission trips in the U.S. and abroad.

Faith in action

Religion majors have many opportunities for hands-on application of what they're learning in the classroom. Youth ministry students participate in local churches, teaching Sunday school and serving as youth leaders or mentors. We can also help you arrange a summer internship as a worship assistant or youth leader at a church near your hometown or elsewhere in the U.S. If you want to work with youth overseas—or study interfaith dialogue—you might enroll in one of Northwestern's study abroad programs:

Oman Semester takes students to the Middle East, where their study includes Arabic and Christian-Muslim relations under the mentorship of an RCA missionary.

Romania Semester is a partnership with New Horizons Foundation, an organization that helps young Romanians develop responsibility, teamwork and trust.

Ministry minded

Northwestern religion graduates 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. Their undergraduate study of Greek and Hebrew has proven especially helpful to their seminary success.

In addition to serving as pastors and youth ministers around the world, religion and youth ministry graduates also have successful careers and lead faithful lives as camp directors, counselors, hospital chaplains, missionaries and social justice advocates.

To learn more about our professors and students, and see what graduates are doing:

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