Department of CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Ministry has always been vital to the purpose and mission of Northwestern College. The Department of Christian Ministries prepares students to serve in a variety of positions in North America or overseas and/or for seminary and other graduate education. Our strength is in the diversity of our faculty and the varied and extensive ministry experiences they bring into the classroom.

The goal of the department is to prepare leaders to carry out Christian ministry from a biblical worldview to a multicultural world. To this end the department seeks to help individuals to (1) understand God and self, (2) understand people in community, and (3) understand, design and implement Christian ministry.

The department offers the following seven majors: Children and Family Ministry, Early Adult Ministry, Intercultural Studies, Ministry, Pastoral Ministry, Urban Studies, and Youth and Family Studies.

Children and Family Ministry Major Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

The Children and Family Ministry major prepares students to work with children and their families to nurture faith development. Emphasis is on understanding the developing child in the context of the family as primary spiritual nurturers. The graduate will be able to establish, develop and evaluate a ministry to children and families in the church or parachurch and/or continue in seminary or graduate study. The degree is granted upon completion of 125 credits, as specified on pages 41–42 (40 credits must be in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

- **Social Science** course in core curriculum must include PSY2108.
- **Biblical Worldview & Academic Disciplines** course in core curriculum: MIN2216 **[OCE]**.
- **B.A. option** requires achieving 1002-level competency in an approved foreign language. See page 40.

Ministry Core . . . . . 30 cr

ICS2015	World Religions	4
MIN1005	Introduction to Ministry	2
MIN2105	Theological and Philosophical Foundations of Ministry	2
MIN2106	Relationships	3
MIN2216	Teaching Methods in Ministry **[OCE]** (SEE ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES REQUIREMENT ABOVE)	
MIN3205	Human Sexuality	4
MIN3216	Leadership in Ministry **[WCE]**	4
MIN3226	Family Studies	3
MIN3231	Introduction to Biblical Counseling	4
MIN4991	Ministry Internship I	2
MIN4992	Ministry Internship II	2

Children and Family Ministry Required Courses . . . . . 9 cr

CFM2205	Foundations of Children and Family Ministry	2
CFD3205	Child Development	3
CFM3208	Practice of Children and Family Ministry	4

Select from the following . . . . . 13 cr

BIB4460	Studies in Biblical Theology	2
COM3105	Gender and Family Communication	4
FIN3025	Personal Money Management	2
ICS3015	Race and Ethnicity in America	4
ICS3206	Intercultural Relationships	2
ICS3209	Urban Intercultural Studies	4
MCH3006	Music Ministry Methods	4
MIN1641, 1642, 1643, 1644	Christian Service I, II, III, IV	1–4
MIN3227	Camping and Ministry	2
MIN3232	Practice of Biblical Counseling	2
MIN3603, 3604	Ministry Experience I, II	2–4
MIN3805	Topics in Ministry	2–4
PAS4305	Communicating the Biblical Message	4
PSY3218	Psychology of Gender	2
PSY3315	Counseling Children	4
PSY3316	Marriage and Family Counseling	4
THE1056	Drama and Ministry	2

Children and Family Ministry Minor . . . . . 24 cr

Required Courses: CFD3205; CFM2205, 3208; MIN1005, 2105, 2216, 3226, 4991, 4992.

Early Adult Ministry Major Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

The Early Adult Ministry major prepares students to establish, develop, and evaluate a ministry to early adults [ages 18 to late 20s] in the church or the para-church organization, to include college and international student ministry. Focus will be on understanding today's early adults and the forms of ministry that can be created to meet their needs. Students will be able to serve in a church, college or university setting as they minister to early adults. The major also lays a foundation for seminary/graduate study. The degree is granted upon completion of 125 credits, as specified on pages 41-–42.

- **Social Science** course in core curriculum must include PSY2108.
- **Biblical Worldview & Academic Disciplines** course in core curriculum: MIN2216 **[OCE]**.
- **B.A. option** requires achieving 1002-level competency in an approved foreign language. See page 40.

Ministry Core . . . . . 30 cr

ICS2015	World Religions	4
MIN1005	Introduction to Ministry	2
MIN2105	Theological and Philosophical Foundations of Ministry	2
MIN2106	Relationships	3
MIN2216	Teaching Methods in Ministry **[OCE]** (SEE ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES REQUIREMENT ABOVE)	
MIN3205	Human Sexuality	4
MIN3216	Leadership in Ministry **[WCE]**	4
MIN3226	Family Studies	3
MIN3231	Introduction to Biblical Counseling	4
MIN4991	Ministry Internship I	2
MIN4992	Ministry Internship II	2

Early Adult Ministry Required Courses . . . . . 8 cr

EAM2205	Foundations of Early Adult Ministry	2
EAM3208	Practice of Early Adult Ministry	4
MIN3232	Practice of Biblical Counseling	2

Select from the following . . . . . 14 cr

COM3105	Gender and Family Communication	4
DES2111	Introduction to Graphic Design	2
FIN3025	Personal Money Management	2
ICS3015	Race and Ethnicity in America	4
ICS3206	Intercultural Relationships	2
ICS3209	Urban Intercultural Studies	4
ICS3215	Contemporary Religious Movements	2
MIN1641, 1642, 1643, 1644	Christian Service I, II, III, IV	1–4
MIN3227	Camping and Ministry	2
MIN3603, 3604	Ministry Experience I, II	2–4
MIN3805	Topics in Ministry	2–4
PAS4305	Communicating the Biblical Message	4
PSY1005	Introduction to Psychology	4
PSY2105	Social Psychology	4
PSY3316	Marriage and Family Counseling	4
THE1056	Drama and Ministry	2

NOTE: FOR FURTHER SELECTIVES, SEE FOCUS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE, NWC CATALOG PAGE 181 (FOCUSLEADERSHIP.ORG)

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Early Adult Ministry Minor . . . . . 25 cr

Required Courses: EAM2205, 3208; MIN1005, 2105, 2216, 3216, 3226, 4991, 4992.

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Intercultural Studies Major Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

The Intercultural Studies major is designed to promote interest in and develop skills for intercultural work/ministry both in North America and overseas. The degree is granted upon completion of 125 credits, as specified on pages 41–42 (40 credits must be in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

- **MUH3106** is a suggested Fine Arts course in core curriculum.
- **Biblical Worldview & Academic Disciplines** course in core curriculum: MIN2216 **[OCE]**.
- **Foundations of a Biblical Worldview** in core curriculum must include ICS4207 in place of BIA2025.
- **B.A. option** requires achieving 1002-level competency in an approved foreign language. See page 40.

Required Courses . . . . . 38 cr

ANT2045	Cultural Anthropology	4
COM3107	Intercultural Communication	4
MIN1005	Introduction to Ministry	2
MIN2216	Teaching Methods in Ministry **[OCE]** (SEE ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES REQUIREMENT ABOVE)	
MIN3216	Leadership in Ministry **[WCE]**	4
ICS2015	World Religions	4
ICS3206	Intercultural Relationships	2
ICS3208	Principles and Practices of Intercultural Studies	2
ICS4205	History and Contemporary Issues of Missions	4
ICS4207	Biblical Theology of Mission (SEE FOUNDATIONS OF A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW REQUIREMENT ABOVE)	
ICS4835	Seminar in Intercultural Studies	2

Select one of the following:

ICS3016	Understanding Islam	2
ICS3215	Contemporary Religious Movements	2

Select two courses from the following:

ICS3015	Race and Ethnicity in America	4
ICS3209	Urban Intercultural Studies	4
LIN2226	Introduction to Linguistics	4

Select one of the following three Tracks . . . . . 12–13 cr

Track I — Fall Integrated Overseas Internship

ICS3045	Lab for ICS Internships	0–1
ICS3835	Preparation Workshop	4
ICS4990	Overseas Intercultural Studies Internship	8

Track II — Independent Internships

ICS4991	Intercultural Studies Internship I	2
ICS4992	Intercultural Studies Internship II	2
ICS4993	Intercultural Studies Internship III	2
ICS4994	Intercultural Studies Internship IV	2

Select one of the following three courses:

ICS3015	Race and Ethnicity in America	4
ICS3209	Urban Intercultural Studies	4
LIN2226	Introduction to Linguistics	4

Track III — Selected CCCU Study Abroad Program

(DEPARTMENT CHAIR APPROVAL REQUIRED) 12

COMPLETE AN APPROVED CCCU STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM
(SEE PAGES 178–185 FOR COURSE LISTINGS).
NOTE: NO ONE COURSE CAN FULFILL TWO CATEGORIES.

Intercultural Studies Minor . . . . . 20 cr

Select one of the following options:

I. To include ICS2015 and two additional courses with ICS prefix. Remaining credits to be chosen from other courses with ICS prefix or courses chosen from the following: ANT1045, 2045; COM3107; LIN2226; MUH3106.

II. ICS3206, 3208, 3835, 4990; plus one of the following: ICS2015, 3015, 4205, 4207 or ANT2045.

III. Sixteen credits from selected CCCU Study Abroad program plus 4 credits from the following: ICS2015, 3015, 3206, 3208, 3209, 3215, 4205, 4207 or ANT2045.

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN A TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (TESOL) MINOR SEE PAGE 113.

Intercultural Studies and English Teaching Major Bachelor of Arts

Full details are given under Multidisciplinary Studies. See page 116.

Intercultural Studies and Spanish Major Bachelor of Arts

Full details are given under Multidisciplinary Studies. See page 117.

Ministry Major Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

The Ministry major is a flexible program emphasizing studies which prepare the student for a career of ministry in the church, on the mission field, or in the world at large. It also lays a foundation for seminary/graduate study. The degree is granted upon completion of 125 credits, as specified on pages 41–42 (40 credits must be in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

The major focuses the student's attention on courses which aim at proficiency first in the performance of general Christian ministry and then in specified ministry specializations. The major includes core courses and an area of concentration which consists of completing one of the minors (other than Bible) listed on page 45 or the equivalent.

- **None of the courses** used to satisfy core curriculum requirements may be applied to the Ministry major concentration—and vice versa.
- **For the student interested in pursuing seminary study,** ACL2001 and ACL2002 are recommended. (See the Pastoral Ministry Major for another alternative to preparation for seminary studies.)
- **Social Science** course in core curriculum must include PSY2108.
- **Biblical Worldview & Academic Disciplines** course in core curriculum: MIN2216 **[OCE]**.
- **B.A. option** requires achieving 1002-level competency in an approved foreign language. See page 40.

Ministry Core . . . . . 30 cr

ICS2015	World Religions	4
MIN1005	Introduction to Ministry	2
MIN2105	Theological and Philosophical Foundations of Ministry	2
MIN2106	Relationships	3
MIN2216	Teaching Methods in Ministry **[OCE]** (SEE ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES REQUIREMENT ABOVE)	
MIN3205	Human Sexuality	4
MIN3216	Leadership in Ministry **[WCE]**	4
MIN3226	Family Studies	3
MIN3231	Introduction to Biblical Counseling	4
MIN4991	Ministry Internship I	2
MIN4992	Ministry Internship II	2

Ministry Courses . . . . . 2 cr

Choose one of the following, in light of your intended area of ministry:

CFM2205	Foundations of Children and Family Ministry	2
EAM2205	Foundations of Early Adult Ministry	2
PAS2205	Foundations of Pastoral Ministry	2
YOU2205	Foundations of Youth Ministry	2

Selectives as a Concentration . . . . . 20 cr

I. Complete one of the minors (other than Bible) listed on page 45.
II. Complete an individualized group of interrelated courses chosen in consultation with the academic advisor and approved by the department chairperson. Recommend including: MIN1641, 1642, 1643, 1644 Christian Service I, II, III, IV, MIN3603, 3604 Ministry Experience I, II.
III. Twenty credits from Camp Forest Springs. See page 180.

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Pastoral Ministry Major Bachelor of Arts

The Pastoral Ministry major prepares students to serve in general pastoral ministry or as a future member of a church planting team. *Graduates will understand and experience the basic roles of pastor/shepherd such as preaching, teaching, leading, pastoral care and church planting.* It also lays a foundation for seminary/graduate study. The degree is granted upon completion of 125 credits, as specified on pages 41–42 (40 credits must be in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

- **Social Science** course in core curriculum must include PSY2108.
- **Biblical Worldview & Academic Disciplines** course in core curriculum: MIN2216 **[OCE]**.

Ministry Core . . . . . 30 cr

ICS2015	World Religions	4
MIN1005	Introduction to Ministry	2
MIN2105	Theological and Philosophical Foundations of Ministry	2
MIN2106	Relationships	3
MIN2216	Teaching Methods in Ministry **[OCE]** (SEE ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES REQUIREMENT ABOVE)	
MIN3205	Human Sexuality	4
MIN3216	Leadership in Ministry **[WCE]**	4
MIN3226	Family Studies	3
MIN3231	Introduction to Biblical Counseling	4
MIN4991	Ministry Internship I	2
MIN4992	Ministry Internship II	2

Pastoral Ministry Required Courses . . . . . 18 cr

ACL2001	Elementary Greek I	4
ACL2002	Elementary Greek II	4
BIB4460	Studies in Biblical Theology	2
MIN3232	Practice of Biblical Counseling	2
PAS2205	Foundations of Pastoral Ministry	2
PAS4305	Communicating the Biblical Message	4

Selectives . . . . . 3–4 cr

Choose MIN3603, 3604, or any 3000– or 4000-level course with ICS, URB, or MIN prefix.

NOTE: THOSE WISHING TO TAKE BIBLICAL HEBREW SHOULD USE FREE ELECTIVES.

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Dual Degree in Pastoral Ministry Bachelor of Arts/Master of Divinity

The dual B.A./M.Div. degree is a five year program designed for highly motivated men and women going into pastoral ministry. This streamlined program saves time and money for pastoral students, reducing the typical 7 years of coursework to 5 years. Through this program, students will gain knowledge of the Bible, biblical interpretation, Theology, and Christian discipleship. They will also develop skills to be effective in ministry, such as: teaching, preaching, counseling, and leading. Much of this learning will be applied in embedded ministry internships which are required by the program. Students completing this program will be well prepared to serve effectively in pastoral ministry.

The dual B.A./M.Div. degree integrates and streamlines two existing programs. Overlapping credits are applied toward both the undergraduate degree and graduate degree. The two programs are the B.A. in Pastoral Ministry offered through the Christian Ministries Department and the M.Div. in Bible Exposition. The M.Div. is awarded through Graduate and Continuing Education. During the fifth year students complete the program as a cohort attending classes two nights per week.

Students wishing to enroll must first be admitted to NWC and then apply for this dual degree program. Dedicated scholarship funds are available for this program for qualified students and are provided in addition to the NWC financial aid package.

The degrees are granted upon completion of 176 credits. B.A. requirements are specified on page 40. (40 credits must be in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

- **Old Testament Exposition** course in core curriculum: BIB6211
- **New Testament Exposition** course in core curriculum: BIB6214
- **Philosophy** course in core curriculum: PHI2016

Additional required undergraduate courses to Pastoral Ministry major:

BIA4837	Seminar in Exegetical Method	4
BIB4835	Seminar in Theological Method	4
HIS3125	History of the Christian Church from Apostolic Time to the Present	4

Required graduate courses:

Course descriptions can be found in the Graduate & Continuing Education catalog.

MIN5110	Self-Awareness in Leadership	2
MIN5210	Leading and Organizing Ministry	4
MIN5410	Ministries of Word and Worship	4
MIN5510	Ministry Relationships	2
MIN5610	Ministry Culturally and Globally	2
MIN5990	Graduate Internship Lab	0
MIN5995	Graduate Internship I	2
MIN5996	Graduate Internship II	2
BIA5011	Spiritual Formation	2
BIA5017	Bible in Its World	4
BIB6211	Pentateuch (SEE OLD TESTAMENT EXPOSITION REQUIREMENT ABOVE)	
BIB6212	Old Testament Prophets	4
BIB6213	Old Testament Writings	4
BIB6214	Gospels (SEE NEW TESTAMENT EXPOSITION REQUIREMENT ABOVE)	
BIB6215	Acts of the Apostles	2
BIB6216	Pauline Epistles	2
BIB6217	Hebrews to Revelation	2
BIB6312	Biblical Theology	4
BIB6313	Systematic Theology I	4
BIB6314	Systematic Theology II	4

Urban Studies Major Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

By 2025, 75 percent of the world's population will live in cities. The Urban Studies major prepares students to establish, develop, and carry out ministry or other work in an increasingly urban world, both in the local church and through parachurch ministries, local government and secular non-profits, as well as to lay a foundation for graduate study. Includes one year of course work and internship while living in Minneapolis' inner city. The degree is granted upon completion of 125 credits as specified on pages 41–42 (40 credits must be in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

- **Social Science** requirement must include ANT2045.
- **Biblical Worldview & Academic Disciplines** course in core curriculum: MIN2216 **[OCE]**.
- **B.A. option** requires achieving 1002-level competency in an approved foreign language. See page 40.

Urban Studies Required Courses . . . . . 50–52 cr

MIN1005	Introduction to Ministry	2
MIN2216	Teaching Methods in Ministry **[OCE]** (SEE ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES REQUIREMENT ABOVE)	
MIN3216	Leadership in Ministry **[WCE]**	4
ICS2015	World Religions	4
ICS4835	Seminar in Intercultural Studies	2
URB2011	School of Urban Ministry I	3
URB2012	School of Urban Ministry II	3

Select one of the following:

ICS3016	Understanding Islam	2
ICS3215	Contemporary Religious Movements	2

URB2011 AND URB2012 ARE RECOMMENDED DURING THE SOPHOMORE YEAR, BUT MAY BE TAKEN DURING THE JUNIOR YEAR, IF NECESSARY.

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"Junior Year in the City" courses

(PREREQUISITES: ANT2045, BIA2115, MIN2216, ENG1105 OR ENG1825, ENG2205 OR ENG2825, HIS1005 OR HIS1825, ICS2015, ICS3016 OR ICS3215, SPE1075 OR SPE1825).

Fall Semester:

PSY3345	Urban Social Psychology	3
URB3315	Principles of Urban Studies	3
URB3316	History and Contemporary Issues	3
URB3317	Demographics and Research Methods	3
URB4991	Urban Studies Internship	2–4

Spring Semester:

COM3345	Urban Intercultural Communication	3
URB3318	Urban Economics, Entrepreneurship, and Community Development	3
URB3319	Significant Urban Studies Issues	3
URB3345	Race and Ethnicity	3
URB4992	Urban Studies Internship	2–4

*NOTE: A TOTAL OF AT LEAST SIX INTERNSHIP CREDITS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE MAJOR

Urban Studies Minor . . . . . 20 cr

Select 16–20 credits from COM3345, PSY3345, any course with URB prefix. Must include 2-4 credits from URB4991 and/or URB4992. Select remaining credits as needed from ANT2045, ICS2015, 3215, 3805.

Youth and Family Studies Major Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

The Youth and Family Studies major prepares students to establish, develop, and evaluate a ministry to youth in the church or parachurch. Emphasis is on understanding youth in their everyday life grounded in a biblical theology of seeing youth created in God's image. The major also lays a foundation for seminary/graduate study. The degree is granted upon completion of 125 credits, as specified on pages 41–42 (40 credits must be in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

- **Social Science** course in core curriculum must include PSY2108.
- **Biblical Worldview & Academic Disciplines** course in core curriculum: MIN2216 **[OCE]**.
- **B.A. option** requires achieving 1002-level competency in an approved foreign language. See page 40.

Ministry Core . . . . . 30 cr

ICS2015	World Religions	4
MIN1005	Introduction to Ministry	2
MIN2105	Theological and Philosophical Foundations of Ministry	2
MIN2106	Relationships	3
MIN2216	Teaching Methods in Ministry **[OCE]** (SEE ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES REQUIREMENT ABOVE)	
MIN3205	Human Sexuality	4
MIN3216	Leadership in Ministry **[WCE]**	4
MIN3226	Family Studies	3
MIN3231	Introduction to Biblical Counseling	4
MIN4991	Ministry Internship I	2
MIN4992	Ministry Internship II	2

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Youth and Family Studies Required Courses . . . . . 10 cr

YOU2205	Foundations of Youth Ministry	2
YOU3206	Everyday Lives of Adolescents and Youth	2
YOU3207	Spiritual Lives of Adolescents and Youth	2
YOU3208	Practice of Youth Ministry	4

Select from the following . . . . . 12 cr

CFD3308	Adolescent Development	2
CRJ3226	Corrections	4
CRJ3228	Deviance	4
CRJ4325	Juvenile Delinquency	2
ENG3316	Freelance Copywriting	2
FIN3025	Personal Money Management	2
ICS3015	Race and Ethnicity in America	4
MIN1641, 1642, 1643, 1644	Christian Service I, II, III, IV	1–4
MIN3227	Camping and Ministry	2
MIN3232	Practice of Biblical Counseling	2
MIN3603, 3604	Ministry Experience I, II	2–4
MIN3805	Topics in Ministry	2-4
PAS4305	Communicating the Biblical Message	4
SOC2035	Social Problems	4
THE1056	Drama and Ministry	2

Youth and Family Studies Minor . . . . . 25 cr

Required Courses: MIN1005, 2105, 2216, 3226, 4991, 4992; YOU2205, 3206, 3207, 3208.