

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

Our Mission

To empower and equip Trinity students theologically and theoretically in the areas of personal maturity, relational competence, and ministry skill in order to engage contemporary culture through Christ.

Our Vision

To see each of our graduates walking confidently in their calling for their lives as children of God and servants of His kingdom.

Our Goals

- **Personal Maturity.** The Christian Ministries graduate should be able to demonstrate a healthy sense of self in Christ, commitment to a lifestyle of ministry and progress toward godly character.
- **People-Skills.** The Christian Ministries graduate should be able to interact in a relationship-based ministry which empowers service, initiates discipleship and sustains appropriate biblical spiritual formation.
- **Cultural Engagement.** The Christian Ministries graduate should be able to teach, write, speak, create media, counsel or in other ways communicate Christ in culturally relevant ways with excellence.
- **Ministry Programming.** The Christian Ministries graduate should be able to develop a strategic organizational plan which accounts for effective leadership and efficient administration.
- **Biblical Philosophy.** The Christian Ministries graduate should be able to articulate a philosophical base which is cognizant of current theory, founded on the Scriptures and theologically sound.

Pathways to Ministry

Trinity International University guides students in preparation for ministry via these programs:

- **BA, Christian Ministries Major.** Earn BA in 4 years in one of five emphases.
- **Advance (5 Year BA/MDiv):** Earn BA and Master of Divinity in 5 years; application and admission to this program required in addition to college admission.
- **BA & Advanced Placement MDiv:** Earn BA and MDiv in 6 years. Upon completion of the Pre-Seminary Major (BA), students can qualify for advanced placement at TEDS.
- **BA & MDiv:** Earn both degrees in 7 years.

Majors

- Christian Ministries Major (<http://catalog.tiu.edu/trinity-college/academic-life/majors-minors-department/christian-ministries/christian-ministries-major>)
- Pre-Seminary Major (<http://catalog.tiu.edu/trinity-college/academic-life/majors-minors-department/biblical-studies/pre-seminary-major>)
- Advance (<http://catalog.tiu.edu/trinity-college/academic-life/majors-minors-department/christian-ministries/advance-pre-seminary-major>) (5 Year BA/MDiv) (<http://catalog.tiu.edu/trinity-college/>)

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Minors

- Christian Ministries Minor (<http://catalog.tiu.edu/trinity-college/academic-life/majors-minors-department/christian-ministries/christian-ministries-minor>)
- Intercultural Studies Minor (<http://catalog.tiu.edu/trinity-college/academic-life/majors-minors-department/christian-ministries/intercultural-studies-minor>)

Courses

CM 112 Pre-Seminary Formation Group - 0 Hours

Pre-Seminary Formation Group is an intentional weekly experience under the leadership of a faculty member. As an essential part of the Advance: Pre-Seminary Degree, it seeks to create an environment of growth in personal spiritual life, relational skills and ministry skills for the students in this program. Course schedule and activities are determined by the Faculty Mentor of the Advance: Pre-Seminary Program. Students are enrolled for 4-6 semesters. Regular attendance necessary for credit, only two absences per semester permitted. Credit/No Credit. Offered each semester for Deerfield Advance: Pre-Seminary Student. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

CM 172 Introduction to Ministry - 3 Hours

An introduction to the purposes, challenges, and scope of various types of ministries and ministry programs, with particular focus made in those areas in which we offer emphases. Personal contact and interaction ministry leaders will seek to enlarge the vision of students for how ministry can be carried out. Offered fall semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

CM 175 Foundations of Youth Ministry - 3 Hours

An exploration of biblical, educational, and philosophical foundations of youth ministry. Current youth culture and developmental needs of adolescents will be examined in light of these foundations. Students will be required to develop a personal theory of ministering to youth through biblical education, personal evangelism, and relational discipleship. Offered spring semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; online as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online.

CM 180 Christian Character Development - 1 Hour

This course is designed to explore the theoretical foundations for personal growth issues, including spiritual growth and its application to character development. Students will be encouraged to explore their own personal growth in relation to the course content through journaling, papers, and small group experiences. Open for Christian Ministries majors and minors only. Offered spring semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

CM 181 Spiritual Formation - 3 Hours

This course explores the theoretical and practical aspects of Christian spiritual development. Special attention is given to understanding and participating in the spiritual disciplines - both personal and corporate. Prerequisites: BI 101 and BI 111. Delivery mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

CM 201 Survey of Christian Education - 3 Hours

An introductory overview of the church's involvement in education, including the history, aims, methods, and principal agencies of Christian Education. Offered fall semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; online as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online.

CM 210 Ministry in its Cultural Context - 3 Hours

An introduction to the theology, purposes, challenges, and scope of various types of ministries in their current cultural context. A particular emphasis is given to understanding philosophical and theological pluralism. Prerequisites: BI 101 and BI 111. Delivery mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

CM 211 Theology and Practice of Pastoral Ministry - 3 Hours

A study of the theology, qualifications, practices, and vulnerabilities of pastoral ministry. A particular emphasis will be given to discussing how to maintain one's spiritual health despite various challenges and temptations in pastoral ministry. Prerequisites: BI 101 and BI 111. Delivery mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

CM 215 Foundations of Children's Ministry - 3 Hours

A study of the elements involved in building effective children's and family ministries. In addition to the development of skills in curriculum evaluation, creative programming, and ministry training, students will be exposed to and interact with a variety of local children's ministry models. Offered spring semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; online as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online.

CM 222 Integrated Field Experience - 2 Hours

An opportunity for students to be initiated into ministry leadership roles. Emphasis will be placed on discerning spiritual giftedness, sense of personal calling to ministry, and individual leadership style. Students will be required to participate in an extended and consistent Christian ministry during enrollment in the courses, for a total of 60 hours per semester. This course fulfills one (1) service learning requirement (equivalent to IDS 106) for each semester of enrollment with a grade of C or higher. Prerequisite: CM 172 or CM 175. Required for all Christian Ministries majors and minors (not online). Offered each year for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

CM 223 Integrated Field Experience - 2 Hours

An opportunity for students to be initiated into ministry leadership roles. Emphasis will be placed on discerning spiritual giftedness, sense of personal calling to ministry, and individual leadership style. Students will be required to participate in an extended and consistent Christian ministry during enrollment in the courses, for a total of 60 hours per semester. This course fulfills one (1) service learning requirement (equivalent to IDS 106) for each semester of enrollment with a grade of C or higher. Prerequisite: CM 172 or CM 175. Required for all Christian Ministries majors and minors (not online). Offered each year for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

CM 224 Integrated Field Experience - Spiritual Formation - 3 Hours

This course is designed to explore the theoretical foundations for personal growth and ministry issues, including spiritual growth and its application to character development. Students will participate in Christian ministry roles during the semester for a total of 60 hours and additional weekly coursework. This course fulfills one (1) service learning requirement (equivalent to IDS 106) for each semester of enrollment with a grade of C or higher. Offered online as scheduled. Delivery mode: online.

CM 225 Integrated Field Experience - Small Group Ministry - 3 Hours

An opportunity for students to be initiated into ministry leadership roles. Emphasis will be placed on discerning spiritual giftedness, sense of personal calling to ministry, individual leadership style, and on theoretical and experiential exploration of methods of small group ministries. Students will participate in Christian ministry roles during the semester for a total of 60 hours and additional weekly coursework. Offered online as scheduled. Delivery mode: online.

CM 250 Topics in Christian Ministries: - 1-3 Hours

Selected topics in Christian Ministry not taught under specific course title. May be repeated for credit if topic differs. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

CM 260 Introduction to Intercultural Ministry - 3 Hours

An introduction to the challenging opportunities and possibilities of involvement in intercultural ministries with specific emphasis placed on Christian missionary endeavors from historical, theological, and cultural perspectives. Students will be challenged to consider their individual roles in the global community. Offered fall semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; online as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online.

CM 280 Psychological and Sociological Foundations of Family - 3 Hours

This course draws upon understandings of family from a range of social science perspectives and interacts with the related topics from a Christian integrative perspective. The disciplines of family process, psychology, and sociology reveal strengths and weaknesses that can be observed in healthy and unhealthy examples of this basic unit of society. Students will be challenged to wrestle with societal issues across time and into the present concerning the most intimate of human relationships. Offered online as scheduled. Delivery mode: online.

CM 315 Principles of Family Ministry - 3 Hours

This course centers on the ministry to children and their families. Focus will be on the theological foundations of the family, understanding the current cultural trends, which affect families, and developing effective ministry strategies with contemporary families in the context of local church and parachurch ministries. Offered spring semester in even-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; online as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online.

CM 320 Principles of Ministry Programming - 3 Hours

A study of the elements and skills necessary in the design and development of effective programming for discipling ministries. Students are exposed to local ministry models and contemporary ministry principles. Prerequisite: CM 170 or CM 172. Offered fall semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; online as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online.

CM 321 Theology and Practice of Evangelism - 3 Hours

A study of the theology and methodology of evangelism with particular emphasis on the gospel message and the biblical reasons for doing evangelism. Prerequisites: BI 101 and BI 111. Delivery mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

CM 322 Advanced Integrated Field Experience - 2 Hours

An opportunity for students to participate in an intensive and advanced level of ministry leadership for a total of 120 hours per semester. Emphasis will be placed on developing strategies for facilitating personal effectiveness and maturity as a Christian leader. This fulfills one (1) service learning requirement (equivalent to IDS 106) for each semester of enrollment with a grade of C or higher. Prerequisite: CM 222-23. Required for the following emphases: Children's Ministries, Counseling/Social Services, Intercultural Ministries, Pastoral Ministries, and Youth Ministries. Offered each year for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

CM 323 Advanced Integrated Field Experience - 2 Hours

An opportunity for students to participate in an intensive and advanced level of ministry leadership for a total of 120 hours per semester. Emphasis will be placed on developing strategies for facilitating personal effectiveness and maturity as a Christian leader. This fulfills one (1) service learning requirement (equivalent to IDS 106) for each semester of enrollment with a grade of C or higher. Prerequisite: CM 222-CM 223. Required for the following emphases: Children's Ministries, Counseling/Social Services, Intercultural Ministries, Pastoral Ministries, and Youth Ministries. Offered each year for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

CM 324 Integrated Field Experience: Discipleship - 3 Hours

An opportunity for students to participate in an intensive and advanced level of ministry leadership for a total of 120 hours for the semester. Emphasis will be placed on developing strategies for facilitating personal effectiveness and maturity as a Christian leader and study of the biblical principles and practical models of Christian discipleship. This course fulfills one (1) service learning requirement (equivalent to IDS 106) for each semester of enrollment with a grade of C or higher. Offered online as scheduled. Delivery mode: online.

CM 325 Integrated Field Experience - Ministry Methods - 3 Hours

Students will participate in an intensive and advanced level of ministry leadership for a total of 120 hours over the course of the semester. Additional coursework will emphasize the development of practical ministry skills for the student's selected area of emphasis. The course fulfills one (1) service learning requirement (equivalent to IDS 106) for each semester of enrollment with a grade of C or higher. Offered online as scheduled. Delivery mode: online.

CM 331 Theology and Practice of Discipleship - 3 Hours

A study of the theology and methodology of discipleship with particular emphasis on mentoring younger Christians in the faith. Delivery mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

CM 335 Strategies for Discipling Ministries - 3 Hours

A study of biblical principles and practical models of Christian discipleship. Emphasis is on theoretical and experiential exploration of methods of small group discipling ministries. Prerequisite: CM 180 and BI 275. Highly recommended: PSY 220, CM 340 or CM 342. Offered spring semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

CM 340 Principles of Relational Youth Ministry - 3 Hours

A study of effective communication with contemporary adolescents designed to enhance students' understanding and ability to build significant relationships with youth. Specific areas to be addressed include evangelistic contact ministry and paraprofessional counseling in response to adolescent issues. Offered spring semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

CM 341 Theology and Practice of Leadership - 3 Hours

A study of the theology and methodology of Christian leadership with particular emphasis on a leader's character and the core functions of leadership. Delivery mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

CM 342 Relational Skills for Ministry - 3 Hours

This theoretical and skill development course will be a study of effective communication within a ministry context. A basis will be established for understanding human communication, contact ministry, crisis management, and paraprofessional counseling. Specific focus will be given to legal issues, opportunities as well as limitations of the minister, and empowering others toward positive life change. Offered spring semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; online as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online.

CM 345 Ministry Internship - 2-4 Hours

This course is designed to build upon earlier Integrated Field Experiences. Total credits for internships (including all Integrated Field Experiences) may not total more than 12 hours. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

CM 350 Topics in Christian Education - 1-3 Hours

Selected topics in Christian Education not taught under specific course title. May be repeated for credit if topic differs. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

CM 360X Foundations of Intercultural Ministries - 3 Hours

An examination and exploration of biblical and cultural issues related to a student's preparation for intercultural ministry. Students will pursue an understanding of these issues through research, interviews, and discovery learning experiences. The course is designed as an essential element in the student's process of preparing for CM 445 (Internship in Intercultural Ministries). Offered spring semester in even-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

CM 372X Nonprofit Management - 3 Hours

This course covers the theories and principles unique to managing ministries and not-for-profit social services organizations. Special emphasis is placed on the recruitment and management of volunteers and on effective development and utilization of volunteer boards of directors. Offered fall semester even-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; online as scheduled. Cross-listed with BUS 372X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online. Not available for credit for students with credit in BUS 214 or in BUS 371.

CM 373X Nonprofit Financial Management - 3 Hours

Theory, practice, and management leadership in fundraising for the nonprofit organization. Includes a survey of laws, regulations, and ethics in fundraising, annual funding, capital campaign funding, planned giving, special events, and private/governmental grant proposal approaches and procedures. Extensive applications and case studies. Prerequisite: junior standing and permission of instructor. Offered spring semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; online as scheduled. Cross-listed with BUS 373X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online.

CM 375X Foundations of Christian Counseling - 3 Hours

This course familiarizes the student with the principles and techniques of counseling in ministry settings with a focus on counselor characteristics, problem-management skills, common counseling problems, multicultural dynamics, and various issues involved in the counseling process. Special emphasis will be placed on the unique contribution of biblical truths to counseling. Prerequisites: BI 101 and BI 111. Cross-listed with PSY 375X. Delivery mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

CM 380 Advanced Instructional Application - 1-2 Hours

In-depth mentoring experience designed to enhance the student's expertise, critical thinking, and communication skills in Christian Education. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: Instructor's invitation and consent by signature required. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

CM 381 Introduction to Preaching - 3 Hours

This course studies the basic development of preaching and sermon techniques to enhance the presentation of truth for evangelism and discipleship. It includes interactive learning and preaching opportunities to apply practical preaching design, Biblical principles, and contemporary applications. Offered fall semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online, and REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

CM 400 Principles of Adult Ministry - 3 Hours

Designed to help students understand and appreciate the psychological and sociological characteristics of adults and develop a philosophy of adult ministry. Students engage in research and discussion of various phases of adult responsibility, ministry and problems in the local church, society and home. Prerequisite: CM 172, PSY 140. Offered fall semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; online as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online.

CM 412 Issues for Men & Women in Ministry - 1 Hour

This course is designed to explore various issues that are relevant to being a man or woman in servant leadership/Christian ministry today. The course will be in seminar format as participants react to and discuss various relevant readings and interact with occasional guest speakers. Offered fall semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

CM 420 Ministry Leadership - 2 Hours

This course seeks to integrate the students' ministry experiences with leadership training. Students will focus on understanding the biblical concept of leadership, assessing leadership style and skills, examining principles of team building and team management in discipling ministries. The course also examines issues that leaders commonly confront in churches and organizations. Prerequisite: CM 320 or may be taken concurrently. Offered fall semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; online as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online.

CM 445 Ministry Internship - 2-4 Hours

This course is designed to offer additional supervised ministry experience in an area of choice. Students must have completed a previous internship (CM 345) in order to be eligible for this course. Total credits for internships (including IFE and Adv. IFE) may not total more than 12 hours. Taken by permission of instructor. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

CM 446 Reflective Internship in Christian Ministries - 3 Hours

A capstone course for the Christian Ministries major designed to help students integrate biblically based Christian ministry principles, concepts, and skills and apply them to actual church or parachurch experiences in a mentored ministry context. Case study methodology will be utilized to aid reflection. Prerequisites: (1) BI 101, BI 111, and BI 210 and (2) completion of a four-course concentration in Christian Ministries, and (3) permission from the REACH Office. Delivery mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

CM 450 Independent Study - 1-4 Hours

Research and specialized studies designed to meet the needs of individual students. Prerequisite: consent of instructor. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

CM 475 Senior Seminar - 2-3 Hours

A seminar focusing on needs and issues related to preparing for postgraduate ministry or educational experiences. A research thesis on an appropriate topic in a specific area of ministry is required. Research material will be incorporated into weekly forum discussion. Offered spring semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Three hour option is limited to students taking the course for honors credit. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

CM 480 Christian Ministries Integrative Seminar - 1 Hour

This course, offered in a retreat format, helps students provide closure for their experiences in the Christian Ministries program. Emphasis is placed on integrating the whole of their experiences at Trinity. Open only to CM majors in their last two semesters of coursework at TIU. Prerequisite: Community First Aid and CPR certification or equivalent. This fulfills the IDS 499X Integrative Thought Capstone requirement for students in the Christian Ministries major. Course fee. Offered spring semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; online as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online.