

Youth Ministry Course Descriptions

CE 101 Introduction to Christian Education

3 hours

Beginning with the biblical and theological foundations of Christian education, students will study the teaching/learning role of the church, leadership qualifications, and the various ministries available in the field covering all age groups. Special attention is given to mission statement development and program strategy.

YM 101 Principles of Youth Ministry

3 hours

A brief history of the growth of student ministries, orientation to various student ministry positions, principles necessary for successful student programming, and a survey of methodology involved will be studied. This is a distinctive course at Boyce and is a prerequisite for all Youth Ministry courses. Transfer courses may not be substituted for this course.

YM 103 Programs in Youth Ministry

3 hours

This course explores administration and management of student ministry including outreach and teaching strategies for students and their families. It includes teacher enlistment and training methods. The student will acquire skills to administrate and develop programs. Budget planning and implementation will also be included. Prerequisites: YM 101

YM 187 Supervised Youth Ministry Experience: Survey I

1/2 hour

An experiential learning introduction of field education at a Center for Youth Ministry approved site. This course gives the student the opportunity to serve three hours per week observing and participating in an effective youth ministry under the guidance of a tenured youth ministry professional. Prerequisite: Freshman Status, expressed interest in pursuing youth ministry as a career.

YM 188 Supervised Youth Ministry Experience: Survey II

1/2 hour

A continuation of YM 187. Prerequisite: Freshman Status, expressed interest in pursuing youth ministry as a career.

YM 204 Foundations of Youth Ministry

3 hours

An examination of the principles for developing biblical curricula in local church youth ministry. The student will develop a comprehensive teaching strategy, including a philosophy of education, qualifications and training of teachers, and comprehensive scope and sequence. Prerequisites: YM 101, YM 103, and Sophomore status

YM 223 Contemporary Communication to Adolescents

3 hours

A study of platform techniques, sermon construction, teaching strategies, lesson preparation, and general speaking qualifications within the context of biblical guidelines and cultural appropriateness. Special emphasis is given to adolescents and age appropriate communication. Prerequisites: YM 101, BL 111, PR 205 and Sophomore status

YM 287 Supervised Youth Ministry Experience: Small Group & Programming I

1/2 hour

This experiential learning course focuses on the traditional Sunday School and small group shepherding at a Center for Youth Ministry approved site under the supervision of a tenured youth ministry professional. Three hours per week is required. Prerequisite: Sophomore status, expressed interest in pursuing youth ministry as a career

YM 288 Supervised Youth Ministry Experience: Small Group & Programming II

1/2 hour

A continuation of YM 287. Prerequisites: Sophomore Status, expressed interest in pursuing youth ministry as a career

YM 331 Ministry to Troubled Youth

3 hours

An examination of typical conflicts that the contemporary student confronts in his life. Special attention is given to conflict resolution in relationships and spiritual giftedness, temperament, and group process. Prerequisites: Youth Ministry Majors: YM 101, Junior status, and 12 hrs of YM Courses. All other students: None.

YM 347 Discipleship in Youth Ministry

3 hours

Principles and methods of spiritual maturing in the context of the social, physical, and cultural youth development. Prerequisites: YM 101, Junior status

YM 348 Youth Culture

3 hours

Basic determinants critical to adolescent culture will be evaluated and observed. Identification, integration, and

application of the contemporary youth culture are emphasized. Focusing on the science of the anthropological and societal nature of the “people grouping” of the young, special attention will be given to reaching the global adolescent within the context of his or her culture. Prerequisite: YM 101

YM 350 Campus Outreach

3 hours

Starting a campus ministry from “scratch” will be the primary focus of this course. Special attention will be given to evangelizing students, working with school officials and legal issues. Prerequisites: YM 101, YM 103, and Junior status

YM 351 Programming and Promoting Camps and Retreats

3 hours

An overview of Christian camping including promotion, planning, programming, staffing, and evaluation. Special attention will be given to implementation and camp selection. Prerequisite:YM101,103,CE 101 and Sophomore status.

YM 387 Supervised Youth Ministry Experience: Outreach & Campus Ministry I

1/2 hour

Participation in and/or the supervision of evangelism to adolescents at a Center for Youth Ministry approved site under the supervision of a tenured youth ministry professional involving three hours per week. This experiential learning course will give special consideration to outreach to students on the public and private school campus. Prerequisites: Junior Status, declared youth major

YM 388 Supervised Youth Ministry Experience: Outreach & Campus Ministry II

1/2 hour

A continuation of YM 387. Prerequisites: Junior Status, declared youth major

YM 403 Professional Orientation to Youth Ministry

3 hours

Students will focus on their call to ministry examining personal growth and commitment. Job descriptions, staff development and relationships, goal setting, time and financial management, etc., will be emphasized. Students will learn to write a professional resume. Prerequisites: YM 101, Senior status, and 18 hours of YM courses

YM 448 Contemporary Youth Missions

3 hours

An overview of evangelizing adolescents as a distinct people group in a cross-culture environment. Special attention is given to equipping nationals and to programming exposure trips and internships overseas. Prerequisites: CE 101, MS 101, and Junior Status.

YM 451 Youth and Family Ministry

3 hours

A comprehensive examination of the adolescent in context with the family dynamic. This course will not only examine the traditional home but will also investigate the non-traditional home. Special attention will be given to providing strategies and resources to parents. Prerequisites: YM 101, YM 347, Senior status, and 12 hours of YM courses

YM 487 Supervised Youth Ministry Experience: Leadership Development I

1/2 hour

Required three hours of service at a Center for Youth Ministry approved site under the supervision of a tenured youth ministry professional. This experiential learning course focuses on leadership development of laymen and students. Prerequisite: Senior Status, declared youth ministry major

YM 488 Supervised Youth Ministry Experience: Leadership Development II

1/2 hour

A continuation of YM 487. Prerequisite: Senior Status, declared youth ministry major.

YM 489 Youth Ministry Internship

3 hours

This internship will focus on both the programming and leadership aspects of Youth Ministry. It will be a supervised field experience at an approved site. Prerequisites: 21 hours of YM courses, Junior status; YM 101, YM 202, YM 203, YM 223, YM 347, and YM 350; and consent of the internship coordinator. It is suggested that no more than six hours of course work be taken simultaneously with this course.

YM 490 Youth Ministry Apprenticeship

3 hours

This apprenticeship focuses on both the programming and leadership aspects of youth ministry. It is a supervised field educational experience at an approved site. Prerequisites: CE 101; YM 101, 103, 203, 223, 347, 350, 489; Junior Status; consent of Internship Coordinator.

YM 495 Directed Research

1-3 hours

Designed for the advanced student in good standing who has demonstrated an ability to work on his own. The student will work with the instructor in developing a proposal for guided research in a specified area of Youth Ministries. May be repeated. Prerequisites: Must be a declared Youth Ministry Major, Senior status, and 15 hours of YM Courses