

Student Ministry and Culture Track

The student ministry and culture track relates foundations of the Christian faith to cutting-edge research on reaching students enmeshed in today's postmodern culture. As a preparation for effective ministry in high school and university settings, this track is especially geared towards professionals working in ministry with students and their families.

The M.A. core curriculum of 42 credits consists of two one-week intensive introductory courses in spiritual formation and mission, and three courses each in Bible, church history, and theology/ethics.

Of the remaining 36 credits, 9 are taken in SPU's Schools of Psychology, Family, and Community; Education; and Business and Economics (e.g., non-profit finance and development, family systems, educational theory, and adolescent and college faith development).

Another 12 credits are taken in a prescribed suite of School of Theology courses covering effective student program planning and ministry, and up to nine credits will involve a student internship. The capstone of the program is a three-credit final project.

Two-Year Model (full-time)

Year One, Summer (6 credits)

Christian Formation in Discipleship: Acts of Piety (3)

Christian Formation in Mission: Acts of Mercy and Justice (3)

Year One, Autumn (12 credits)

Bible 1: Interpreting and Teaching the Christian Scripture (4)

Theology / Ethics 1: Doctrine of God & Environmental Stewardship (4)

Global Christian Heritage 1: to 1500 (4)

Year One, Winter (12 credits)

Bible 2: Introduction to the Old Testament (4)

Theology / Ethics 2: Doctrine of Christ and Holistic Discipleship (4)

Global Christian Heritage 2: 1500 - 1900 (4)

Year One, Spring (12 credits)

Bible 3: Introduction to the New Testament (4)

Theology / Ethics 3: Doctrine of the Holy Spirit and the Global Church (4)

Global Christian Heritage 3: 1900 to present (4)

Year Two, Autumn (9 credits)

Student Ministry Elective 1 (3)

Foundations in Student and Family Ministry (3)

Theology Elective (3)

Year Two, Winter (9 credits)

Ministry Leadership and Team Building (3)

Evangelism and Mission in Adolescent Culture (3)

Student Ministry Elective 2 (3)

Year Two, Spring (9 credits)

Student Ministry Elective 3 (3)

Program Planning in Student Ministry (3)

MA Project (3)

Other Requirements (9 credits)

Contextual Education 1 (Internship) (6)

Contextual Education 2 (Internship) or an Elective Course (3)

TOTAL CREDITS 78

Three-Year Model (part-time)

Year One, Summer (6 credits)

Christian Formation in Discipleship: Acts of Piety (3)
Christian Formation in Mission: Acts of Mercy and Justice (3)

Year One, Autumn (8 credits)

Bible 1: Interpreting and Teaching the Christian Scriptures (4)
Theology / Ethics 1: Doctrine of God and Environmental Stewardship (4)

Year One, Winter (8 credits)

Bible 2: Introduction to the Old Testament (4)
Theology / Ethics 2: Doctrine of Christ and Holistic Discipleship (4)

Year One, Spring (8 credits)

Bible 3: Introduction to the New Testament (4)
Theology / Ethics 3: Doctrine of the Holy Spirit and the Global Church (4)

Year Two, Autumn (7 credits)

Global Christian Heritage 1: to 1500 (4)
Foundations in Student and Family Ministry (3)

Year Two, Winter (7 credits)

Global Christian Heritage 2: 1500 - 1900 (4)
Student Ministry Elective 1 (3)

Year Two, Spring (7 credits)

Global Christian Heritage 3: to 1900 to present (4)
Student Ministry Elective 2 (3)

Year Three, Autumn (6 credits)

Theology Elective (3)
Student Ministry Elective 3 (3)

Year Three, Winter (6 credits)

Evangelism and Mission in Adolescent Culture (3)
Ministry Leadership and Team Building (3)

Year Three, Spring (6 credits)

Program Planning in Student Ministry (3)
MA Project (3)

Other Requirements (9 credits)

Contextual Education 1 (Internship) (6)
Contextual Education 2 (Internship) or Elective Course (3)

TOTAL CREDITS 78

Student Ministry Elective Choices (3 credits each) – for two and three-year models

MFT 6100 Social Ecology of Family
MFT 6210 Multicultural Issues in Family Therapy
MFT 6411 Pre-Marital Education
MFT 6600 Psychopathology and Family Systems
MFT 6643 Parenting and Treatment of Families
EDU 6085 Moral Issues in Education
EDU 6120 American Education: Past and Present
EDU 6131 Classroom Management
EDU 6600 Communication and Collaboration: Parents, Colleagues, and Community
EDU 6644 Introduction to Students With Disabilities
EDU 6655 Human Development and Principles of Learning
EDU 6XXX Positive Psychology and Spirituality in Schools
THEO 6600 Introduction to Practical Theology
THEO 6650 Administration in Higher Education
THEO 6651 Clinical Pastoral Education – University Chaplaincy
BUS 6500 Non-Profit Management and Development