FOCUS Facts

NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

ADULT EDUCATION YOU CAN HAVE FAITH IN.

Ministries

The FOCUS ministries degree is designed for students who want to develop a leadership approach deeply rooted in biblical principles. You will be prepared to minister in a variety of positions in churches and parachurch organizations, such as Christian schools and nonprofit organizations. This degree will effectively equip you for further study at seminary or other graduate education.

Program Cost

Academic year
2012-2013
Tuition: $400 per credit
Books: $575 (est.)

General Education Requirements (31 credits)

English Composition	4
Research Writing	2
Speech	3
Humanities (2 areas)	6
Math	4
Science	4
Social Science (2 areas)	8

Electives (50 credits)

Talk to your FOCUS admission counselor about these options for earning elective credit:

- DSST/CLEP
- Distance education
- Additional college courses
- Vocational or technical credits
- Prior learning essays
- Military training
- Internships

Ministries Coursework (45 credits)

MNS4010	Introduction to Christian Ministries	3
MNS4013	Communication in Christian Ministry	3
MNS4014	Ministerial Ethics	3
MNS4017	Philosophy of Christian Ministry	3
MNS4031	Biblical Panorama	3
MNS4032	Hermeneutics	3
MNS4034	Old Testament Exposition	3
MNS4036	New Testament Exposition	3
MNS4038	Church History	3
MNS4041	Biblical Theology 1	3
MNS4043	Biblical Theology 2	3
MNS4045	Theological Foundations 1	3
MNS4047	Theological Foundations 2	3
MNS4048	Christian Worldview and Apologetics	3
MNS4051	Christian Ministry Forum	3

Bachelor of Science in Ministries coursework can be completed in approximately 18 -22 months

Courses subject to change. Consult current catalog at nwc.edu/catalog for complete course descriptions.
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MNS4010 Introduction to Christian Ministry 3 cr
A study of Christian life and ministry, including conversion, spiritual growth, worship, call to ministry, evangelism, and discipleship.

MNS4013 Communication in Christian Ministry 3 cr
A study of communication theory and practice for Christian ministry. Effective preparation and presentation of biblical and theological material in various media is emphasized.

MNS4014 Ministerial Ethics 3 cr
An introduction to ethics with an emphasis on ethical issues currently facing those in Christian ministry.

MNS4017 Philosophy of Christian Ministry 3 cr
A study of Christian ministry which assists the students in developing a personal philosophy of ministry.

MNS4031 Biblical Panorama 3 cr
An examination of the nature of the Bible as well as its overall structure. Attention is also given to basic principles of biblical interpretation.

MNS4032 Hermeneutics 3 cr
An advanced study of hermeneutics, which moves from a discussion of basic interpretive principles to philosophical problems related to exegesis and contextualization.

MNS4034 Old Testament Exposition 3 cr
An exposition of Genesis, which examines creation, the fall, and God's plan of redemption through the covenants.

MNS4036 New Testament Exposition 3 cr
An exposition of Romans which examines Paul's explication and application of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

MNS4038 Church History 3 cr
A brief survey of church history from the apostolic church to the church of the 21st century.

MNS4041 Biblical Theology I 3 cr
A study of the theological emphases of the Old Testament.

MNS4043 Biblical Theology II 3 cr
A study of the theological emphases of the New Testament.

MNS4045 Theological Foundations I 3 cr
A study of four core doctrines**:** Scripture, God the Father, humankind, and Jesus.

MNS4047 Theological Foundations II 3 cr
A study of four core doctrines**:** the Holy Spirit, salvation, the Church, and last things.

MNS4048 Christian Worldview and Apologetics 3 cr
A study of worldviews and Christian apologetics which considers the beliefs of other worldviews and provides a defense of the Christian worldview.

MNS4051 Christian Ministry Forum 3 cr
(PQ: highly recommended that all other major courses be completed) An opportunity for student reflection on preparedness for Christian ministry, based upon personal insight as well as feedback from those already in ministry.

MNS4995 Ministries Internship 1–3 cr
(PQ: junior/senior status, 4+ major courses completed, must be related to major, consent of faculty supervisor)

Advanced Course Placement
Students entering the Master of Arts in Theological Studies or Master of Divinity program at Northwestern may be given advanced course placement credit for courses taken in Bible, biblical languages, theology, church history, or ministry, from Northwestern College or other accredited institutions. If you earned a grade of "B" or better in approved courses, a maximum of 9 credits may be applied toward the MATS program or a maximum of 18 credits may be applied toward the M.Div. program. Ask your admission counselor for details.

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