

Ministry Studies Course Information Sheet

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MIN 302 *Introduction to Christian Education* CRN13508 MW Noon - 1:15 pm

This course takes the position that all activities of the church plays a role in the spiritual development of her people. While students will be introduced to the theological and biblical foundations of Christian education, the primary focus will be on understanding the physical, cognitive and spiritual development of the “people of God” as experienced by preschoolers, children, youth and adults. Students will also have the opportunity to explore not only how to construct biblical learning experiences for each age group, but will also be given a structure for the development of an overall teacher training program. Upon completion of this course, students should be comfortable in planning, organizing and directing all aspects of a church’s educational program.

Required Textbooks:

Estep, James R. and Jonathan H. Kim, eds. *Christian Formation - Integrating Theology & Human Development* (2010) ISBN 978-080544838-2

Melick, Rick and Shera. *Teaching That Transforms - Facilitating Life Change Through Adult Bible Teaching* (2010) ISBN 978-080544856-6

Seymour, Jack L. *Teaching the Way of Jesus - Educating Christians for Faithful Living* (2014) ISBN-13: 978-1-4267-6505-6

MIN 403 *Church Leadership* CRN13510 TR 9:25 - 10:40 am

Good leaders are vital to congregations and this course seeks to help students think about their own leadership skills. Divided into two sections, the course will first examine various leadership theories. Students will have the opportunity to not only examine how they relate to a particular theory, but will also be able to integrate their understanding of leadership theory into a comprehensive, personal philosophy of leadership. The second part of the course deals with practical issues such as personal time management, dealing with change and conflict, handling stress and difficult people. Other issues covered include the leader’s personal (financial and family) and professional (resume development and interview skills) life.

Required Textbooks:

Northouse, Peter G. *Leadership - Theory and Practice*. 6th edition. (2013) ISBN 978-1-4522-0340-9

Nouwen, Henri J.M. *In the Name of Jesus - Reflections on Christian Leadership*. (1989) ISBN 0-8245-1259-6

Dr. Johnson is available to discuss any specific aspect of these courses and/or about the Ministry Studies curriculum in general through an office visit (Provine Chapel 109A); email (mjohnson@mc.edu) or phone/text (601.473.4735).