What I Can Do With a Major In... CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Christian Ministries is a major that prepares students for leadership in the disciple-making and teaching ministry of the church and parachurch. Preparation is supported through study of developmental patterns and ministry approaches throughout the life cycle. A concern for organizational structure and curricular resources is reflected in course offerings. A core of courses anchors students in basic understandings of the Church and its mission in the world, in foundational practices of Bible study and other spiritual disciplines, and in experiences leading to effective ministry.

**Associated Job Titles:**
- Director of Discipleship
- Coordinator of Age-level Ministries
- Director of Christian Education
- Director of Children's Ministry
- Director of Single's Ministry
- Director of Senior Adult Ministry
- Campus Minister
- Director of Campus Ministries
- Church Camp Director
- Pastor
- Youth Pastor
- Music Minister
- Chaplain
- Church Planter
- College Professor
- Missionary
- Bible Teacher
- Translator
- Relief Worker
- Peace Corps Volunteer
- Campus Minister
- Evangelist
- Director of Non-Profit Agency
- Director of Campus Ministries
- Religious Researcher
- Religious Staff Writer

**Career Library Resources:**
- Opportunities in Religious Service
- Careers for Good Samaritans and Other Humanitarian Types
- Liberal Arts Jobs
- What Color Is Your Parachute?
- Career Planning Today
- Majoring in the Rest of Your Life
- Do What You Are
- Encyclopedia of Careers and Vocational Guidance
- The Enhanced Guide for Occupational Exploration
- The Dictionary of Occupational Titles
- The Occupational Outlook Handbook
- FOCUS Computer Guidance System

**Places To Contact For More Information:**
Your denominational office of ministry or:
- Interchristo
  19303 Fremont Ave. North
  Seattle, Washington 98133
- National Council of Churches
  475 Riverside Dr.
  New York, NY 10115

**Websites to Visit:**
- www.christianitytoday.com
- www.umc.org
- www.csm.org
- www.gospelcom.net
- www.youthpastor.com
- www.usm.org
- www.wycliffe.org
- www.cfni.org
- www.cbnworldreach.org
- www.gbgm-umc.org

**Professors To Contact For More Information:**
- Dr. Clair Budd, Chair
- Professor Jan Harper
- Dr. Phil Thornton

**Nearby Employers:**
Check the Christian Ministries department site on NOAH for “ministry opportunities/ local”. Check with local area churches or ministries to see if they are hiring part-time or full-time employees. Also consider a non-paid internship with ministries who are looking for students to help them.

**Associated Skills:**
- Ability to interact with people of varying ages and backgrounds
- Proficiency in interpersonal and group communication
- Ability to persuade and influence others
- Ability to relate well and work as part of a team
- Understanding of human spiritual and social needs
- Sensitivity to and compassion for others
- Ability to plan and organize educational programs
- Ability to make appropriate decisions and solve problems
- Knowledge of the practices, procedures, guidelines and doctrine of one’s faith (i.e., Bible and Theology)
- Ability to carry out and integrate one’s occupational responsibilities with one’s faith
- Knowledge and proficiency in one’s area of personal ministry including teaching

**Associated Personal Qualities:**
- Personable and friendly
- Perseverance and Patience
- Morality and Integrity
- Wisdom
- Dedication
- Willingness to continue learning throughout life
- Christian faith, Determination
- Punctuality
- An inner spiritual conviction to serve others on a religious capacity

*Note:* For specific information concerning course requirements of this major, please pick up a major sheet at the Registrar’s Office located in the Administration building.

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