

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT

Faculty

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Mission

The Department of Christian Ministries exists to:

- To educate, equip, and empower life-long spiritual leaders for ministry among people worldwide,
- Strengthening the body of Christ for all generations.

Vision

Department majors are built on the premise that effective ministry requires the ministry leader to become an ongoing student of God's Word, culture, people, and ministry, as well as skilled in leadership, administration, teaching and speaking, and mentoring and discipleship.

These programs, built around a common set of core courses, are designed to provide students with the character development, spiritual growth, biblical and theological grounding, and skills needed for effective service in churches, youth ministries, mission agencies, social service centers, and other Christian non-profit organizations. Students are taught timeless foundational ministry principles and practical application tools necessary for effective ministry leadership in ever-changing and diverse cultures, whether in one's hometown or overseas.

Students in the department are taught through a combination of practice and theory, allowing them to construct and develop their own models of ministry, grounded in a biblical theology of ministry. Each program involves coursework in biblical and theological studies, social sciences, as well as in ministry specific areas.

- Christian Leadership Major (<https://catalog.judsonu.edu/departments-divisions-programs/christian-leadership-department/christian-lead-major/>)
- Biblical and Theological Studies Minor (<https://catalog.judsonu.edu/departments-divisions-programs/christian-leadership-department/bibl-theo-minor/>)
- Christian Ministries Minor (<https://catalog.judsonu.edu/departments-divisions-programs/christian-leadership-department/christ-min-minor/>)
- Worship Arts Minor (<https://catalog.judsonu.edu/departments-divisions-programs/christian-leadership-department/worship-arts-minor/>)
- Youth and Family Ministries Minor (<https://catalog.judsonu.edu/departments-divisions-programs/christian-leadership-department/youth-family-studies-minor/>)
- Ministry and Leadership, Master of Arts (<https://catalog.judsonu.edu/departments-divisions-programs/christian-leadership-department/crm-master/>)

Thrive Program

Thrive is an innovative program that provides a select group of ministry students with the enhanced support and development opportunities needed to pursue an accelerated educational track, completing both a ministry undergraduate degree and the Master of Arts in Ministry and Leadership in 5 years.