

# CHRIST COLLEGE

Dean: Dr. David W. Loy

## Purpose Statement

The purpose of **Christ College** is to enable students to understand, communicate, teach, defend, and believe the Christian faith through systematic inquiry of the Bible, doctrines of the church and other statements of faith. Christ College also equips students for professional church work in their chosen field. The school guides students interested in receiving certification for ministerial vocations in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

### Bachelor of Arts Degree

- Theological Studies: Biblical Languages
- Theological Studies: Christian Education Leadership
- Theological Studies: Ministry Leadership
- Theology

### Bachelor of Science Degree

- Theological Studies: Ministry Leadership

### Undergraduate Minors

- Biblical Languages
- Biblical Studies
- Children's Ministry
- Christian Education Leadership
- Classical Education
- Classical Languages
- Director of Christian Education\*
- Director of Parish Music\*
- Lutheran Teaching\*
- Missiology
- Philosophy
- Pre-Deaconess Studies\*
- Pre-Seminary\*
- Theology
- Worship Arts Leadership
- Youth Ministry

\*Prerequisite: Acceptance into LCMS Certification program.

## The Great Commission Certificate

## Ministry Programs

*Director of Ministerial Formation, Dr. Mike Middendorf*

### Undergraduate Certification for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

- Director of Christian Education  
*Director, Prof. Rebecca Duport*
- Director of Parish Music  
*Director, Prof. Jon Jordening*
- Pre-Deaconess Studies  
*Director, Rev. Quinton Anderson*
- Pre-Seminary Studies

*Director, Rev. Quinton Anderson*

- Lutheran Teaching Programs  
*Director, Dr. Cari Chittick*

### Undergraduate Preparation for Christian Ministry

- Center for Church Leadership  
*Director, Rev. Jonathan Ruehs*
- Children, Youth, and Family Ministry
- Christian Education
- Church Music
- Pre-Seminary Studies
- Worship Arts Leadership

### Graduate and Post-Baccalaureate Certification for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

- Cross-cultural Ministry Center (LCMS Pastoral Ministry Certification)  
*Director, Dr. Glenn Fluegge*
- Director of Christian Education  
*Director, Prof. Rebecca Duport*
- Director of Parish Music  
*Director, Prof. Jon Jordening*
- Lutheran Teaching Programs  
*Director, Dr. Cari Chittick*

### Graduate and Post-Baccalaureate Preparation for Christian Ministry

- Children, Youth, and Family Ministry
- Christian Education
- Church Music
- Pastoral Ministry
- Worship Arts Leadership

## Placement Assistance

Concordia University Irvine provides placement assistance to [Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod](#) (LCMS) church career candidates in conjunction with the [Concordia University System](#) (CUS) in St. Louis, MO. Services include maintenance of a candidate information file (sometimes called a "placement" file), which is sent to calling bodies upon request of the calling body. While these services are often referred to as "placement" services, no guarantees are expressed nor implied that CUI will find employment for candidates, and CUI does not assume responsibility for finding such employment. All candidates are responsible for providing and submitting the necessary paperwork for their information file to the Placement Office (housed in Christ College) prior to deadlines set forth by that office.

## Graduate Degrees

- Master of Arts in Church Leadership
- Master of Arts in Theology

## Colloquy

*Director, Dr. Cari Chittick*

## Christ College Program Learning Outcomes

1. Comprehension of Scripture - Express an understanding of the language, contents, history, culture, and themes of the Bible.

- Understanding of Doctrine - Integrate and articulate biblical doctrine in systematic constructs.
- Acquaintance with Other Theological Thought and Expression - Accurately describe prominent religions, denominations, and philosophies of the past and present.
- Engagement with Western Philosophy - Articulate an understanding of Western philosophical history, classic texts, argument analysis, and the interaction of philosophy with biblical faith, theology, and other thought systems.
- Development of Faith in Christ - Christian students shall articulate a personal faith in Christ that is well informed from a biblical perspective.
- Mission-oriented Church Leadership - Christian students, whether preparing for called ministry or lay leadership in the church, will demonstrate skills and attitudes to effectively live out and lead the church in the Great Commission and lives of service.

## Bachelor of Arts Degrees

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## Theological Studies: Biblical Languages

### Theological Foundations

Exegetical Theology		
THL 311	Old Testament Book of the Bible	3
or THL 312	New Testament Book of the Bible	
THL 429	Biblical Theology and Exegesis	3
Systematic Theology (Doctrine)		
THL 371	Christian Doctrine and Confessions I	3
THL 372	Christian Doctrine and Confessions II	3
Historical Theology		
THL 304	History of the Christian Church	3
Missions		
THL 430	Christian Apologetics	3
or THL 481	The Mission of Christ's Church	
Other Theological Thought		
REL 321	World Religions	3
or REL 375	Contemporary Religious Bodies	
Biblical Languages		
GRE 101	Greek I	4
GRE 102	Greek II	4
HEB 101	Hebrew I	4
HEB 102	Hebrew II	4
Choose 1 of the following courses:		3
GRE 301	Greek Readings	3
HEB 301	Hebrew Readings	3
<b>Elective</b>		<b>6</b>

Choose any 300 or 400 level Christ College courses not taken in the major (prefixes ARA, CED, GRE, HEB, PHI, REL, THL. Greek or Hebrew electives are highly encouraged.)

**Total Units** **46**

## Theological Studies: Christian Education Leadership

### Theological Foundations

Exegetical Theology		
THL 311	Old Testament Book of the Bible	3
or THL 312	New Testament Book of the Bible	
THL 429	Biblical Theology and Exegesis	3
Systematic Theology (Doctrine)		
THL 371	Christian Doctrine and Confessions I	3
THL 372	Christian Doctrine and Confessions II	3
Historical Theology		
THL 304	History of the Christian Church	3
Missions		
THL 430	Christian Apologetics	3
or THL 481	The Mission of Christ's Church	
Other Theological Thought		
REL 321	World Religions	3
or REL 375	Contemporary Religious Bodies	
Christian Education Leadership		
CED 201	Introduction to Christian Education: Theory and Practice	3
CED 202	Church Leadership and Administration	3
Choose 2 of the following courses:		6
CED 370	Children's and Family Ministry	3
CED 380	Youth Ministry and Culture	3
CED 455	Catechesis: Theory and Practice	3
CED 460	Adult Ministry	3
CED 401	Senior Fieldwork Seminar I	3
CED 402	Senior Fieldwork Seminar II	3
CED 470	Family Systems	3
PSY 466	Principles of Counseling	3
THL 222	Christian Witness and Evangelism	1
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>46</b>

## Theological Studies: Ministry Leadership

Program application and acceptance are required to complete this major.

### Theological Foundations

Exegetical Theology		
THL 311	Old Testament Book of the Bible	3
or THL 312	New Testament Book of the Bible	
THL 429	Biblical Theology and Exegesis	3
Systematic Theology (Doctrine)		
MACL 473	Systematic Doctrinal Theology	3
REL 375	Contemporary Religious Bodies	3

<b>Historical Theology</b>		
THL 304	History of the Christian Church	3
<b>Missions</b>		
THL 430	Christian Apologetics	3
or THL 481	The Mission of Christ's Church	
<b>Other Theological Thought</b>		
REL 321	World Religions	3
<b>Ministry Leadership</b>		
CED 201	Introduction to Christian Education: Theory and Practice	3
CED 202	Church Leadership and Administration	3
CED 470	Family Systems	3
MACL 103	Introduction to Ministry Leadership	1
MACL 390	Practicum: Ministry Leadership	3
MACL 401	Ministry Seminar and Internship I	3
MACL 402	Ministry Seminar and Internship II	3
PSY 466	Principles of Counseling	3
THL 222	Christian Witness and Evangelism	1
Choose 1 of the following courses:		3
MACL 350	Legal Aspects of Managing a Nonprofit	3
MACL 370	Financial Management of a Nonprofit	3
Choose 2 of the following courses:		6
CED 370	Children's and Family Ministry	3
CED 380	Youth Ministry and Culture	3
CED 455	Catechesis: Theory and Practice	3
CED 460	Adult Ministry	3
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>53</b>

## Theology

### Theological Foundations

<b>Exegetical Theology</b>		
THL 311	Old Testament Book of the Bible	3
or THL 312	New Testament Book of the Bible	
THL 429	Biblical Theology and Exegesis	3
<b>Systematic Theology (Doctrine)</b>		
THL 371	Christian Doctrine and Confessions I	3
THL 372	Christian Doctrine and Confessions II	3
<b>Historical Theology</b>		
THL 304	History of the Christian Church	3
<b>Missions</b>		
THL 430	Christian Apologetics	3
or THL 481	The Mission of Christ's Church	
<b>Other Theological Thought</b>		
REL 321	World Religions	3
or REL 375	Contemporary Religious Bodies	
<b>Electives</b>		
Choose 1 of the following Philosophy courses:		3
PHI 211	Philosophical Ethics	3

PHI 433	Philosophy of Religion	3
PHI 439	Analytic Philosophy	3
PHI 467	Bioethics and Healthcare Professions	3
PHI 491	Special Topics	3
Choose 1 of the following Exegetical Theology courses not taken above:		3-4
GRE 101	Greek I	4
GRE 102	Greek II	4
GRE 301	Greek Readings	3
HEB 101	Hebrew I	4
HEB 102	Hebrew II	4
HEB 301	Hebrew Readings	3
THL 311	Old Testament Book of the Bible	3
THL 312	New Testament Book of the Bible	3
THL 399A	Special Topics in Exegetical Theology	3
Choose 1 of the following Systematic Theology courses not taken above:		3
THL 465	Christians and Ethics	3
THL 399B	Special Topics in Systematic Theology	3
Choose 1 of the following Church History courses not taken above:		3
THL 351	Patristic and Medieval Christianity	3
THL 355	The Reformation	3
THL 358	Contemporary Church History	3
THL 463	Readings in Classical Christian Thought	3
THL 399C	Special Topics in Historical Theology	3
<b>Elective</b>		<b>3</b>

Choose any 300 or 400 level Christ College course not taken in the major (prefixes ARA, CED, GRE, HEB, LAT, PHI, REL, THL)

**Total Units** **36-37**

## Theological Studies: Ministry Leadership - Bachelor of Science Degree

Program application and acceptance are required to complete this major.

### Theological Foundations

<b>Research</b>		
THL 401	Introduction to Theological Research *	2
<b>Exegetical Theology</b>		
THL 311	Old Testament Book of the Bible	3
or THL 312	New Testament Book of the Bible	
Choose 1 of the following courses:		3
MACL 428	Seminar in Biblical Theology and Exegesis *	3
MACL 429	Biblical Theology and Exegesis *	3
<b>Systematic Theology (Doctrine)</b>		
MACL 473	Systematic Doctrinal Theology *	3
Choose 1 of the following courses:		3

MACL 410	Lutheran Confessions *	3
MACL 411	Creeds and Confessions *	3
<b>Historical Theology</b>		
MACL 404	Survey of Historical Theology *	3
<b>Missions</b>		
THL 430 or THL 481	Christian Apologetics The Mission of Christ's Church	3
<b>Other Theological Thought</b>		
REL 321 or REL 375	World Religions Contemporary Religious Bodies	3
<b>Ministry Leadership</b>		
CED 201	Introduction to Christian Education: Theory and Practice	3
CED 202	Church Leadership and Administration	3
CED 470	Family Systems	3
FIN 211	Personal Finance	3
GRE 101	Greek I	4
GRE 102	Greek II	4
MACL 103	Introduction to Ministry Leadership	1
MACL 350	Legal Aspects of Managing a Nonprofit	3
MACL 370	Financial Management of a Nonprofit	3
MACL 390	Practicum: Ministry Leadership	3
MACL 401	Ministry Seminar and Internship I	3
MACL 402	Ministry Seminar and Internship II	3
MACL 465	Christianity, Ethics, and Contemporary Culture *	3
PSY 466	Principles of Counseling	3
THL 222	Christian Witness and Evangelism	1
Choose 2 of the following courses:		
CED 370	Children's and Family Ministry	3
CED 380	Youth Ministry and Culture	3
CED 455	Catechesis: Theory and Practice	3
CED 460	Adult Ministry	3

**Total Units** 72

### Recommended Courses

Up to 6 units from this list may, with the permission of the Director of the Center for Church Leadership, be taken in the senior year toward a bachelor's degree and, if a grade of B or better is achieved, applied to the Master of Arts in Church Leadership.

MACL 414	The Synoptic Gospels and Acts	3
MACL 420	Romans/Pauline Literature	3
MACL 421	Theology and Practice of Mission	3
MACL 422	Spiritual Care	3
MACL 430	Communicating the Gospel I	3
MACL 431	Communicating the Gospel II	3
MACL 432	Johannine Corpus	3
MACL 440	Entrepreneurial Mission Planting	3

MACL 442	Christian Worship in Cultural Context	3
MACL 444	Pastoral Epistles	3

\* Course must be completed with a grade of B or better to count toward this major and be used in the Master of Arts in Church Leadership.

Students MUST take the following courses to fulfill Q&I:

THL 201	History and Literature of the Old Testament (fulfills "Who do you say that I am?")	3
THL 202	History and Literature of the New Testament (fulfills "Who do you say that I am?")	3
COM 111	Public Speaking (fulfills "What is Eloquence?")	3

## Minors

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## Biblical Languages Minor

Code	Title	Units
GRE 101	Greek I	4
GRE 102	Greek II	4
HEB 101	Hebrew I	4
HEB 102	Hebrew II	4
Choose 2 of the following courses:		
ARA 301	Aramaic	3
GRE 301	Greek Readings	3
HEB 301	Hebrew Readings	3
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>22</b>

## Biblical Studies Minor

Code	Title	Units
THL 201	History and Literature of the Old Testament	3
THL 202	History and Literature of the New Testament	3

THL 311	Old Testament Book of the Bible	3
THL 312	New Testament Book of the Bible	3
THL 429	Biblical Theology and Exegesis	3
Choose 1 of the following course pairings:		6-8
GRE 101 & GRE 102	Greek I and Greek II	8
HEB 101 & HEB 102	Hebrew I and Hebrew II	8
THL 311 & THL 312	Old Testament Book of the Bible and New Testament Book of the Bible *	6

**Total Units** **21-23**

\* Students may choose THL 311 or THL 312 if it is a different book than above

### Children's Ministry Minor

Choose 2 of the following courses:		6
CED 370	Children's and Family Ministry	3
CED 350	Learning Across the Life Span	3
CED 470	Family Systems	3
Choose 3 of the following courses:		9
PSY 202	Human Sexuality	3
PSY 313	Developmental Psychology: Childhood	3
PSY 331	Marriage and the Family	3
SOC 332	Child, Family and Community	3
THL 465	Christians and Ethics	3

**Total Units** **18**

### Christian Education Leadership Minor

CED 202	Church Leadership and Administration	3
CED 350	Learning Across the Life Span	3
THL 371	Christian Doctrine and Confessions I	3
THL 372	Christian Doctrine and Confessions II	3
Choose 2 of the following courses:		6
CED 370	Children's and Family Ministry	3
CED 380	Youth Ministry and Culture	3
CED 455	Catechesis: Theory and Practice	3
Choose 1 of the following courses:		3
CED 460	Adult Ministry	3
CED 470	Family Systems	3
Choose 1 of the following courses:		3
THL 311	Old Testament Book of the Bible	3
THL 312	New Testament Book of the Bible	3
THL 429	Biblical Theology and Exegesis	3

**Total Units** **24**

### Classical Education Minor

CCI 390	Practicum: Classical Academy *	1
HST 491	Advanced Topics in History	3
Choose 1 of the following pairs:		11
GRE 101 & GRE 102 & GRE 301	Greek I and Greek II and Greek Readings	11
LAT 101 & LAT 102 & LAT 301	Fundamentals of Latin I and Fundamentals of Latin II and Latin Readings	11
Choose 1 of the following courses:		3
CED 455	Catechesis: Theory and Practice	3
THL 311	Old Testament Book of the Bible	3
THL 312	New Testament Book of the Bible	3
Choose 1 of the following courses:		3
HST 332	Ancient Greece and Rome	3
HST 334	Medieval History	3
HST 336	The Renaissance and the Reformation	3
HST 361	History of Propaganda and Persuasion	3
HST/POL 412	The U.S. Constitution	3
POL 413	Religion and Politics in America	3
Choose 1 of the following courses:		3
ART 311	Art History I	3
COM 485	Rhetorical Criticism	3
ENG 466	Shakespeare	3
HST 410	Mythology	3
MUS 331	Music History I: Antiquity through Bach	3
THR 441	Theatre and Culture I	3

**Total Units** **24**

\* A minimum of 40 hours is required to complete the practicum.

### Classical Languages Minor

GRE 101	Greek I	4
GRE 102	Greek II	4
LAT 101	Fundamentals of Latin I	4
LAT 102	Fundamentals of Latin II	4
Choose 6 units from the following:		6
GRE 301	Greek Readings *	3
LAT 301	Latin Readings *	3

**Total Units** **22**

\* May choose the same subject prefix if the topic is different for each offering.

### Director of Christian Education Minor\*\*\*

CCI 103	Introduction to Ministry	1
CCI 112	Seminar in DCE Ministry *	0-2
CCI 305	Called to Teach the Faith	3
CED 390	Practicum: DCE Ministry (3 units; 1 at a time)	3

THL 201	History and Literature of the Old Testament	3
THL 202	History and Literature of the New Testament	3
THL 304	History of the Christian Church	3
THL 371	Christian Doctrine and Confessions I	3
THL 372	Christian Doctrine and Confessions II	3
THL 382	Corporate Worship	3

Choose 2 or the following courses not already taken in the major: 6

CED 370	Children's and Family Ministry	3
CED 380	Youth Ministry and Culture	3
CED 455	Catechesis: Theory and Practice	3
CED 460	Adult Ministry	3

**Total Units** 31-33

\* Taken once a year.

Students must take the following course after graduation in order to be certified:

CED 490	Internship: DCE	12
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### Director of Parish Music Minor\*\*\*

Students in this minor must also declare a music major with a church music concentration.

CCI 103	Introduction to Ministry	1
CCI 117	Seminar in Parish Music *	0-2
CCI 305	Called to Teach the Faith	3
CCI 391	Practicum: Church Music (usually take in 2 semesters @ .5 units)	1
CCI 491	Senior Fieldwork in Church Music I	3
CCI 492	Senior Fieldwork in Church Music II	3
THL 201	History and Literature of the Old Testament	3
THL 202	History and Literature of the New Testament	3
THL 304	History of the Christian Church	3
THL 371	Christian Doctrine and Confessions I	3
THL 372	Christian Doctrine and Confessions II	3

**Total Units** 26-28

\* Taken once a year.

### Lutheran Teaching Minor\*\*\*

CCI 103	Introduction to Ministry	1
CCI 113	Seminar in Teaching Ministry *	0-2
CCI 305	Called to Teach the Faith	3
CCI 392	Practicum: Lutheran Teaching	2
THL 201	History and Literature of the Old Testament	3

THL 202	History and Literature of the New Testament	3
THL 304	History of the Christian Church	3
THL 371	Christian Doctrine and Confessions I	3
THL 372	Christian Doctrine and Confessions II	3

**Total Units** 21-23

\* Taken once each year.

### Missiology Minor

ANT 210	Cultural Anthropology	3
ANT 435	Religion in Society	3
REL 321	World Religions	3
THL 222	Christian Witness and Evangelism	1
THL 430	Christian Apologetics	3
THL 481	The Mission of Christ's Church	3
HST 338	Modern European History	3
or HST 421	Latin America	

Choose 1 of the following courses: 3

COM 324	Intercultural Communication	3
MUS 352	Music of World Cultures	3
PHI 433	Philosophy of Religion	3
SOC 316	Ethnic and Minority Relations	3

**Total Units** 22

### Philosophy Minor

CPHI 101	Introduction to Philosophy	3
CPHI 200	Introduction to Philosophical Inquiry	3

Choose 4 of the following courses: 12

PHI 211	Philosophical Ethics	3
PHI 433	Philosophy of Religion	3
PHI 439	Analytic Philosophy	3
PHI 467	Bioethics and Healthcare Professions	3
PHI 491	Special Topics	3
SCI 455	History and Philosophy of Science	3
THL 430	Christian Apologetics	3
THL 465	Christians and Ethics	3

**Total Units** 18

### Pre-Deaconess Studies Minor\*\*\*

CCI 103	Introduction to Ministry	1
CCI 118	Seminar in Deaconess Ministry *	0-2
CCI 305	Called to Teach the Faith	3
THL 201	History and Literature of the Old Testament	3
THL 202	History and Literature of the New Testament	3
THL 304	History of the Christian Church	3



THL 371	Christian Doctrine and Confessions I	3
THL 372	Christian Doctrine and Confessions II	3
THL 465	Christians and Ethics	3
Choose 1 of the following course pairings:		8
GRE 101 & GRE 102	Greek I and Greek II	8
HEB 101 & HEB 102	Hebrew I and Hebrew II	8
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>30-32</b>

\* Taken once each year.

### Pre-Seminary Minor\*\*\*

CCI 103	Introduction to Ministry	1
CCI 111	Seminar in Pastoral Ministry *	0-2
CCI 305	Called to Teach the Faith	3
GRE 101	Greek I	4
GRE 102	Greek II	4
HEB 101	Hebrew I	4
HEB 102	Hebrew II	4
THL 201	History and Literature of the Old Testament	3
THL 202	History and Literature of the New Testament	3
THL 304	History of the Christian Church	3
THL 371	Christian Doctrine and Confessions I	3
THL 372	Christian Doctrine and Confessions II	3
THL 465	Christians and Ethics	3
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>38-40</b>

\* Taken once each year.

### Theology Minor

Exegetical Theology		
THL 311 or THL 312	Old Testament Book of the Bible New Testament Book of the Bible	3
THL 429	Biblical Theology and Exegesis	3
Systematic Theology (Doctrine)		
THL 371	Christian Doctrine and Confessions I	3
THL 372	Christian Doctrine and Confessions II	3
Historical Theology		
THL 304	History of the Christian Church	3
Missions		
THL 430 or THL 481	Christian Apologetics The Mission of Christ's Church	3
Other Theological Thought		
REL 321 or REL 375	World Religions Contemporary Religious Bodies	3

### Elective

Choose any course with a prefix of CED, GRE, HEB, REL or THL not already taken for the minor or to fulfill a GE requirement.

**Total Units 24**

### Worship Arts Leadership Minor

For all students **except** music majors with a church music concentration.

MU__ 101-401	Applied Music Instruction	1
MUS 482	Music Cultures: Musical Expression in Christianity	3
MUS 483	A Survey of Christian Hymnody	3
MUS 484	Planning Music in Christian Worship	2
MUS 485	Contemporary Christian Song	2
THL 281	Introduction to Worship Arts	1
THL 371	Christian Doctrine and Confessions I	3
THL 372	Christian Doctrine and Confessions II	3
THL 381	Worship Arts Ministry	3
THL 382	Corporate Worship	3
Choose a combination of courses below to equal 2-3 units:		2-3
ARTG 270	Digital Publishing	3
ARTG 271	Digital Image Manipulation	3
MUS 216	Music Technology I	2
MUS 221	Beginning Conducting	2
MUS 441	Handbell Methods and Repertoire	1-3
MUS 382	Contemporary Worship Ensemble Leadership	3
MUS 461	Music for Children	3
MUS 471	Choral Methods and Repertoire	3
THR 261	Acting I	3

**Total Units 26-27**

### Worship Arts Leadership Minor

For music majors with a church music concentration.

MUS 484	Planning Music in Christian Worship	2
MUS 485	Contemporary Christian Song	2
THL 281	Introduction to Worship Arts	1
THL 371	Christian Doctrine and Confessions I	3
THL 372	Christian Doctrine and Confessions II	3
THL 381	Worship Arts Ministry	3
THL 382	Corporate Worship	3
THL 429	Biblical Theology and Exegesis	3
Choose a combination of courses below to equal 2-3 units not taken as part of church music emphasis in the music major:		2-3
ARTG 270	Digital Publishing	3
ARTG 271	Digital Image Manipulation	3
MUS 216	Music Technology I	2
MUS 221	Beginning Conducting	2

MUS 382	Contemporary Worship Ensemble Leadership	3
MUS 441	Handbell Methods and Repertoire	1-3
MUS 461	Music for Children	3
MUS 471	Choral Methods and Repertoire	3
THR 261	Acting I	3

**Total Units** **22-23**

## Youth Ministry Minor

CED 380	Youth Ministry and Culture	3
Choose 2 of the following courses:		6
PSY 202	Human Sexuality	3
PSY 261	Chemical Dependency and Addiction	3
PSY 314	Developmental Psychology: Adolescence	3
CED 455	Catechesis: Theory and Practice	3
CED 470	Family Systems	3
Choose 1 of the following courses:		3
THL 430	Christian Apologetics	3
THL 465	Christians and Ethics	3
THL 481	The Mission of Christ's Church	3

**Total Units** **18**

\*\*\*Prerequisite: Acceptance into [LCMS Certification program](#) (p. 8).

## Ministry Programs

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## Certification for Ministry in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Christ College guides students interested in receiving certification for ministerial vocations in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS).

LCMS students pursuing such certification must apply for admission into a Christ College program, complete the academic requirements of the respective minor, and maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA) in all course work and a 2.8 cumulative GPA in required certification courses. Students must receive at least a C- in courses required for LCMS certification (including professional minor and/or major). Those students successfully completing all requirements will receive a certificate

along with a commemorative medallion from Christ College and will be considered for recommendation by the faculty for certification by the LCMS or for admission into an LCMS seminary.

## Director of Christian Education (DCE) Program

*Director, Prof. Rebecca Duport*

A **Director of Christian Education (DCE)** is a life span educational leader prepared for team ministry in a congregational setting. DCEs are certified, called, and commissioned within The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). A DCE, empowered by the Holy Spirit, plans, administers, and assesses ministry that nurtures and equips people in the Body of Christ for spiritual maturity, service, and witness in home, job, congregation, community, and the world.

The purpose of the Director of Christian Education program is to equip leaders for ministry who are passionate about the Gospel, God's people, and Christ's Church. Through four years of coursework and one year of internship, students will be prepared to serve effectively in a congregational setting in the following roles: ministry leader, Christian educator, life span minister (including youth ministry), and care minister. Upon the successful completion of the Christian education leadership major and the DCE program requirements, and upon recommendation of the faculty, students will receive certification as a DCE by the LCMS and become eligible to receive a call into full-time service in the church.

## Program Requirements

### A. Enduring Questions & Ideas (GE) (44-46 Units)

Normally completed during the first 2 years of attendance.

### B. Major Requirements (p. 2) (46 Units)

**Note:** The Theological Studies: Christian Education Leadership major is required for all DCE students.

### C. Minor Requirements (p. 4) (31-33 Units)

**Note:** The Director of Christian Education minor is required for all DCE students.

### D. DCE Internship: Post-Baccalaureate (12 Units)

The final requirement for DCE certification is a year-long internship, normally following graduation, in a congregation, agency, or mission site of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) that will enable students to experience as many aspects of the DCE ministry as possible. While interns register as students under the ultimate direction of the DCE program director during internship, they are also paid by the participating congregation or agency and are under the direct supervision of a full-time rostered minister in the congregation or agency during this time.

### Special Internship Situations: International Internship

Christ College partners with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Office of International Missions to offer international internship opportunities for some students in the Director of Christian Education (DCE) program. Students interested in an international internship must consult with the DCE program director as early as possible. Students will satisfy additional requirements from CUI, LCMS World Missions and the potential internship site. Students selected for international internships will enroll in CED 490 for two (2) semesters and CED 491 for the remaining one (1) or two (2) semesters of international internship. Such students are responsible for three (3) semesters of internship tuition. Students on internship for twenty-four (24) months may pay CED 491 tuition over two (2) semesters. Internship tuition and fees may increase to align with the costs of supervision. Students are expected to work with LCMS Office of International Missions to raise support for



an international internship and must show the ability to pay for airfare from the internship site to the United States in case of emergency or unexpected ending of the internship.

#### Special Internship Situations: Self-Funded Internship

Some unique internship opportunities may be in specialized ministry situations that require students to raise some or all of their internship salary. Students who are interested in one of these specialized internships will consult with the DCE director as early as possible.

#### E. Additional Information

All students in the program are required to meet annually with the program director to discuss their personal, professional, intellectual, and spiritual growth for DCE ministry.

#### F. DCE Post-Baccalaureate Certification

Concordia University Irvine also offers two tracks towards DCE certification for students already having a bachelor's degree. Details are found in the [Graduate Catalog](#).

## Director of Parish Music (DPM) Program

*Director, Prof. Jon Jordening*

The **Director of Parish Music (DPM) program** grants the bachelor's degree and Christ College certification, making the candidate eligible to serve in a congregation or other agency affiliated with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS).

### Program Requirements

#### A. Enduring Questions & Ideas (GE) (44-46 Units)

Normally completed during the first 2 years of attendance. Students may, if placed by examination, substitute **MUS 201** in the music major for the **MUS 111** Why Art? option in the Q&I general education.

#### B. Major Requirements (Music Major) (54-80 Units)

#### C. Minor Requirements (p. 4) (26-28 Units)

**Note:** The Director of Parish Music minor is required for all DPM students.

#### D. Additional Information

All students in the program are required to meet annually with the program director to discuss their personal, professional, intellectual, and spiritual growth for DPM ministry.

## Lutheran Teaching Ministry: Elementary and Secondary Education

*Director, Dr. Cari Chittick*

**Lutheran teaching programs** prepare students for teaching in Lutheran schools at either the elementary or secondary level. Those who want to teach at the elementary level are best prepared by taking the Liberal Studies major. Future high school teachers will major in a state-approved single subject content area. Students in Lutheran teaching programs complete the requirements for a California teaching credential (see information under [School of Education](#)) along with the course in the Lutheran Teaching minor. Student teaching assignments will include both public and Lutheran school settings. These students will then be certified, called, and commissioned within The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) to teach in Lutheran schools and hold a Lutheran Teaching Certificate.

While the majority of courses in this program are education-focused, students are encouraged to seek ways to integrate faith throughout the

curriculum they will teach. Students who have a heart for Jesus and a passion for the teaching ministry are guided to serve God by being servant leaders in their classrooms, at the congregational level, and beyond.

For program specifics, please see the [School of Education](#) section.

All students in the program are required to meet annually with the program director to discuss their personal, professional, intellectual, and spiritual growth for Lutheran Teaching Ministry.

## Pre-Deaconess Studies Program

*Director, Rev. Quinton Anderson*

Christian women serving as deaconesses reach out to individuals in spiritual and physical need through acts of service and ministry. Depending on their gifts and calling, they may provide spiritual care, teach God's Word, administer programs, work in social services, or assist in a variety of other ministry tasks. Deaconesses frequently serve in parishes, hospitals, welfare institutions, college campuses, inner cities, foreign missions, and in other places where their ministry of service is needed.

The **Pre-Deaconess Studies Program** equips women for graduate-level diaconal training through instruction in at least one biblical language and through other courses that will prepare them for graduate theological education. Pre-deaconess students are part of Christ College and are engaged in spiritual and ministerial formation with other future church workers.

### Program Requirements

#### A. Enduring Questions and Ideas (GE) (44-46 Units)

Normally completed during the first 2 years of attendance.

#### B. Major Requirements

Completion of any approved major. Majors in [behavioral sciences](#), [theological studies](#) (p. 2), or [Christian education leadership](#) (p. 2) are particularly recommended.

#### C. Minor Requirements (p. 4) (30-32 Units)

**Note:** Completion of the courses listed in the Pre-Deaconess Studies minor is required for all pre-deaconess students.

#### D. Additional Information

All students in the program are required to meet annually with the program director to discuss their personal, professional, intellectual, and spiritual growth for deaconess ministry.

## Pre-Seminary Studies Program

*Director, Rev. Quinton Anderson*

The **Pre-Seminary Studies Program** furnishes students with the academic training essential not only for successful entrance into a seminary but also for a successful ministry. The program is structured to encourage personal and spiritual growth in pastoral attitudes, habits, and skills. Upon successful completion of the program, students are prepared to enter a seminary to continue their study that normally includes three additional years of academic work and one year of vicarage. Entrance requirements vary, but normally a bachelor's degree and proficiency in the biblical languages of Greek and Hebrew are required of all who desire admission to a seminary. Seminaries generally also require personal references and recommendations.

General admission to the university does not constitute admission to the Pre-Seminary Studies Program. Students are advised to consult the program director for specific requirements and procedures for admission.

## Program Requirements

### A. Enduring Questions & Ideas (GE) (44-46 Units)

Normally completed during the first 2 years of attendance.

### B. Major Requirements

Completion of any approved major.

### C. Minor Requirements (p. 4) (38-40 Units)

**Note:** Completion of the courses listed in the Pre-Seminary minor is required for all pre-seminary students.

### D. Additional Information

All students in the program are required to meet annually with the program director to discuss their personal, professional, intellectual, and spiritual growth for pastoral ministry.

## Colloquy Program

*Director, Dr. Cari Chittick*

Concordia University Irvine partners with the Concordia University Educational Network ([CUENet](#)) to offer an online program of instruction for teachers who have completed a bachelor's degree and who wish to become commissioned ministers of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Those who are interested in being commissioned as Directors of Christian Education (DCE) or Directors of Parish Music (DPM) do not have an online option. Students work individually with the particular program director for certification. For a more complete description of the colloquy program and information regarding admission to the program, please contact the program director.

## Cross-cultural Ministry Center

*Director, Dr. Glenn Fluegge*

The **Cross-cultural Ministry Center (CMC)**, a partnership between Concordia University Irvine and Concordia Seminary St. Louis, oversees the preparation, training, and formation of candidates for pastoral ministry in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). The CMC specializes in forming missionary pastors to launch and develop culture-crossing ministries. Students who successfully complete all requirements receive a master of arts degree (MA) in theology and certification for ordination as general ministry pastors in the LCMS.

## Preparation for Christian Ministry

In parallel with the LCMS certification programs, Christ College welcomes Christian students from many different backgrounds and provides preparation for various Christian ministries. Christ College is prepared to cooperate with a variety of Christian congregations and groups in preparing students for ministerial work. Christian students may pursue undergraduate and graduate preparation for Christian ministry in the following areas:

- Children, Youth, and Family Ministry
- Christian Education
- Church Music and Worship Arts Leadership
- Pastoral Ministry

## The Great Commission Certificate

The **Great Commission Certificate** is awarded to deserving Concordia University Irvine (CUI) bachelor-degree graduates who intentionally develop their missionary skills while attending CUI. It engages students with faculty and staff mentors for involvement in the work of making disciples of all nations. It promotes a multifaceted, holistic approach to missions combining academic work, practical application, reflection, and mentorship. Students who are creedal Christians compelled by the Gospel to carry out the Mission of God, regardless of their vocations, are encouraged to work toward the Great Commission Certificate. While some of the work may be completed before applying, early application is encouraged to aid in mentoring and guidance.

## Certificate Requirements

Code	Title	Units
<b>A. Academic Coursework</b>		
THL 222	Christian Witness and Evangelism	1
THL 395	Preparing for Mission and Service	1
THL 481	The Mission of Christ's Church	3
Recommended:		
REL 321	World Religions	3
THL 430	Christian Apologetics	3

### B. Christian Missions Experience \*

Local Missions Experience (minimum of 20 hours)

International Christian Missions Experience (with preparation in THL 395; minimum length of 10 days)

### C. Reflection

With the assistance of a faculty mentor, students will prepare a portfolio or paper that demonstrates substantial work and reflection on the mission experiences in light of academic work. These are approved by the program director and presented in a poster session at the Great Commission Showcase.

- \* Experiences must be in a Christian mission that is explicitly connected to the Gospel and approved for recognition by Christ College.