

## Syllabus

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### A. Course Description

The aim of the course is to familiarize the student with the theory and practice of professional youth ministry. Students will consider the relationship between theology and ministry practice, and will be challenged to think biblically about Christian service. In addition, the course will consider Canadian youth culture and the implications for effective youth leadership.

### B. Course Objectives

Through participation in lectures, classroom discussion, and completion of the course requirements, students will:

- Consider some of the essential elements of effective youth ministry.
- Acquire new insights into youth culture for strategic programming.
- Think critically about pressing issues related to the field.
- Develop skills for discipleship programming.
- Uncover passion and calling for ministry to youth and their families.

### C. Course Texts (may be purchased in the Providence Bookstore)

Burns, Jim. *Uncommon Youth Ministry: Your Onramp to Launching an Extraordinary Youth Ministry*. Ventura, CA: Gospel Light, 2001.

Yaconelli, Mike. *The Core Realities of Youth Ministry: Nine Biblical Principles that Mark Healthy Youth Ministries*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing, 2003.

- Full syllabus details will be available on the student portal to all students who register for the course. Full syllabi are also available from the professor upon request and will be circulated to all students registered for the course on the first day of class.