

# CHRISTIAN FORMATION AND MINISTRY MAJOR

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Undergraduates in the CFM Department earn a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Formation and Ministry. This is a liberal arts program that emphasizes biblical, theological, historical, and social science foundations integrated with traditional and contemporary philosophies and practices of ministry and spiritual formation. Students are encouraged to mature in their personal walk with Christ and to develop patterns of deep personal integrity and reflection upon their experiences to prepare them for ministry. A practicum and internship is required. Internship applicants must exhibit the presence of essential ministry skills and dispositions, as well as demonstrate a commitment to growth in Christian virtues.

The Christian Formation and Ministry major meets the undergraduate requirements for seminary study suggested by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS). Students contemplating graduate studies should consult with the institution in which they are interested to be informed of any particular undergraduate courses needed. Students interested in an accelerated curriculum leading to the completion of a master's along with their bachelor's degree in only five years should consult with their advisors regarding the prerequisites for the Wheaton graduate program.

## Requirements

Along with specific requirements for any major, all students in the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degree programs must meet all general education (<https://catalog.wheaton.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-information/academic-requirements-general-education/>) and graduation requirements (<https://catalog.wheaton.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-information/academic-requirements-general-education/#text>) under a single catalog.

**Requirements for the major** are 38 hours, including a core of 34 hours plus 4 hours of electives. The required core of 34 hours includes:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
CFM 115	Introduction to Christian Formation and Ministry	4
HNGR 114	Poverty, Justice and Transformation	4
CFM 223	Human Development and Ministry	4
CFM 224	Christian Spiritual Practices	2
CFM 251	Ministry Practicum	0
CFM 335	Teaching the Bible	4
CFM 339	Compassion and Crisis Ministry: Responding to Trauma and Suffering	4
CFM 359	Discipleship	4
CFM 421	Philosophy of Ministry	4
CFM 494	Ministry in Culture	4
CFM 496	Internship	0
<b>Electives</b>		
Select four credits		4
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>38</b>