

# DISCIPLESHIP CERTIFICATE

The Discipleship Certificate is an interdisciplinary program designed to facilitate students' growth as disciples and disciple-makers. It seeks to cultivate the knowledge, dispositions, and skills necessary to take part in the work of discipleship both here at Wheaton and in the broader Church. The goal of the program is to provide a deep and experiential education for those students participating in discipleship ministries, blending theory and practice in significant ways.

The program's academic home is the Department of Christian Formation and Ministry, though courses are also offered in Biblical and Theological Studies and Communication. Through these offerings, students will be equipped in biblical foundations, spiritual formation and ministry, and best practices for discipleship within the context of small groups. Students from any major are eligible for the Discipleship Certificate.

## Requirements

Requirements for the Discipleship Certificate are 26 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>CORE</b>		<b>8</b>
CFM 215	Spiritual Formation in Community	2
CFM 216	Discipleship Practicum (2 credits total, 1 credit each)	2
CFM 359	Discipleship	4
<b>Content Units</b>		<b>18</b>
Students select courses from each of the following areas:		
<i>Biblical Foundations</i>		2-6
BITH 325	Biblical Interpretation and Hermeneutics	4
BITH Book Studies: BITH 332, 338, 341, 344, 356, 358, 362, 363, 364, 365, 368, 433, 434, 438, 454, 457, 458, 462		2 or 4
BITH 382	Church	2
<i>Spiritual Formation and Ministry</i>		6-12
CFM 131	Introduction to Spiritual Formation	2
CFM 224	Christian Spiritual Practices	2
CFM 231	Evangelism	2
CFM 232	Spiritual Guidance and Discernment	2
CFM 335	Teaching the Bible	4
CFM 339	Compassion and Crisis Ministry: Responding to Trauma and Suffering	4
CFM 421	Philosophy of Ministry	4
<i>Working with Groups</i>		2-4
CFM 216	Discipleship Practicum (up to 2 additional credits beyond the required 2 core credits)	1
CFM 333	Student Care in College Ministry (for RAs only)	2
COMM 221	Interpersonal Communication	4
COMM 362	Group Dynamics	2
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>26</b>

Students who complete the Certificate in Discipleship may choose to complete a major in Christian Formation and Ministry or any other undergraduate major. Students choosing to add the Christian Formation and Ministry major to this certificate must complete 14 hours from the following courses to fulfill the requirements for the major:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Major Requirements</b>		<b>14</b>
HNGR 114	Poverty, Justice and Transformation	4
CFM 224	Christian Spiritual Practices *	2
CFM 335	Teaching the Bible *	4
CFM 421	Philosophy of Ministry *	4
CFM 494	Ministry in Culture	4
CFM 496	Internship	0
<i>Electives</i>		

(Select credits from department approved electives if needed to reach 14 hours in addition to the certificate)

\* If not already taken for the certificate.