

CMI 220 (3 units): Youth Ministry in Contemporary Culture

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Section 1 / 7:25-8:20 / M-W-F / Evans 121

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Catalogue Course Description:

An in-depth analysis of issues facing contemporary youth, with an examination of leadership models and appropriate methods to facilitate effective week to week ministry with youth.

Prerequisites: Christian Ministry 150 and Bible 101 or 102.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will be able to identify contemporary youth issues and articulate a Gospel/Christian response to said issues.
2. Students will cultivate the practice of thinking Biblically and Theologically as they grapple with contemporary issues.
3. Students will have the ability to craft and execute a weekly youth ministry program that is theologically sound and that engages contemporary youth culture.

Required Texts:

1. The *Bible* in a standard translation, such as *NIV*, *ESV*, *NRSV*, *NKJV*, *NASB*, etc. Single person translations and paraphrases are not acceptable. **ALWAYS BRING YOUR BIBLE TO CLASS!!!**
2. Kinnaman, David and Aly Hawkings. *You Lost Me: Why Young Christians Are Leaving Church...and Rethinking Faith*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2011.
3. Mueller, Walt. *Youth Culture 101*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2007.
4. Root, Andrew. *The Children of Divorce: The Loss of Family as the Loss of Being*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2010.

Course Requirements:

1. To be engaged in some form of youth ministry, including ongoing conversation with a pastor or youth pastor.
2. Read assigned readings on time and be prepared to discuss the material.
3. Review and Respond to Root.
4. Review and Respond to Kinnaman.
5. Review and Respond to Mueller.
6. Report on a contemporary cultural issue as it pertains to youth ministry.
7. Midterm
8. Final

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS:

While all students are expected to meet the minimum academic standards for completion of this course as established by the instructor, students with disabilities may require academic accommodations. At Point Loma Nazarene University, students requesting academic accommodations must file documentation with the Disability Resource Center (DRC), located in the Bond Academic Center. Once the student files documentation, the Disability Resource Center will contact the student's instructors and provide written recommendations for reasonable and appropriate accommodations to meet the individual learning needs of the student. This policy assists the University in its commitment to full compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Act of 1990, and ADA Amendments Act of 2008, all of which prohibit discrimination against students with disabilities and guarantees all qualified students equal access to and benefits of PLNU programs and activities.

Integrity:

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Please consult the school catalog under the heading of Academic Honesty to learn the professor's intended policy regarding student dishonesty in academic work.

Inclusive Language:

Additionally, the PLNU School of Theology and Christian Ministry is committed to the equality of women and men. Recognizing that people have often used language in ways that imply the exclusion or inferiority of women, the department urges students, faculty and staff to avoid sexist language in public discourse, in classroom discussions and especially in their writings.

Class Schedule and Assignments:

Week/Days	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
Week 1 Jan. 14, 15, 17	Monday Tuesday		
Week 2 Jan. 20, 22, 24	No Class!!! MLK Day		
Week 3 Jan. 27, 29, 31			
Week 4 Feb. 3, 5, 7			
Week 5 Feb. 10, 12, 14			
Week 6 Feb. 17, 19, 21			
Week 7 Feb. 24, 26, 28			

Week 8 Mar. 3, 5, 7			
Week 9 Mar. 10, 12, 14	No Class!!! Spring Break!!!	No Class!!! Spring Break!!!	No Class!!! Spring Break!!!
Week 10 Mar. 17, 19, 21			
Week 11 Mar. 24, 26, 28			
Week 12 Mar. 31, Apr. 2, 4			
Week 13 Apr. 7, 9, 11			
Week 14 Apr. 14, 16, 18			No Class!!! Good Friday
Week 15 Apr. 21, 23, 25	No Class!!! Easter Travel Day		
Week 16 Apr. 28, 30, May 2			
Week 17: May 9			Final Exam: 7:30-10:00