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Turn your Young Life Core Training
into a seminary degree!

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Master of Arts

How does the partnership between Western Theological Seminary and Young Life help Young Life Staff complete a seminary degree?

Western's Master of Arts is a FLEXIBLE degree, uniquely designed for Young Life Staff.

- Master of Arts candidates complete a total of 48 academic credits to earn this degree.
- Young Life staff may earn academic credit for up to ten courses of new staff or core training from Young Life, for a total of 30 academic credits. This completes more than 60% of the Master of Arts degree.
- A minimum of six distance learning courses originating from Western Theological Seminary are completed alongside YL coursework for the remaining 18 academic credits. Three courses are required; three are elective.
- This degree is affordable. All Young Life staff qualify for a 25% tuition reduction. Married couples pursuing this Master of Arts degree together may qualify to be charged one full tuition expense for both students. Inquire for full details.

westernsem.edu/young-life-ma-degree/

To learn more, contact Admissions at:

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Initiate

Turn your Young Life Training into a Master of Arts (MA) Degree!

Transcript 10 Young Life courses with Western Theological Seminary (WTS) and complete 6 courses at WTS (online).

YEAR ONE

(YL) Introduction to Youth Ministry	3.0
(YL) Leadership I	3.0

YEAR TWO

(YL) Leadership II	3.0
(YL) Introduction to New Testament	3.0

YEAR THREE

(YL) Systematic Theology	3.0
(YL) Minister as a Person	3.0
(WTS) choose one of four:	3.0
MN102 Practice of Discipleship	
MN110 Worship & Preaching Foundations	
MN120 Leading Christian Communities	
MN503 Global Leadership Summit	

YEAR FOUR

(YL) Christology, Soteriology, Pneumatology	3.0
(YL) The Kingdom of God and Cultural Intelligence	3.0
(WTS) Church History I or II	3.0

YEAR FIVE

(YL) Supervision and Organizational Leadership	3.0
(WTS) Elective course	3.0
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YEAR SIX

(WTS) One elective course	3.0
(YL) Introduction to Old Testament	3.0
(WTS) Summative Examination Project	3.0

Total credits for 10 YL courses and 6 WTS courses: 48.0

Master of Arts Curriculum: 48 credits

ESSENTIAL DETAILS

- To begin, select Western Theological Seminary to transcript and bank your academic credits.
- In year two of your training, complete an admissions application to begin coursework from Western Theological Seminary.
- All courses originating from Western for the MA degree are delivered by distance learning. Students often complete this MA without traveling to our campus. (Some electives may require a 3-5 day residency on campus.)
- To qualify for tuition reduction, married student discounts, and/or other financial aid awards, students must apply for financial aid annually.
- Western has trained Young Life staff for five decades. Dr. Timothy Brown, professor of preaching, teaches at YL Area Director School annually. Dr. Suzanne McDonald, professor of historical and systematic theology, teaches at both New Staff and Winter trainings. Dr. Ben Conner, professor of practical theology, served as a YL Area Director and is a member of the mission-wide Capernaum Committee. Rev. Jeff Munroe, executive vice president, served on YL staff for 29 years.

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