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WESTERN
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



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 42 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 27 academic credits. This completes more than 60% of the Master of Arts degree.
- A minimum of five distance learning courses originating from Western Theological Seminary are completed alongside YL coursework for the remaining 15 academic credits. Three courses are required; three are elective.
- This degree is affordable. All Young Life staff qualify for a 25% tuition reduction. 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 9 Young Life courses with Western Theological Seminary (WTS) and complete 5 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) Foundations of the Christian Life	3.0

YEAR FOUR

(YL) Christology, Soteriology, Pneumatology	3.0
(WTS) Church History I or II	3.0

YEAR FIVE

(YL) Supervision and Organizational Leadership	3.0
(WTS) Christian Life and Mission	3.0
(WTS) Elective course	3.0

YEAR SIX

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

Total credits for 9 YL courses and 5 WTS courses: 42.0

Master of Arts Curriculum: 42 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 and/or other financial aid awards, students must apply for financial aid.
- Western has trained Young Life staff for five decades. Dr. Timothy Brown, president emeritus, 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.

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