

DIRECTOR OF CHURCH MINISTRIES MINOR FOR PARISH MUSIC MAJOR (M)

Students who fulfill a major in a field compatible with church ministries, such as parish music, and who wish to be certified through The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod as a Director of Church Ministries, may be certified after completing the Church Ministries Minor for Related Majors.

This program equips men and women to serve as a Director of Church Ministries (DCM) in congregations where the church worker solicits, trains and deploys lay people within the congregation to serve in a variety of service capacities.

Because of the nature of this work, all church ministries students must demonstrate good human relations skills and a life of Christian example. Graduates may be solemnly called to positions in congregations or recognized service organizations of the church, and may be eligible to be rostered in The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod with the designation “Minister of Religion Commissioned – Director of Church Ministries (DCM).” Concordia University Wisconsin is the only synod school at which this program is offered.

Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
Required Core Courses		
REL 201	Old Testament	
REL 204	Biblical Theology	
Any REL course with a number above 204		
Required Courses		
REL 203	New Testament	3
REL 312	Office of the Professional Church Worker	3
REL 404	Lutheran Confessions	3
REL 420	Church Ministries Internship (or a comparable internship from major - agreed upon by all program directors)	3
REL 229	Religious Education of Youth and Adults	3
or REL 227	Youth Ministry: Theology and Practice	
Select one of the following:		3
REL 298	Faith and Culture	
REL 310	Religion in America Today	
REL 410	World Religions	
REL 311	Church in Mission (or REL XXX - any mission or evangelism)	3
REL XXX (any upper level Bible course)		3
Total Hours		24

This major/minor is not permitted to share (overlap) any credits with the core curriculum, with a major, with a minor, or with a certificate per departmental policy unless otherwise specified in the curriculum.

Program Admission

Application involves steps in addition to application to the university. Applicants for the Church Ministries minor should contact the Church Ministries office for application information.