Pre-Ministerial Curriculum

The following course suggestions are proposed to serve as guidelines for pre-ministerial students at Covenant College. Students planning to enter theological seminary should consult the catalogs of the seminaries to which they may apply for their specific admissions requirements.

The Christian ministry calls for a broad acquaintance with the thought and life of our contemporary world and of our cultural heritage. It also requires a knowledge of people and an ability to communicate with them. Quite obviously, it demands a thorough understanding of the Bible, the source of our message of the gospel.

Much of the specialized knowledge for the ministry can be gained in theological seminary, but the broad foundation should be laid in college. Covenant’s liberal arts curriculum is designed to help pre-ministerial students achieve such a general background. In the core curriculum, Greek is recommended to fulfill the language requirement. (Two years are preferable.)

Any one of several majors is possible for the pre-ministerial student, including biblical studies and missions, philosophy, history, English or psychology. The minor may be selected from any of these same fields plus sociology or education. The recommended major, however, is either the major in biblical studies and missions or the interdisciplinary program with biblical studies or missions and some combination of the fields named above.

Certain courses are strongly recommended in the pre-ministerial program: John or Romans, Theology of Missions, at least one philosophy course, History of the Christian Church, at least one literature course, Introduction to Music, and General Psychology. Certain other courses are also recommended: Ethics, Genesis, Bible Seminar, all missions courses, Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy, Europe: 1789 to the Present, Recent American History, Europe: 1400-1789, Sociology and Psychology of Religion, Counseling Psychology, Educational Psychology or Teaching of Bible.