

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (M.A.)

Concentrations

Generalist Concentration

Most religious educators and pastoral ministers are pastoral generalists. While they may have particular areas of responsibility, such as overseeing parish programs for the religious education of children and youth, or running a campus ministry service and social ministry program, they interact with people in a wide array of situations and are called upon to be pastoral caregivers, catechetical leaders, spiritual guides, prayer leaders, and to minister to people in a variety of other ways. The Master of Arts degree (M.A.) in religious education, generalist concentration, provides students with an opportunity to take a range of courses in religious education and pastoral ministry. Students develop a foundational understanding of educating in faith and the various ministries of the church.

Additional information about this concentration can be found in the Requirements tab (p.).

Youth and Young Adult Ministry Concentration

Beginning with the guidelines for the formation of lay ecclesial ministers outlined in *Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord*, the Master of Arts degree (M.A.) in religious education, youth and young adult ministry program, addresses students' needs for human and personal formation, spiritual formation, intellectual formation, and pastoral formation. People turn to the studies in this area to prepare them to be (or to provide ongoing education in their work as) religion teachers in Catholic school and college campus ministers. The Master of Arts degree (M.A.) in religious education with a concentration in youth and young adult ministry focuses on understanding adolescent and young adult religious, spiritual, moral, and psychological development. Students choose from among courses in community, family, and religious education; curriculum and religious education; adult learning and development; and other areas of religious education and pastoral studies. Students are asked to direct their studies in either religious education or pastoral studies as they prepare for a career path in either religious education/catechesis with youth and young adults in parishes, schools, college and university campuses, and dioceses, or Jesuit volunteer corps members.

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