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Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice. The information below is provided as a guide for course selection and is not binding in any form, and should not be used to purchase course materials.

COURSE SYLLABUS

YOUT 201

SURVEY OF YOUTH MINISTRIES

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A study of biblical principles in establishing and maintaining a ministry to adolescents. Emphasis is placed upon a system of philosophy and general principles for adolescent ministry. Special attention is given to developing a youth ministry mission statement, objectives and strategy.

RATIONALE

Students considering youth work need a basic overview of a biblical model of student ministry as it relates to the role of the professional youth worker and the role of the church. This course is designed to provide a biblical foundation of youth ministries for those considering youth ministries as a volunteer and/or professionally. In addition, this course is the foundation to the educational process of the prospective professional youth worker at Liberty University.

I. PREREQUISITES

None

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASES

Click on the following link to view the required resource for the term in which you are registered: <http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm>

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING

- A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
- B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
- C. Microsoft Word
(Microsoft Office is available at a special discount to Liberty University students.)
- D. The Holy Bible

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Recognize the current conditions of the student culture and the causes of their beliefs and behavior.
- B. Describe the past history of youth ministry both inside the church and outside the church.
- C. Analyze the role of student ministry within the context of the local church.
- D. Describe biblical philosophy and strategies for current student ministry.
- E. Identify the various roles adults can have within student ministry.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations
- B. Discussion Board forums (4)

In Modules/Weeks 1, 2, 5 & 6, students will participate in Discussion Board forums. The purpose of Discussion Board forums is to generate interaction among students in regard to relevant current course topics. Students are required to post one thread of at least 300 words by 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Thursday of the assigned module/week. Students must post at least two replies of at least 200-300 words each by 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Monday of the same assigned module/week.

- C. Cultural Observation Locations (2)

Students will choose a well-attended local secular teenage “hot spot” and provide a 50-word rationale for this site. Students must obtain confirmation of their location choice before completing the observation projects. The student can choose one location or two different locations. Students may go alone or with a small group of like-minded participants. Each observation needs to last at least 75 minutes. These assignments are due by 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Monday of Modules/Weeks 2 & 6.

- D. Cultural Observation Projects (2)

In Modules/Weeks 3 & 7, students will write a four-page (or longer) paper using the template provided in the Assignment Instructions folder based on the approved observation location. The intention of the assignment is for students to see the masses of teenagers and the lostness of their culture. Refer to the assignment instructions and grading rubric for details on how to complete this assignment. These projects are due by 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Monday of the assigned module/week.

E. Quizzes (6)

In Modules/Weeks 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 & 7, students will complete a total of 6 quizzes that focus on the basic points of each module/week. There will be 25 multiple-choice and true/false questions, and students will be given 25 minutes to complete each quiz. Quizzes must be completed by 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Monday of the assigned module/week.

F. Exams (2)

Students will take a Midterm Exam consisting of 50 multiple-choice and true/false questions based on the course material from Modules/Weeks 1-4. Students must complete this exam in 50 minutes by 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Monday of Module/Week 4.

Students will take a cumulative Final Exam consisting of 50 multiple-choice and true/false questions. Students must complete this exam in 50 minutes by 11:59 p.m. (ET) on **Friday** of Module/Week 8.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

A. Points

Discussion Board forums	(4 at 50 pts ea)	200
Cultural Observation Locations	(2 at 10 pts ea)	20
Cultural Observation Projects	(2 at 140 pts ea)	280
Quizzes	(6 at 50 pts ea)	300
Midterm Exam	(Modules 1-4)	100
Final Exam	(Modules 1-8)	100
	Total	1000

B. Scale

A = 900–1000 B = 800–899 C = 700–799 D = 600–699 F = 0–599

C. Assignment Policy

Each assignment should be completed by the end of the module in which it is assigned. All late work will be assessed a deduction of 20% per week (week defined as Day 1 – Day 7 after due date) of the assignment’s point value. The instructor may use their discretion regarding penalties for late work in extenuating circumstances such as military deployment, medical emergency or death in the family.

D. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online’s Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations.

COURSE SCHEDULE

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Textbooks: Brown, *Student Work Text – Survey of Youth Ministries* (2011).
Vukich & Vandegriff, *Timeless Youth Ministry* (2008).

WEEK/ MODULE	READING & STUDY	ASSIGNMENTS	POINTS
1	Brown: ch. 1 Vukich & Vandegriff: chs. 20–21 2 presentations	Course Requirements Checklist	0
		Class Introductions	0
		DB Forum 1	50
		Quiz 1	50
2	Brown: ch. 2 Vukich & Vandegriff: chs. 13–14 2 presentations	Cultural Observation Location 1	10
		DB Forum 2	50
		Quiz 2	50
3	Brown: ch. 3 Vukich & Vandegriff: chs. 15–16 2 presentations	Cultural Observation Project 1	140
		Quiz 3	50
4	Brown: ch. 3 1 presentation	Midterm Exam	100
5	Brown: ch. 4 Vukich & Vandegriff: chs. 9 & 11 2 presentations	DB Forum 3	50
		Quiz 4	50
6	Brown: ch. 5 Vukich & Vandegriff: chs. 12 & 17 2 presentations	Cultural Observation Location 2	10
		DB Forum 4	50
		Quiz 5	50
7	Brown: ch. 6 Vukich & Vandegriff: ch. 10 2 presentations	Cultural Observation Project 2	140
		Quiz 6	50
8	Brown: ch. 7 2 presentations	Final Exam	100
TOTAL			1000

DB = Discussion Board

NOTE: Each course week (except week 1) begins on Tuesday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Monday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday.