

## **YOUTH AND FAMILY STUDIES - B.S.**

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### **Mission Statement**

The mission and student learning goals of the Nyack College Department of Youth and Family Studies deepens and extends the "...preparing them for lives of service to Christ and His church..." portion of the Nyack College Mission Statement.

The mission of the Nyack College Department of Youth and Family Studies is to enfold, encourage, equip, and unleash collegians to have Kingdom impact in God's power. Our Student Learning goals flesh this out in accordance with Nyack College's Core Values.

### **Student Learning Goals**

Through an academically rigorous, interdisciplinary curriculum student in this department will be able to:

**Socially Relevant:** Possess the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to nurture the faith of children/youth and their families.

Possess the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to recruit, train, and motivate volunteer staff in ministry and impacting their communities.

**Academically Excellent:** Know and articulate a coherent, biblical-based philosophy of youth or Christian education ministry.

**Globally Engaged:** Demonstrate knowledge of global resources in youth and family studies.

**Intentionally Diverse:** Demonstrate the skills to use analytical thinking and utilize diverse perspectives as a means to problem solving and ministry development depending on the socioeconomic context of ministry.

Demonstrate the skills and dispositions to function successfully within the supervisory structure within a given ministry site.

**Personally Transforming:** Demonstrate dispositions for personal spiritual formation as well as personal dispositions which are important in working closely with other people.

Have the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to successfully find employment in this field, having gained not only two years of field work experience, but experience in resume and portfolio development, interview dynamics, potential employer/community research techniques.

### **Program Assessment**

The following assessments are used to assess program effectiveness.

<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Context</b>	<b>Location in Program</b>
1. Senior Portfolio	Required Youth & FS courses contribute to Portfolio, final evaluation comes in Seminar & Practicum 1	Sr. Year
2. Professional interview	Senior Seminar	Senior Year
3. Comprehensive Exam	Senior Seminar	Senior Year

The Youth and Family Studies Department will assess, in detail, two of the above Student Learning Outcomes (SLO's) each year for the next four years. Therefore, formal review and assessment will take the place of Student Learning Goal (SLG's) 3 and 4 in 10/11, 5 and 6 in 11/12, 7 and 8 in 12/13 and 1 and 2 in 12/13

Each year the assessment/response cycle is to be similar.

Fall semester assessment activities:

- Use already extant surveys or develop new student surveys on each SLG.
- Run department student focus groups to discuss the SLG.
- Consultation with colleagues in other institutions.
- Meet as department faculty at least twice for evaluative purposes.
- Conduct a graduate survey related to the two designated Student Learning

Goals.

Spring Semester:

- Meet as department faculty to set up implementation of decisions.
- At end of spring semester a review of the fall's assessment activities and resultant decisions will be included in the Department Assessment Report.

Assessment results are evaluated on an annual basis for program improvement. No individual student is identified in the evaluation of the program data. Results for past year are reported below with percentage of 2010/2011 senior students in each performance category.

Assessments from 2010-11	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations (Pass)	Approaches Expectations	Does Not Meet Expectations (Fail)
Portfolio	88%	11%	0%	0%
Professional Interview	67%	22%	0%	11%

While the Youth and Family Studies degree, *as it stands*, prepares an individual for future ministry in the church, Para-church, international, or non-government agency ministry environment, students may choose to further specialize their study. Concentrations offered are:

- **Media and Technology.** As the “emergent church” movement grows, youth workers are called upon to give leadership in media and technology not only in youth ministry, but the entire church.
- **Families Services**
- **Retreat and Wilderness Leadership**
- **Advanced Youth Ministry**

120 credit hours, distributed as follows, are required for the Bachelor of Science degree:

**Liberal Arts and Science Core Component**..... 35

**Foreign Language Component** ..... 6

**Bible and Ministry Minor Curriculum (30)**..... 15

YMN-specific additional Bible and Ministry Core Curriculum: ..... 15

BIB 331- Hermeneutics ..... 3

BIB 365- Romans ..... 3

THE 316- The New Atheism ..... 3

PMN 311- Introduction to Homiletics ..... 3

PMN 346- Personal Spiritual Formation ..... 3

PMN 441- Leading Organization ..... 3

**Major Field Component (44 credits)**

YFS 202 - Foundations of Teaching in the Church ..... 3

YFS 349 – Intro to Family Ministry ..... 3

BUS 201 – Principles of Accounting 1 ..... 3

YFS 391,392 - Student Teaching I and II ..... 4

YFS 491,492 - Seminar and Practicum in Youth Ministry ..... 4

YFS 332 – Adolescent Development and Counseling ..... 3

YFS 233 - Introduction to Youth Ministry ..... 3

YFS 336 – Reaching Lost Youth .....	3
YFS 442 – Mentoring Relationships .....	3
YFS 345- American Youth Cultures .....	3
YFS Electives or Concentration (12 credits) .....	12

Miscellaneous electives: ..... 5  
**Total credits required** ..... **120**

**Concentrations**

*Youth and Family Studies majors may elect to specialize in one of several concentrations.*

**Retreat and Wilderness Leadership (12 credits; 4 of the following 5 classes:)**

YFS 342-Leading Small Groups	3
YFS 355-Retreats and Camping	3
YFS 324 Camp Program Management	3
YFS 360 At Risk Youth	3
YFS 321 Wilderness Skills & Leadership	3

**Media and Technology (12 credits)**

COM 236-Basic Audio Production of COM 244 Tv/Film Production.....	3
CSC 243-Computer Arts or CSC 245 Computer Graphics/Animation.....	3
YFS 335- Media, Music and Movies .....	3
YFS 346- Youth Ministry and Worship.....	3

**Family Services (12 credits) (choose 4 of 5)**

YFS 325 – Cultivating Healthy Marriages .....	3
YFS 444- Equipping Leadership .....	3
YFS 342- Leading Small Groups .....	3
YFS 358- Community Development in Context .....	3
YFS 360- At Risk Youth .....	3

**Advanced Youth Ministry (12 credits)**

YFS 343 – International Youth Ministry/Work or YMN 236 Para-Church .	3
YFS 444- Equipping Leadership .....	3
YFS 335- Media, Music and Movies .....	3
YFS 346- Youth Ministry and Worship.....	3

## ***Youth and Family Studies Major Suggested Program Plan***

### **FIRST YEAR: Fall**

PMN 101-Intro to Spirit Form.....2  
YFS 233-Intro. to Youth Min. ....3  
ENG 101-College Writing I .....3  
PMN 201-Nyack Heritage .....1  
HIS 113-Hist. of World Civ. I.....3  
LIB 101-Info Literacy .....1  
Foreign Language Elective .....3

### **SECOND YEAR: Fall**

BIB 201-New Testament Lit. ....3  
YFS 442-Mentoring Relation ....3  
ENG 201 or 202-Glob Lit. I or II.3  
BIB 331- Hermeneutics .....3  
MAT-Math Elective.....3

### **THIRD YEAR: Fall**

BIB 303 Christian Thought.....3  
YFS 336-Reaching Lost Youth..3  
YFS elective .....3  
YFS 391-Student Teaching .....3  
SOC 347-Cont American Soc....3

### **FOURTH YEAR: Fall**

BUS 201 or CSC 242.....3  
YFS 491-Seminar and Pract.....3  
BIB 365- Romans.....3  
PMN 311-Intro. Homiletics.....3  
YFS Elective .....3

### **FIRST YEAR: Spring**

BIB 102-Old Testament Lit. ....3  
YFS 202-Found Teach. Church 3  
ENG 102-College Writing II.....3  
YFS 349 Family Dyn & Sys..... 1  
Foreign Language Elective .....3

### **SECOND YEAR: Spring**

PHI 101-Intro. to Philosophy ..... 3  
YFS elective- .....3  
Laboratory Science.....4  
HIS 114-Hist. of World Civ. II .... 3  
YFS 345- Amer. Youth Cult..... 3

### **THIRD YEAR: Spring**

YFS elective..... 3  
PMN 346-Personal Spirit. Form 3  
YFS 392-Stud Teaching .....1  
Social Science Elective ..... 3  
Art History Elective ..... 3  
YFS 332-Disciple/Mentor Yth.... 3

### **FOURTH YEAR: Spring**

YFS 492-Semi and Pract.....2  
THE 316- The New Atheism ..... 3  
PMN 441-Leading Organiz ..... 3  
Electives.....2  
YFS Electives ..... 3