



# SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

## OUR MISSION

To expose students to Ministry fields through curricular enhancement, mentoring relationships, and educational experiences – providing insight to His calling in their lives.

## THE PROGRAM

CVCA's School of Ministry (SOM) program is a two-year curriculum designed to disciple and train high school students in various areas of vocational ministry. The curriculum trains students in ministry disciplines and exposes students to areas of ministry interests through guest lecturers, Jterm/Mterm, and mentoring or internships from various leaders in vocational ministry.

## THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Students must apply for acceptance into the School of Ministry during the first semester of their sophomore year.

1. Fill out the SOM Application with teacher references.
2. Once accepted to the SOM, schedule classes with the Guidance Office.

## REQUIREMENTS

All School of Ministry students are required to take the year-long course, *Practical Christian Ministries*, typically during their junior year. At least two semesters of Bible electives round out the program during senior year.

Students may choose electives from the list below:

- **Practical Christian Ministries – Junior Year (1 credit)** – Required for all seniors, this one semester practical course covers various ministry topics designed to prepare them for a life of ministry leadership.
- **Biblical Greek (1 credit)** – Strongly recommended, but not required, this year-long course is a study of the basic elements of New Testament Greek.
- **Worship Leadership (1 credit)** – Students are taught how to lead Biblical worship.
- **Foundation of Christian Relationships – Senior Year (0.5 credit)**  
This class focuses on helping students understand and accept who they are as God created them and how that applies to all relationships.
- **Minor Prophets (0.5 credit)** – Focuses on the understanding, interpretation, and application of the twelve minor prophets both in the Christian Cannon and the Christian life.

**Experiences (3 credits)** – Students participate in student-choice experiential learning opportunities that are exploratory, college-focused, and career-oriented in order to build relationships, gain hands-on skills and competencies, and prepare students for college and a career. Students need to earn three credits or experiences in order to graduate with distinction.

Schools of Distinction provide an innovative opportunity for CVCA students.

Designed for juniors and seniors, the two-year curriculum exposes students to professional fields and potential majors.

This program is in addition to CVCA's already rigorous college prep curriculum.

The Mission of all Schools of Distinction is "To expose our students to professional fields through..."

- Curricular enhancements (extra classes in a specific field)
- Mentoring relationships and community partnerships (mentoring, community projects, field trips, etc.)
- Experiential learning (internships, shadowing, competitions, guest lecturers, projects, etc.)

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## FEES

The cost of the SOM is \$300 per year. Once accepted into SOM, a student's position is confirmed when the automatic payment is completed through their FACTS method of payment on file. Fees include the mentoring program, guest speakers, specialized instruction, materials, and training seminars.

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## DISTINCTIONS

Students who complete all School of Ministry requirements receive:

- **Ministry Cord at Graduation:** Students receive a scarlet cord for graduation.
  - **Transcript Designation:** Students receive a special distinction on their transcript.
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## JTERM/MTERM

Students take an educational trip during either their junior or senior year. School of Ministry students are required to participate in the School of Ministry Jterm/ Mterm unless a varsity sport prohibits them from doing so.

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## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Each student has the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of experiences in and out of CVCA that can be customized to their interests and goals. These *Experience Schools of Distinction* opportunities are available in three categories:

- Exploratory
- College
- Career

Through *Experience*, students have the opportunity to chart a path of high-value, customized experiences that maximize the impact of their participation in their School of Distinction. Experiences include mentoring, shadowing, internships, college visits, problem-solving challenges, attendance industry guest speaker programs, and many more. Each experience earns students credits. Each student is required to complete three credits in order to achieve distinction. They are encouraged and welcome to participate in even more.

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## MENTORSHIPS

Every student in the School of Ministry has the valuable experience of being mentored by a person in the area of their ministry interest. Many individuals, parents, and alumni offer their time and expertise to our students. Mentorships have the following criteria:

- The mentorship begins during a student's junior year and continues through graduation from the School of Ministry.
  - Once a month, students spend time with a mentor discussing ministry topics.
  - Students come to the meeting with a list of questions to ask.
  - Students keep a Ministry Notebook of his/her time together with the mentor and School of Ministry leaders.
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## EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Students have opportunities for other educational experiences such as conferences, college programs, and seminars regarding specific areas of ministry.

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