Possible Curricular Design: M.A. with Children and Youth Ministry and Advocacy Specialization

**Degree**: Master of Arts

**Specialization**: Children and Youth Ministry and Advocacy (CYMA)

**Purpose**: The Children and Youth Ministry Advocacy specialization is designed to prepare students for leadership in the church and other ministry setting related to children and youth. The specialization focuses on Christian formation for young people as well as engaging the church and public ministries in the work of advocacy, organizing, and seeking justice on behalf of children and youth.

**Requirements:**  Successful completion of 36 credit hours of the degree program including a total of 13 credits in required CYMA courses and electives plus the IS-100 M.A. Integrative Seminar. M.A. students must declare their intent to specialize within their first semester. Students may either indicate intent in pursuing this specialization at time of admission or may submit the specialization declaration [form](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.wesleyseminary.edu%2FPortals%2F0%2FdocLib%2FREG-201000-EMP%250ADeclaration.pdf&data=04%7C01%7Cbludlum%40wesleyseminary.edu%7C79f8d876c0cb4ee8b77108d9d7738837%7C7248b5fdde37482898a9d9a101e8a82b%7C0%7C0%7C637777713478185301%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=qYpyC65iKC3VCbhT0Kz4Zx1yQD8LAMh2WqS%2BQi2mPBU%3D&reserved=0) available at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.wesleyseminary.edu%2Fforms&data=04%7C01%7Cbludlum%40wesleyseminary.edu%7C79f8d876c0cb4ee8b77108d9d7738837%7C7248b5fdde37482898a9d9a101e8a82b%7C0%7C0%7C637777713478185301%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=I9YiptusyOy%2F5InT5G84yxcGh4Tob5jggLhApxoQG0Q%3D&reserved=0) or in the Registrar’s Office.

**Required:**

CYMA Specialization Requirements

* CM-250 – Proctor Conference on Child Advocacy(2 credits, offered each summer)
* CF-133 – Teaching and Learning in Christian Education (3 credits, offered each fall)
* CF-240 – Theological Foundations for Youth Ministry OR CF-136 – The Church’s Ministry with Children and Families (both 2 credits)

CYMA Electives

Students are required to take a total of 4 credits of CYMA approved elective courses.

To be taken in final semester:

* IS-100 MA Integrative Seminar (1 credit)
* CYMA Captsone Course (2 credits, online)

**Potential Additional Coursework:**

Suggested Courses:

* BI 101- Introduction to Hebrew Bible I (Fall course, 3 credits)
* BI 102 - Introduction to Hebrew Bible II (Spring course, 3 credits)
* BI 171 - Introduction to New Testament: Gospels (Fall course, 3 credits)
* BI 172 - Introduction to New Testament: Epistles (Spring course, 3 credits)
* CH 101- The Church in History: Early Church through Reformation (Fall course, 3 credits)
* CH 102 - The Church in History: Reformation to Present (Spring course, 3 credits)
* Philosophy course (ST 180 or ST 181, offered Summer and Fall, respectively)