

Who is this for?

Pastors, ministry leaders, mission and church workers, and individuals active in a broad range of ministry seeking a theological foundation for and introductory training in urban ministry.

I've learned to appreciate that, in the midst of all the chaos, God is moving and doing so many things [in our city].

Doyinsola Niniola, MF 2023

What is the format?

Intensive leadership training through small and large group activities, emphasizing experiential and participatory learning in cohorts of 15 to 20 students.

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What topics are covered?

5 Boroughs – 5 Senses – 5 Practices

Through field study situated in the five boroughs, students engage the city with all five senses to learn and pray for the city, explore the church as local and global, and develop practices for leadership and ministry in the city. Weekly cohort meetings and readings support spiritual formation, vocational discernment, and a theology of ministry in the city.

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PROGRAM

From the South Bronx to Wall Street, and Flushing to Harlem, at City Seminary of New York, the city is our classroom. New York's diverse churches, neighborhoods, streets, restaurants, subway lines, networks, and history are our curriculum. City Seminary of New York is a community of learning focused on the practice of ministry in our urban world. Building on what God is doing in the city, the Ministry Fellows Program is an introductory urban ministry leadership course designed to encourage the work of hopeful and faithful ministry in the city, to provide leadership training in the practice of urban ministry, and to establish learning communities from diverse backgrounds for accountability and formation. Primarily for those active in ministry who may have limited access to prior urban ministry training, the program was launched in 2009 with generous support from the Lilly Endowment. Fellows come from all walks of life and boroughs across New York City.

THE MINISTRY FELLOWS PROGRAM

See the City with New Eyes

Walk the city's streets, learn its history, see its global dimensions, and dig deep into what the Bible says about it.

Make New Friendships

Don't just take a class. Join a community journeying and walking alongside each other.

Enlarge Your Vision of the Church

Pray, worship and expand your vision of "church" with others in the Body of Christ, living out world Christianity firsthand in NYC.

Gain New Perspectives on Ministry

Learn and live out essential ministry practices in community and experience seeking God's peace in the city as a way of life.

Read the Bible and Pray in Community

Broaden your understanding of God's heart for the city as you pray and interact with Scripture in community.

What is my commitment?

Each Fellow signs a "learning covenant" to commit to fulfill the following:

Participate actively in small and large group learning activities, ranging from experiential to reflective.

Read and discuss books and articles (approximately 3-4 hours of reading in each week).

Work with others in small groups to engage in community prayer.

Visit churches in other parts of the city.

Integrate learning with ministry context and practice through a personal reflection journal and the design of a "pray and break bread" project.

Who are the course leaders?

The program is taught collaboratively by our faculty team. We bring backgrounds in biblical, theological, historical, educational and sociological training with practical urban ministry experience to the learning community. The team includes Mark Gornik, Maria Liu Wong, Geomon George, Adebisi Oyesile, Vivian Grubb, Adrienne Croskey, Sarah Gerth van den Berg, Robert McInnis, Afia Sun Kim and others. Expert guest speakers and program alumni also contribute.

Do I receive degree credit?

No. The Ministry Fellows Program is a non-degree certificate level program.

What are the admission requirements?

A high school diploma or the equivalent is the minimum academic requirement.

Note: City Seminary of New York does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, and ethnic origin in its admissions policies and educational programs.

I now understand my community [better], and I now see a need to pray and bring Christ to the community where I live. Ministry Fellows taught me how to use my five senses to see what change can come into the community where I live. It's been so encouraging, inspiring, and supportive—I'm so glad I came to this program!

Olabisi Ayo-Ademokun, MF 2023

We've learned so many different prayer forms that I'd love to implement into our young adult outreach program.

Gabriela Hernandez, MF 2023

How do I apply?

Attend a mandatory open house.

Complete an electronic application form and give contact info for a pastoral reference

Complete a 30-minute interview with faculty (virtual)

Once you have received a notification of acceptance, review course dates, sign the "learning covenant," and pay tuition deposit.

How much will it cost?

The cost of the program is \$500 and includes course materials, books, meals at onsite Saturday sessions. Finance should not be a barrier to participation, and partial to full scholarships are available for those who qualify. You are also encouraged to look into being sponsored by your congregation.

Seek the peace of the city where I have sent you, and pray to the Lord for it, for in its peace you will find your peace.

Jeremiah 29:7