



**ROCHESTER**  
UNIVERSITY

**THEOLOGY & MINISTRY**



# DEGREE OPTIONS

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

URBAN MINISTRY

WORSHIP MINISTRY

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

## THE RU ADVANTAGE

*We serve. We engage. We lead.*

As you begin your studies at RU, you will start making connections between your past experiences and present opportunities for the purpose of discovering and shaping your identity. Throughout your academic journey, you will continually engage with the world around you and create a plan to use your experiences, knowledge and skills to discover and develop pathways to purpose and meaning. The story of God will be woven throughout your studies at RU, and you will continually reflect on how you can participate in God's mission in the world. As you approach graduation, you will apply your accumulated knowledge and experiences to a specific project and share the results with RU's academic community. The result of this work is well-educated and compassionate ministers who are able to serve communities of faith from the foundation of a God-centered identity.

### COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

#### Christian Ministry

*The Ministry Life, The Congregation, Practical Issues in Ministry, Pastoral Care, Spiritual Formation, Special Topics in Historical Theology*

#### Urban Ministry

*Urban Ministry in the New Testament, Non-Profit Management, Social Welfare and Public Policy, Introduction to Social Entrepreneurship, Substance Abuse and Addictive Behavior*

#### Worship Ministry

*Theology of Worship, Hymnology and Church Music, Ministry of the Word, Music Foundations, Choice of private voice, piano or guitar, Worship Ensemble Lab*

#### Youth and Family Ministry

*Introduction to Youth Ministry, Family Life Ministry, Religion, Media and Youth Culture, Adolescent Development*

**CHRISTIAN MINISTRY** A degree in Christian ministry prepares students for ministerial leadership. The combination of courses in the areas of biblical studies, theology, Christian history, ministry and spirituality provide a broad educational experience conducive to understanding and engaging the challenges of ministry life. This broad experience is also designed to help students discern their ministry calling. Opportunities are available for ministry experience, both within RU's campus ministry program and through a variety of internship possibilities.

**URBAN MINISTRY** A degree in urban ministry prepares graduates to participate in God's work of new creation within urban contexts, which are alternately places of energy, vibrancy, cultural expression, neglect, fragmentation and exploitation. The unique opportunities and challenges of urban ministry life require particular training that combines theology, sociology/social work, social entrepreneurship, psychology and ministry. RU provides direct experience through campus ministry opportunities and internships with partners in Detroit, Pontiac and Flint, Michigan.

**WORSHIP MINISTRY** Worship is a primary place where Christian belief and practice is formed. The worship ministry degree prepares students to serve God's people in the planning and leading of worship. Theology, ministry, music and theatre come together in this interdisciplinary degree to equip leaders for the broad demands of contemporary worship. Students in this program will gain hands-on experience through student worship ensembles (both full band and a cappella) and internships with area congregations.

**YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY** The youth and family ministry degree prepares students to aid families in spiritual formation. Students complete basic theology and ministry courses, as well as courses that orient them to the unique challenges related to adolescent spirituality in relation to contemporary culture. Additionally, youth and family ministry majors receive first-hand experience in the field, both within RU's campus ministry program and through internships.



average  
**CLASS  
SIZE** of

**12**

**86% OF GRADUATES**

*were employed, enrolled in graduate school, or engaged in an internship within 6 months of graduation*

CNN's Money Magazine recognized Rochester as one of the top places to live and the very

**BEST IN *all*  
of MICHIGAN!**

**1,098**

**STUDENTS**  
from 19 states and 10 nations

*Rochester Hills has been named one of the*  
**100 SAFEST CITIES IN THE US**

**OUR CAMPUS IS 83 PRISTINE ACRES**

*LOCATED A SHORT WALK FROM DOWNTOWN ROCHESTER  
-and no more than 30 miles from-*

**MUSEUMS · MARKETS · MALLS · CONCERTS**

**PRO SPORTS · THE AUTOMOTIVE SCENE · OUTDOOR ADVENTURE**

**FOOD TRUCKS + FINE DINING · WORLD CLASS ENTERTAINMENT**

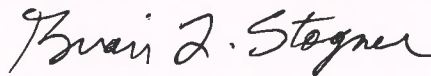
**NATURAL BEAUTY, AND ALL KINDS OF OTHER FUN TO DISCOVER**

**We see you as a person created in the image of God. You're not just a name on a class roster or a number on an assessment report. You are a human being who belongs here!**

We want you to come to RU to start discovering your life purpose and to envision how that purpose unfolds in your work life. Then, as you continue in these pursuits, we hope you will explore how all of those discoveries coincide with what God is doing in the world. We'll help you take your gifts and capabilities and use them productively for yourself and for your future. Equally important, we want you to use your degree to positively impact lives, communities and the world.

This approach to your future can also be described as "vocation." I encourage you to start thinking "vocation" in addition to "career." Why? Because employers are looking for individuals who have this holistic vision and who bring big-picture thinking and integrity to the workplace—every day.

Thus, our ultimate goal is to set you on a path where you have a vocation that allows you to support yourself and your family, brings positive energy to the workforce, and helps improve our world.



**DR. BRIAN STOGNER**, President



**URBAN MINISTRY**

**BREANNA MIHALOVICH**

"The professors at RU are extremely helpful and want nothing more than to see you succeed in and outside of the classroom. The classes prepared me to think about how my vocation allows me to participate in the reconciliation of the world to God on a local and global context. I learned the church is not the only place where ministry occurs. I was given more freedom to choose a career path that didn't look like typical 'ministry,' but still allowed me to participate in the reconciling work of God's Kingdom, leading to my acceptance into the United States Peace Corps."



**YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY**

**JOE CRABB**

"I would recommend the youth and family ministry program at RU for anyone who is thinking about going into student or family ministry. Since I graduated from RU, I have been employed at Woodside Bible Church in Troy, Michigan, as the student ministry pastor. Several courses and professors were instrumental to my development. One of the things I enjoyed most about my ministry and religion professors is they clearly taught and lived out the Gospel."



## FACULTY

### NAOMI WALTERS

Chair—Department of Theology and Ministry

Associate Professor of Ministry

B.S., Rochester College

M.Div., Abilene Christian University

D.Min., Lipscomb University



### KEITH HUEY

Professor of Church History and Theology

B.A., Lubbock Christian University

M.Div., Harding University

Graduate School of Religion

Ph.D., Marquette University

### MARK LOVE

Director—MRE in Missional Leadership

Professor of Ministry

B.A., Abilene Christian University

M.A., Abilene Christian University

M.Div., Pepperdine University

D.Min., Abilene Christian University

Ph.D., Luther Seminary

### GREGORY STEVENSON

Professor of New Testament

B.A., Harding University

M.Div., Harding School of Theology

Ph.D., Emory University

### JAMES WALTERS

Associate Professor of Church History & Bible

B.A., Harding University

M.Div., Abilene Christian University

Ph.D., Princeton Theological Seminary

## A DEGREE IS JUST THE BEGINNING.

Graduates are well prepared for several roles in Christian ministry, including preaching, ministry in urban congregations, working with para-church organizations, youth ministry, worship ministry and teaching. Graduates also find positions at Christian youth camps, senior care facilities, and within schools and communities. The degree also provides a foundation for graduate studies in seminary or other graduate programs in theology. RU offers a Master of Religious Education degree in Missional Leadership.



## CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

### JESSICA FILIPIAK

"I loved studying Christian ministry at RU. The professors were all genuinely invested in students' lives, encouraging us intellectually and spiritually. What I appreciated the most is seeing professors practice what they preach with students. This made my educational experience much more meaningful. I am currently leading worship at an area church, something I planned on doing after graduation. However, my time at RU helped me discover that I would be comfortable doing a wide range of ministry jobs. I am thankful I was able to learn and grow within the RU community."

*“Being part of this academic program has been nothing short of a blessing.”*

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