ELM at Yale
The Educational Leadership and Ministry Program at Yale Divinity School

This program seeks to prepare students of all denominations for leadership and ministry in schools and colleges.

ELM focuses on equipping leaders to serve as ordained and lay chaplains, administrators, and teachers of religion in a variety of schools. It addresses some of the factors involved in the spiritual and moral formation of primary and secondary school students. It provides insight into the roles and responsibilities of those who hold other leadership positions in schools. The program also seeks to help future leaders understand and prepare for various types of chaplaincy at universities and colleges.

You May Simply Take the Courses

The Divinity School offers three courses that specifically prepare students for ministry in education:

REL 811a Models and Methods of College and University Chaplaincy;
REL 848b Leadership Ministry in Schools; and,
REL 875a Seminar: Advanced Topics in Leadership Ministry in Schools and Colleges

These three courses deal with issues of race, class, gender, and sexuality through readings, case studies, and discussions.

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Some Will Also Choose to Earn the ELM Certificate

Requirements for the ELM Certificate

The ELM Program can lead to the granting of a Certificate in Educational Leadership and Ministry by the Berkeley Divinity School if the following requirements are fulfilled:

1. At least two of the following courses are required:
   REL 811 Models and Methods of College and University Chaplaincy
   REL 848 Leadership Ministry in Schools
   REL 875 Seminar: Advanced Topics in Leadership Ministry in Schools and Colleges

2. REL 812a or b Principles and Practice of Preaching

3. Two additional courses (one, if all three in 1. above are taken) approved by the Director from among the following courses in the Divinity School and the School of Management (some courses will change based on the current year’s offerings):
   REL 682a Foundations of Christian Worship
   REL 807a or b Introduction to Pastoral Care
   REL 921a Does God Exist?
   MGT 527 Strategic Management of Non-Profit Orgs.
   MGT 537 Leadership, Organization, and Human Resources in Mission-Driven Enterprises
   MGT 695 Nonprofit Organizations Clinic
   MGT 827 Endowment Management
   MGT 884 Managing Education Reform

N.B. Other courses may be substituted for these courses with permission of the Director. The YDS Academic Dean must approve students taking any undergraduate course. Undergraduate courses require additional work for graduate level credit.

4. A Supervised Ministry or internship, approved by the Director, in a school, college, or other educational institution.

5. Participation in at least one field trip to an educational institution beyond those required in required courses.

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