



# CANVAS COLLEGE

*Equipping students to help others experience God in a life-changing way.*



A man with a beard and a maroon shirt stands on a stage, smiling. He is wearing a maroon button-down shirt over a black t-shirt and blue jeans. To his right, there is a table with a laptop, a book, and a microphone stand. The background is dark with some blue lighting.

## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR**

Choosing the “right fit” can be challenging, especially for big life decisions like college. It takes time, prayer, thoughtful questions, and a bit of wrestling to reach a place of clarity and peace for these decisions. Whether you are a first-time college student, someone returning to higher education, or a supportive parent along for the ride, we hope this booklet serves as a helpful resource in your decision-making process.

A Canvas College education is about more than a diploma. Every degree we offer is fully accredited through Northwest University and taught through a Biblical worldview. But academics are only part of the picture.

Canvas College exists to cultivate character and form lives of intentional faith centered on Jesus through meaningful and practical ministry experience. Learning happens in classrooms, but it also happens by doing life together, through serving others, and by paying attention to the everyday rhythms that shape who we become. We care deeply about all of that.

Ultimately, our prayer is that you reach a place of peace and clarity as you discover your next step. If Canvas College is that next step, we would be honored to walk with you.

Mikey Wall  
Canvas College Director



# DEGREE OPTIONS

## BA Business Management

Designed to provide students with the skills necessary to pursue and develop effective business practices. These comprehensive courses are designed to equip students with a myriad of foundational skills in accounting, finance, project management, and marketing. Additionally, students will learn to pursue ethical and effective ways of conducting business in managerial and leadership roles.

## BA Interdisciplinary Studies

An individually designed major option for students who wish to create a program of study by combining selected courses from two or more majors. Students are required to identify a central organizing theme of their Interdisciplinary Studies Major and design it under the guidance and supervision of an Interdisciplinary Studies Advisor.

## BA Ministry Leadership

Designed for students who desire the broadest foundation upon which to build their ministry and who would like the option of advancing into a master's degree. Though there are differences between serving in church leadership and ministering in non-church settings, they both take a person with commitment, integrity, and heart. Our program is holistic and engaging, with an emphasis on a thorough core curriculum requirement coupled with two years of Bible, theology, and practical ministry courses.

## BA Organizational Leadership

Focused on developing the personal characteristics and professional competencies needed for success and career advancement within your chosen vocation and/or place of employment. Organizational Leadership draws from a cross-section of disciplines with the common focus of practical application in today's highly mobile and demanding workforce. Built upon a leadership core that is applicable to leading across a broad range of settings, you then coordinate with your advisor to design your academic program based on your chosen leadership path. This major will challenge you to expand your professional potential within your unique calling and future plans. Thus, you are better equipped to advance within your current setting while being more prepared for future vocational opportunities.

## BA Psychology

Designed to enhance students' understanding of the human condition in light of a distinctive Christian worldview. Our theoretical framework synthesizes broad-based knowledge drawn from the fields of psychology, anthropology, sociology, and cultural studies to provide a sound foundation in social sciences. Students are challenged and equipped to become agents of change, accepting the responsibility to truly make a difference in the lives of hurting individuals within a global context.

## Associate in Arts

Makes it possible to build your education on a solid foundation. It's a fully accredited, two-year degree program that satisfies the general education requirements for most bachelor's degrees. Even if you have little or no previous college experience, you can earn an Associate in Arts degree and then take the next step towards your bachelor's. It's a great start to a new beginning.

## Associate in Ministry Leadership

Designed for those who seek a broader foundation upon which to build their ministry by combining selected general education courses with Bible, theology, and ministry studies. Students in this program are eligible for federal grants and loans, and may also receive credit for practical experience and previous college courses. Many students realize that they need better preparation to adequately respond to God's calling, but can't devote four years to a B.A. degree. The Online Associates Degree in Ministry provides the necessary beginning training and lays the foundation to enter our Bachelor of Arts in Ministry Leadership or other programs in the future.



# INTERNSHIP OVERVIEWS

## Care & Connect

This internship is a behind-the-scenes view of the Care & Connect team at work! Interns learn how to be connectors of people by creating connections at every life stage and being a vital part of our Young Adult ministry. Interns also gain hands-on experience in planning events, pastoral care, and supporting our community partners and mission partners.

## Creative

Creative Team interns learn photography and how to create videos, graphics, and social media campaigns. The creative media skill set is in high demand in our current culture and is applicable to many career avenues. Interns go on video shoots, design fun and engaging projects, and make graphics that Canvas Church uses every week!

## First Impressions

This one-semester internship gives interns hands-on opportunities to create welcoming environments for people to experience God in a life-changing way. We aim to create a warm and welcoming space - including friendly faces, free coffee, and seven smiles from the street to the seat, all designed to help people feel comfortable and welcome.

## Kids

Kids' Team interns experience all aspects of children's ministry, including public speaking, small groups, worship, leading teams, special events, and engaging with volunteers. The Kids' Team is all about creating opportunities for kids and families to experience God in a life-changing way by creating a safe and FUN kids' ministry!

## ONE

ONE is the first internship for all Canvas College Experience students! The goals of the ONE Internship are to learn about Canvas culture and the "why" behind what we do. Learning experiences in this one semester internship range from an overview of the different internships at Canvas College to basic life skills that will set students up for success.

## Production

The Production internship gives hands-on technical experiences to create an engaging and immersive environment for people to experience God in a life-changing way. Interns serve on every part of the production team, including running cameras and ProPresenter, mixing sound, and video switching. Interns encounter the heart and intentionality that goes into church production.

## Worship

The objectives of the Worship internship are to gain a theological understanding of the purpose and practice of worship, for interns to gain awareness of their gifts related to music, and to learn the technical and administrative components of worship ministry. Interns become familiar with all the major church production elements and gain hands-on experience in a professional production environment.

## Youth

Youth Interns are part of small groups, message development, worship, and camps. Interns gain experience and grow in all areas of youth ministry, including leading teams, working with volunteers, and learning about pastoral care. And, of course, a big part of Youth ministry is all about having fun!



# A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF A CCE STUDENT

Our schedule is designed to allow students to work 20-30 hours per week. We know that if students can't pay their rent, they can't finish their degrees! *We understand the unique financial challenges that come with being a college student, and those challenges are a significant consideration when planning our weekly schedule.*



**SU**

Sunday is filled with internships and gatherings. You will likely be at the church from 8:00a - 1:00p (depending on your internship). This is also the day you will have your main weekly assignments due in your classes.

**M**

OFF! Mondays are yours to work, rest, play, do homework, etc.

**T**

OFF! Tuesdays are yours to work, rest, play, do homework, etc.

**W**

Wednesdays are full days on site at Canvas, starting with Chapel at 9am, Small Groups at 11am, then students join Canvas staff for prayer from 12-12:30pm. After lunch, you will be fully immersed in internships, community time and pre-gathering prayer. We will attend the Wednesday night gathering together as Canvas College. Wednesdays are days you should plan to block out from a job, if you have one.

**TH**

Thursdays are our live class day. If you are in live classes, they will be within the window of 9:30am - 12:30pm. Thursday afternoons and evenings may consist of study hall, student leadership meetings and community connection activities. Some activities on Thursday afternoons or evenings may be mandatory. Thursdays are days you should plan to block out from a job, if you have one. Smaller weekly class assignments may also be due on Thursdays.

**F**

OFF! Fridays are yours to work, rest, play, do homework, etc.

**SA**

OFF! The majority of Saturday is yours! (Canvas has gatherings at 4:30pm and 6:30pm, so the internship you choose may determine if you need to be on site for Saturdays.) This is also a day you will typically have smaller assignments due in your classes.



# CCE

Canvas College Experience (CCE) students play key roles on every ministry team at Canvas Church. From Worship to Kids, Creative to Youth, CCE students will be challenged to grow as Christ-followers and leaders.

It is amazing to see people, no matter where they are in their walk of faith, grow closer to God through weekly gatherings at Canvas Church. CCE students will receive a greater understanding of the Bible and ministry through weekly interactions with the team at Canvas.

An Internship through Canvas College will earn 3 free credit hours per semester! Internship credits (a.k.a. experience practicum) count towards general electives in any of Northwest University's degree programs.

# FLEX

Our Flex program is designed for students who are already more established in life (career, family, etc.) and want to pursue a degree but cannot commit to the weekly Canvas College Experience and Internship schedule.

Our Canvas College Team will work with Flex students to find ways to earn the 3 credits of internship each semester. Or they can forgo the internship option altogether. (This option will require 8 more classes over the timeline of a 4-year degree.)

When applying to Canvas College, students between the ages of 17-25 have the option to opt into the Canvas College Experience (CCE). Students who opt into CCE will participate in small groups, overnight trips, weekly chapels internships and other student life events.		
Participate in Northwest University live or online coursework		
Earn elective credits through a self-designed practicum with flexibility		
Chapel Attendance Required		
Ages 17 - 25		
Orientation Camp (2 nights)		
Small groups, team competitions, enhanced college community		
Choose from 9 internship tracks led by Canvas Staff		
First Year: ONE Internship Track (very first semester, fun trips)		
Student Housing		

SAMPLE SEMESTER OVERVIEW			
FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
SESSION A	SESSION B	SESSION A	SESSION B
CLASS 1 (3 CREDITS)	CLASS 1 (3 CREDITS)	CLASS 1 (3 CREDITS)	CLASS 1 (3 CREDITS)
CLASS 2 (3 CREDITS)	CLASS 2 (3 CREDITS)	CLASS 2 (3 CREDITS)	CLASS 2 (3 CREDITS)
MINISTRY INTERNSHIP (3 CREDITS)		MINISTRY INTERNSHIP (3 CREDITS)	
30 TOTAL CREDITS			





## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**AUGUST** Move In  
Orientation Camp  
Fall Semester Begins

**OCTOBER** Freshmen Fall Trip

**NOVEMBER** Thanksgiving Break

**DECEMBER** Internship Signing Day  
Fall Semester Ends  
Winter Break  
Canvas Christmas Gatherings

**JANUARY** Spring Semester begins

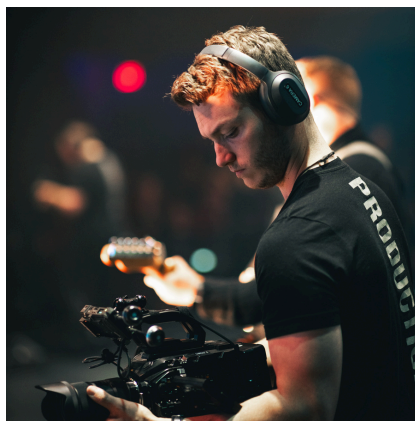
**MARCH** Spring Break

**APRIL** Graduation Spring Semester Ends



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# Northwest UNIVERSITY

*Canvas College exists through the Northwest Partnership Program at Northwest University. Our students get fully accredited AA, BA, and MA degrees through NU, while also getting hands-on ministry training.*



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