



STUDENT REQUIREMENTS & EXPECTATIONS 2025-26

Students Requirements

To participate in the School of Ministry, students must:

1. Be an Oasis Builder (have completed Family Formation)
2. Actively serve on an Oasis team at least two Sundays per month, such as:
 - kidZone
 - Production
 - Hospitality
 - Worship
 - Youth
3. Actively participate in at least two Formation Groups during the 9-month program
 - If you do not attend at least 60% of the group meetings, you will need to sign up for another group - you must be actively involved
4. Actively serve in a Well to Well ministry team at least once a month, such as:
 - Safe Families
 - Juvenile Detention Center
 - Street Team
 - Chicago City Life Center Dinners
 - GRIP
5. Attend at least three out of four in-person gatherings
 - As this is a program based on online learnings, it's vital to be in-person for our periodic gatherings to engage in fruitful discussion about the coursework, receive prayer, take communion together and minister to one another

Student Expectations

- **Spiritual Posture**

- Approach each module with humility, openness, and a desire to grow in Christ.
- Engage to be spiritually formed, not just informed. This is a discipleship journey.
- Stay rooted in prayer, Scripture, and community throughout the program.

- **Course Engagement**

- Complete all TheosU lectures and OCSM assignments within the assigned 3-week module.
- Use the 1-week break after each module for rest, reflection, catch-up and to connect with your assigned mentor.
- Submit all assignments (papers, short responses, etc.) on time.

- **Financial Commitment**

- Fulfill the 9-month program fee of \$750
- This can be paid at once in full, in a payment plan or with financial assistance.
- You must complete the finance form and communicate how you will be submitting your fee by Friday, September 22, 2025.

- **Spiritual Mentorship**

- Meet with your assigned OCSM spiritual leader once per module (every 4-week cycle). Students should take initiative in scheduling time with their mentor, and not leave that solely to the mentor. These can take place virtually, over the phone, or in-person.
- These sessions are spaces to process your learning, be prayed for, and stay spiritually accountable.

- **Church Gathering Attendance**

- Maintain consistent attendance on Wednesday and Sunday gatherings, whether or not you're scheduled to serve.
- When not serving, prioritize being present to receive from the Word, engage in worship, and allow space for personal spiritual renewal.
- Come ready to minister to others through prayer, encouragement, and presence. Your attendance carries spiritual weight beyond tasks.

Student Expectations

- **Integrity**

- Submit your own original work and uphold honesty in all academic practices. This program is for your spiritual growth, you should prioritize displaying how your walk with Jesus is transforming - not just checking the box or taking the easy way out.
- Communicate proactively if you're struggling, support is available.

- **In-Person Gatherings**

- Attend all in-person gatherings for worship, prayer, discussion, and community. Communicate if you have a conflict, however these should be prioritized.
- Be prepared to share reflections and insights from your course experience.

- **Communication**

- Check your email and the discord channel (#ocsm-students) regularly for updates.
- Respond promptly to OCSM staff or mentor outreach.
- Keep the team informed of any major changes that may affect your participation.

- **Community Ethos**

- Practice humility, encouragement, and respect in all interactions.
- Uphold a spirit of unity and confidentiality within the learning community.
- Speak life. Build others up.

- **Technology & Access**

- Ensure you have your TheosU login, internet access and any tools you may need to complete the courses.
- Notify the team quickly if you encounter tech issues or disruptions.

- **Completion & Certification**

- Full participation (coursework, spiritual mentor meetings, in-person gatherings) is required for certification.
- Our aim is spiritual maturity, not just academic achievement. This requires full completion and attention to each module.