

Discipleship at Southwestern College

Discipleship Southwestern is a service-learning organization that exists to encourage college students as they continue, or begin the journey of becoming mature disciples of Jesus Christ at home, work, church and in the world. The Discipleship program engages the whole person and challenges students to think about their faith and their vocational callings beyond college.

Discipleship Southwestern is committed to the following Core Values:

Faith Formation

The goal of Christian Discipleship is to become more like Christ. We expose students to a wide variety of methods and opportunities to grow in their faith. Each year of the program has a different formative focus and students move through these stages with a “covenant group.”

- **1st year Formative Focus:** Introduction to the Bible and Vocational Exploration
- **2nd year Formative Focus:** Exploring and Practicing Spiritual Disciplines
- **3rd Year Formative Focus:** Exploring and Practicing Christian Leadership
- **4th Year Formative Focus:** Articulating Personal Beliefs and Giving Back (Senior Capstone Project)

Community

Growth in Discipleship involves the larger Christian community. While students spend a lot of time in their covenant groups, we also create space for weekly fellowship among the larger team, and with local mentors and pastors. From corporate worship, prayer, and Bible study to team meals and going on mission, the Discipleship Program offers a wide variety of opportunities for students to engage in community.



Leadership

Students receive hands-on training and experience as they run the team during their third year in the program. Each team member is entrusted with an area of leadership and helps create the Discipleship experience for the school year. Students lead retreats, worship, service projects, and organize weekly happenings.

Holistic Education

We believe that education and faith formation are deeply intertwined. Students receive practical academic hours for participating in the Discipleship Program and move through additional religion and leadership courses with the opportunity to receive a minor in Christian Discipleship.

Meaningful Service

Our team serves with various mission and non-profit organizations in the local community, while also attending annual mission trips to serve in other parts of our nation and world. We believe that our Christian faith calls us to meaningful action. Additionally, serving is one of the best ways that we learn about God, ourselves, and others.

Fun

We believe that play is important and seek to have as much fun as possible, while honoring God along the way!

Be A Builder



Application Process

Students must apply to be on the Discipleship Team. Details for the application process can be found online at sckans.edu/activities/discipleship.

Financial Assistance

Every student at Southwestern College receives financial aid from the college. In addition to academic awards, several grant programs are available to students who might be interested in the Discipleship Program.

Discipleship Activity Grant: Every Southwestern student who participates in the Discipleship Program is eligible to receive a \$5,000 grant. This grant does not need to be repaid, and is renewable as long as the student is enrolled in an undergraduate program and living on Southwestern College's main campus.

Church Matching Scholarships: Should a student receive a scholarship from their church community, the amount of the scholarship will be matched by Southwestern up to \$500/semester.

United Methodist Scholarship: Students could apply to receive \$1,000/year for participating in the Discipleship Program and others forms of ministry at Southwestern.



Outside Scholarship Opportunities

Students who are a part of the United Methodist Tradition are encouraged to apply for scholarships from the United Methodist General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

More Information

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