Exceptions to the Spiritual Formation Requirements

From time to time, academic requirements, such as education labs and nursing clinicals, don't allow students the opportunity to earn the required amount of spiritual formation credits. The following is a list of circumstances that allow for a reduction in the spiritual formation credits required for individual students.

Education Majors

Students enrolled in:
One education lab: 30 SFC
Two education labs: 20 SFC
Three education labs: 10 SFC

Or students enrolled in any of the following courses: labs in the area of Methods of Math, Methods of Language or Methods of Science & Social Studies: 15 SFC

Nursing Majors

Nursing majors enrolled in their Junior year of the nursing program: 0 SFC
Nursing majors enrolled in their Senior year of the nursing program: 15 SFC

Other Reductions of Credits:

Students who are 24 years old or older: 0 SFC
Students who are not enrolled in a class prior to 12:15 PM on Tuesday & Thursdays: 20 SFC

Chapel Schedule

The chapel schedule for each semester can be accessed on MNU’s website and by clicking on the Spiritual Life tab.

Check Your Spiritual Formation Credits

Students can check how many spiritual formation credits they have by accessing the portal from their MNU account.

Frequently Asked Questions

Students can access frequently asked questions and see the fine structure for not reaching the required amount of spiritual formation credits through the following link: http://www.mnu.edu/chapel/chapel-faqs.html

Additionally, discrepancies and specific circumstances concerning your spiritual formation credit can be taken to the Associate Dean of Residential Life, Kristi Keeton x 3544 or kkeeton@mnu.edu
Traditional Students

Traditional undergraduate students at MidAmerica Nazarene University need to accrue 40 Spiritual Formation Credits (SFC) each semester. This can be done through a variety of activities, but will primarily be accomplished through chapel attendance. Chapel is held three times each week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Spiritual Formation Credit Opportunities

While chapel is our primary means of spiritual formation at MNU, we also offer several other ways for students to earn their spiritual formation credits.

One way for students to earn credits is to participate in a chapel discussion small group that will meet for six to eight weeks throughout the semester. These groups are led by a faculty or staff member and serve as opportunity for discussion concerning the Community Chapel that they experienced on the Tuesday prior to the meeting. These groups will meet during the designated chapel time on Wednesdays in the Smith building.

Additionally, students can also participate in our partnership with the Kansas City Urban Youth Center to earn a portion of their spiritual formation credits. The Kansas City Urban Youth Center is an after school program that serves students in the urban core of Kansas City. Students will interview and apply to be a part of this program and, if accepted, will coordinate their schedule with the Kansas City Urban Youth Center volunteering on a weekly basis.

In addition to the three weekly chapel services, evening chapel services focusing on worship through singing and prayer will be held the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 PM.

Another opportunity to receive spiritual formation credits will be offered to students as they participate in our spiritual life retreat on Sept 24th & 25th.

Finally, students attending a one week mission trip, during the academic school year can earn six spiritual formation credits for participating in a trip.

Summary of Spiritual Formation Opportunities

Chapel Services
- Tuesday: Community Chapel
  - 9:30 AM College Church of the Nazarene (2 Credits)

Wednesday: Morning Prayers
- 10:00 AM Bell Cultural Events Center (1 Credit)

Thursday: Student Led Chapel
- 9:30 AM Bell Cultural Events Center (1 Credit)

*Note, all chapels held at College Church of the Nazarene are worth 2 points.

Chapel Discussion Groups
- Wednesdays for six to eight weeks
- Sign-ups begin September 28th in chapel
  - 10:00 AM in the Smith Building (1 Credit per group meeting)

Kansas City Urban Youth Center
- Weekly volunteering for six to eight weeks
- Sign-up for an interview slot on September 21st in chapel (2 Credits per visit)

Evening Worship Services
- The first Tuesday of each month
  - 9:00 PM in the Bell Center (1 Credit)

Spiritual Life Retreat
- September 24th to 25th
- Sign-ups begin September 7th in chapel (3 Credits)

Mission Trips
- A week long mission trip
- Sign-up for more information on October 9th in chapel (6 Credits)