

Religion and Philosophy

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Requirements for a Religion Major, B.A. (40)

RE 241	New Testament	3
RE 331	Old Testament	3
One of the following:		3
RE 140	Great Themes of the Bible	
RE 242	Life and Teachings of Jesus	
RE 248	Gospel of Mark	
RE 260	Romans	
RE 357	Old Testament Prophets	
RE 313W	History of Christianity I	3
RE 314W	History of Christianity II	3
PH 320W	Philosophy of Religion	3
RE 321	Ethics	3
RE 361	Christian Doctrine	3
RE 370	World Religions	3
RE 423W	Religion in America	3
RE 449	Paul's Letters	3
RE 499	Senior Seminar	1
Six additional religion credits (except RE 311)		6

Requirements for a Minor in Religion (18)

RE 154	Introduction to the Christian Faith	3
RE 241	New Testament	3
Twelve additional religion credits (except RE 311)		12

Requirements for a Minor in Biblical Studies (18)

RE 241	New Testament	3
RE 331	Old Testament	3
One of the following:		3
RE 140	Great Themes of the Bible	
RE 242	Life and Teachings of Jesus	
RE 248	Gospel of Mark	
RE 260	Romans	
RE 357	Old Testament Prophets	

RE 449	Paul's Letters	3
	Six additional religion credits	6

Requirements for a Minor in Christian History and Doctrine (18)

RE 241	New Testament	3
RE 313W	History of Christianity I	3
RE 314W	History of Christianity II	3
RE 361	Christian Doctrine	3
RE 423W	Religion in America	3
	Three additional religion credits	3

Requirements for a Minor in Christian Missions (18)

RE 241	New Testament	3
RE 316	Christian Missions	3
RE 370	World Religions	3
SO 200	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
	Six additional religion credits	6

Requirements for a Minor in Spiritual Development (18)

RE 154	Introduction to the Christian Faith	3
RE 241	New Testament	3
RE 361	Christian Doctrine	3
RE 393	Christian Spirituality	3
	Six additional religion credits	6

Requirements for Certification for Ministry (21)

This program is designed to prepare students for entry-level ministry positions in churches and other Christian organizations. Students must apply to enter the program in the spring. Successful completion of the program will result in certification, not in a major or minor in religion. The program consists of five regular courses, a special course (Theology of Ministry), an internship, a mentoring relationship, and the experience of community with other students in the program.

RE 333	Family Ministries	3
RE 334	Youth Ministry	3
RE 335	Theology of Ministry	3
RE 336	Gospel Proclamation	3
RE 337	Administration in Ministry	3
RE 339	Evangelism and Discipleship	3
RE 435	Internship in Ministry	3

Requirements for a Philosophy Major, B.A. (41)

Philosophical Foundations (10 credits)		
PH 110	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PH 201	Logic	3
CO 250	Core 250	4
History of Philosophy (9 credits)		
PH 305	History of Ancient Philosophy	3
PH 306W	History of Modern Philosophy	3
PH 307	History of Contemporary Philosophy	3
Philosophical Topics (15 credits)		
PH 320W	Philosophy of Religion	3
PH 321	Ethics	3
PH 335	Social and Political Philosophy	3
PH 421	Philosophy of Science	3

PH 425	Philosophy of Mind	3
Six additional approved philosophy credits		6
PH 499	Senior Capstone	3

Requirements for a Philosophy Minor (16)

Twelve approved semester credits, six of which must be upper division		12
CO 250	Core 250	4

Religion Courses

RE 130	Introduction to the Bible	3
An overview of the entire Bible, with emphasis on literary, historical and theological themes and the diversity and unity within the Bible. Fulfills the biblical literature requirement. Fall and spring semesters.		
RE 140	Great Themes of the Bible	3
A study of biblical passages relating to nine unifying themes in the Bible: nature of God, creation, fall, covenant, incarnation, atonement, community, ethics, and eschatology. Fulfills the biblical literature requirement. Fall and spring semesters, Jan Term.		
RE 141	Great Themes in Paul's Letters	3
An examination of the major themes of Paul's letters, such as salvation, discipleship and the Holy Spirit, through discussion of key Pauline passages with a view to understanding Paul's gospel and applying it to Christianity today and to society as a whole. Fulfills the biblical literature requirement. Fall and spring semesters.		
RE 154	Introduction to the Christian Faith	3
The major beliefs and practices of the Christian faith. Spring semester.		
RE 184	Introduction to Sacred Movement	1
An exploration of worship through movement and dance. An overview of sacred dance expressions including visits to churches that incorporate dance in their services, a presentation in Chapel, and exploration of other movement-ministry opportunities. Students will also choreograph a movement sequence as it relates to worship.		
RE 185	Sacred Movement Meditations	1
Recommended for men and women who desire to deepen their Christian faith through the collaboration of various art forms. Experience Scripture and worship with body, mind and spirit. Explore scriptural themes and contemporary social concerns through the medium of movement and combined art forms.		
RE 196	Topics in Religion	1-3
Selected lower-division topics in religion. Periodic offering.		
RE 203	Historical Geography of the Bible	3
A study of the historical geography of Israel and early Christianity by means of supervised reading and on-site visitation in Israel and Jordan. The tour will include discussions with Jews and Palestinians on the situation in Israel today. Fulfills the multicultural requirement. Jan Term, odd years.		
RE 205	The Reformation	3
A study of the 16th-century Reformation, including a tour of sites associated with the major continental reformers — in Luther's Germany, Zwingli's Switzerland, and Calvin's Switzerland and France. Jan Term, even years.		
RE 215	The Christian Life and Calvin	3
A study of key themes of practical Christian living and spirituality as enriched by the theological insights of John Calvin. Includes such topics as knowing God and ourselves, faith and repentance, Christian freedom, attitudes toward the world, growth in Christ, and more. Fulfills the humanities requirement. Jan Term.		

- RE 241 New Testament** 3
The content and theology of the New Testament in light of its literary, historical and religious background, with a view to gaining a good working knowledge of the New Testament. Special focus on Jesus Christ, the gospel and the Christian life. Fulfills the biblical literature requirement. Fall and spring semesters, Jan Term.
- RE 242 Life and Teachings of Jesus** 3
The pivotal events and major teachings of Jesus as recorded in the Gospels, and their relevance to today. Fulfills the biblical literature requirement. Fall and spring semesters.
- RE 248 Gospel of Mark** 3
A thorough examination of the Gospel of Mark, with a view to understanding its literary structure, its portrayal of Jesus, its view of discipleship, and its relevance for today. Fulfills the biblical literature requirement. Fall semester.
- RE 260 Romans** 3
A comprehensive introduction to Paul's most complete exposition of the Christian faith, the Epistle to the Romans, with a view to understanding the epistle's historical setting, structure, chief themes, and lasting impact. Fulfills the biblical literature requirement. Spring semester.
- RE 308 Ecology and Religion** 3
Contemporary and historic Christian perspectives on ecological life science. Interactions between world religions and recent religious movements and ecology. Also listed as ES 308. Spring semester.
- RE 311 New Testament Greek I** 4
The basic vocabulary and grammar required for reading the Greek New Testament. An intensive course. Fall semester, odd years.
- RE 312 New Testament Greek II** 4
Translation of the Epistles of John and selected passages from the Gospel of John and the Gospel of Mark in Greek. An intensive course. Completion of RE 311 and RE 312 satisfies the modern language requirement. Prerequisite: RE 311. Spring semester, even years.
- RE 313W History of Christianity I** 3
The history and thought of the Christian church from its beginning to the dawn of the Reformation. Fulfills the humanities requirement. Fall semester.
- RE 314W History of Christianity II** 3
The history and thought of the Christian church from the beginning of the Reformation to the present. Fulfills the humanities requirement. Spring semester.
- RE 316 Christian Missions** 3
The biblical basis and history of the worldwide Christian movement, the lives of great missionaries, and recent developments around the world. Cultural problems; analysis of mission strategy; opportunities for mission work today. Fall semester, odd years.
- RE 321 Ethics** 3
The nature of moral judgments and values. Examination of the criteria on which ethical decision-making is based and the nature of the good life. Fulfills the humanities requirement. Fall and spring semesters. Cross-listed with PH 321.
- RE 327 The Atonement and Its Interpreters** 3
A study of traditional and contemporary interpretations of the atonement with special attention to modern controversies and critical debate on the significance of the cross in today's world. Spring semester, odd years.
- RE 331 Old Testament** 3
The content and theology of the Old Testament in light of its literary, historical and religious background, with a view to gaining a good working knowledge of the Old Testament. Fulfills the biblical literature requirement. Spring semester.

- RE 333 Family Ministries** 3
A study of the overall ministry of the contemporary church to families, with primary focus on the evolution of the American family; spiritual, social and emotional development of children and adults; the impact of culture on the family; and methods for supporting families in and out of crisis. By permission only. Spring semester.
- RE 334 Youth Ministry** 3
Designed to introduce a theology of youth ministry, different approaches and models to reaching teens, understanding adolescents in their various cultures, recognizing the structures and institutions that affect youth, developing and managing youth programs, and recognizing and developing basic principles and skills necessary for reaching youth both within and outside the church. Spring semester.
- RE 335 Theology of Ministry** 1-2
An exploration of what ministry is from biblical and cultural perspectives. By permission only. Two-semester sequence: fall and spring semester.
- RE 336 Gospel Proclamation** 3
The study and practice of communication in ministry, including preparation and delivery of messages, audience analysis and small group leadership. By permission only. Fall semester.
- RE 337 Administration in Ministry** 3
An investigation of how to manage the details of ministry. Attention given to assessing needs, setting goals, planning activities, managing budgets and implementing programs. By permission only. Jan Term.
- RE 339 Evangelism and Discipleship** 3
A theological study of the biblical view of evangelism and discipleship, looking at their development historically, understanding different models and approaches, wrestling with culturally relevant models for today, and learning how to work out our witness and growth in the marketplace, the church and the world.
- RE 355 Christian Classics** 3
Introduction to four classics that have exerted formative influence on the Christian intellectual and spiritual tradition: Augustine's *Confessions*, Dante's *Divine Comedy*, Milton's *Paradise Lost*, and Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*. Fulfills the humanities requirement. Spring semester, even years.
- RE 357 Old Testament Prophets** 3
A study of the personalities and messages of the prophets of the Old Testament in light of their historical settings, and their relevance for today. Fulfills the biblical literature requirement. Spring semester, odd years.
- RE 361 Christian Doctrine** 3
A seminar study of the crucial doctrines of the Christian faith and their implications for today. Fulfills the humanities requirement. Fall semester.
- RE 367 Contemporary Theology** 3
An introduction to some of the major theological figures, currents and movements of the 20th century (e.g. feminism, religious pluralism, liberation theology), and a critical examination of each. Spring semester.
- RE 370 World Religions** 3
A study of the origins, major tenets, institutions, and historical development of the primary non-Christian religions of the world. Special emphasis will be placed on the religious experience of the founders of the various religions. Fall semester.
- RE 393 Christian Spirituality** 3
The history, theology and practice of spirituality, and its implications for life today as we worship, work, build friendships and play. Fall semester.

- RE 396 Topics in Religion** 1-3
Selected upper-division topics in religion. Periodic offering.
- RE 420 Science and Religion** 3
A critical analysis of the different understandings of the relation between science and religion, and the presuppositions and implications of each. Fall semester. Cross-listed with PH 421.
- RE 423W Religion in America** 3
The major themes, movements, problems, people and institutions in American Christian history, with emphasis on historical development. Fulfills the humanities requirement. Fall semester.
- RE 435 Internship in Ministry** 1,2
A supervised experience of ministry in a local church or Christian organization. The internship will require mentoring, service, reflection and study. Two-semester sequence: fall and spring semesters.
- RE 449 Paul's Letters** 3
A detailed study of the Pauline Epistles, with primary focus on Paul's theology and ethics; development of exegetical skills and hermeneutical understanding. Prerequisite: RE 241. Spring semester.
- RE 499 Senior Seminar** 1
Writing and discussion intended to give senior students an opportunity to integrate the various strands of their theological education, evaluate their theological and spiritual development, and reflect on their sense of calling for the future. To be taken spring semester of student's senior year.

Philosophy Courses

- PH 110 Introduction to Philosophy** 3
The great issues and ideas of philosophical inquiry. Treatment of subjects such as logic, metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, political philosophy and different world views. Emphasis on both critical and constructive thinking. Fulfills the humanities requirement. Fall and spring semesters.
- PH 196 Topics in Philosophy** 1-3
Selected lower-division topics in philosophy. Periodic offering.
- PH 201 Logic** 3
The formal nature of logical thought and the informal, practical application of critical thinking to the analysis of arguments. Includes sections on arguments and fallacies in ordinary language, syllogistic arguments and symbolic logic. Spring semester.
- PH 209 The Vices: Virtue and Evil** 3
An examination of several prominent moral vices, particularly the "seven deadly sins," with a view to their apparent attractiveness and inherent self-destructiveness. Fulfills the humanities requirement. Jan Term.
- PH 256 Asian Philosophy** 3
A study of the major schools of Eastern philosophy with emphasis on Chinese thought. Meets the multicultural requirement. Periodic offering.
- PH 261 C.S. Lewis** 3
The thought of C.S. Lewis, as found in his philosophical, theological and imaginative works, and the interconnections between those works. Critical evaluation of Lewis's ideas and application of those ideas to contemporary issues. Fulfills the humanities requirement. Fall semester.

- PH 305 History of Ancient Philosophy 3**
The development of philosophical ideas from the Pre-Socratics to the Middle Ages using primary-source readings. Special emphasis on Plato's and Aristotle's ideas on the major issues of life. Fulfills the humanities requirement. Fall semester, even years.
- PH 306W History of Modern Philosophy 3**
The development of philosophical ideas from Descartes through the 18th century, using primary-source readings. Figures studied include Descartes, Spinoza, Leibnitz, Locke, Berkeley, Hume, Kant. Fulfills the humanities requirement. Spring semester, odd years.
- PH 307 History of Contemporary Philosophy 3**
The development of philosophical ideas in 19th- and 20th-century Europe and America. Both the Continental and Anglo-American traditions will be explored. Prerequisite: PH 306 or instructor's permission. Fulfills the humanities requirement. Fall semester, odd years.
- PH 309 Environmental Ethics 3**
A study of basic concepts such as intrinsic value, rights of nature and Christian stewardship of the environment. Case studies will include oil spills, the international agreements concerning the ozone layer, deforestation and recent environmental congresses. Cross-listed with BI 309. Fulfills the humanities requirement.
- PH 320 Philosophy of Religion 3**
The place of reason in faith. Issues addressed include classical arguments for and against the existence of God, the relationship of faith and reason, and the nature of religious language, miracles and immortality. Prerequisite: Core 250. Fulfills the humanities requirement. Spring semester.
- PH 321 Ethics 3**
The nature of moral judgments and values. Examination of the criteria upon which ethical decision-making is based and the nature of the good life. Cross-listed with RE 321. Fulfills the humanities requirement. Fall and spring semesters.
- PH 335 Social and Political Philosophy 3**
An examination of the classical texts in political and economic philosophy from antiquity to the present. Special emphasis on identifying political philosophy implicit in contemporary political arguments. Fulfills the humanities requirement. Spring semester, even years.
- PH 344 Reasons for Faith 3**
An examination of the evidence for the existence of God, the reliability of the Bible and the claims of Jesus Christ, from a philosophical point of view. Jan Term.
- PH 353 Existentialism 3**
The major representatives and ideas of existentialism from a philosophical point of view. Includes discussion of literary, artistic and religious themes. Fulfills the humanities requirement. Periodic offering.
- PH 368 Aesthetics 3**
The nature of art, including purposes and theories of art, connections to beauty and truth and practical life, and moral implications of artworks. Fulfills the humanities requirement. Suggested preparation: PH 110 or any of AR 260-264. Periodic offering.
- PH 396 Topics in Philosophy 1-3**
Selected upper-division topics in philosophy. Periodic offering.
- PH 421 Philosophy of Science 3**
An examination of various views of scientific rationality. Issues covered include the nature of induction, scientific laws, realism/anti-realism debate. Contemporary philosophers of science studied include: Ayer, Hempel, Popper, Polanyi, Kuhn, Lakatos, Feyerabend, Rorty. Cross-listed with RE 420. Fulfills the humanities requirement. Spring semester, odd years.

PH 425 Philosophy of Mind**3**

An exploration of one of the most actively debated and contentious issues in contemporary philosophy: What is the nature of the human mind? Examines current theories and their relationship to the claims of artificial intelligence, neuropsychology and Christian understandings of human nature, as well as the question of determinism versus free will. Fulfills the humanities requirement. Fall semester, even years.

PH 499 Senior Capstone**1**

Writing and discussion intended to give senior students an opportunity to integrate the various strands of their philosophical education and reflect on their future. Fall semester, senior year.

Directed Studies

Independent Studies (191, 291, 391, 491); Readings (386, 486); Internships (290, 490); Field Studies (280, 480); and Teaching Assistantships (395, 495). See Page 169 for details.