Nebraska Wesleyan University Catalog 2025-2026

Major: Philosophy and Religion (B.A.)

Departments/Programs:

Philosophy and Religion

The department offers a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree with a major in Philosophy and Religion. If a student has a first major that requires a Bachelor of Science or other bachelor's degree, the department may approve the Philosophy and Religion major as a second major under the B.S. or other bachelor's degree.

Majors and minors have the option of blending courses between philosophy and religion. Graduating majors will complete a traditional thesis with opportunities for public presentation and publication, or a culminating project with real-world focus and opportunities for practicum.

Philosophy and Religion major (34 hours)

Core Requirements	3 courses 9 hours minimum
Select one course in Philosophy, one course in Religion, and a third course from either.	
Philosophy Courses:	
 PHIL 1100FYW Introduction to Philosophy PHIL 2020 Ethics PHIL 2030 Logic PHIL 2400 Social-Political Philosophy 	
Religion Courses:	
 RELIG 1150 World Religions RELIG 1220 Introduction to the Old Testament RELIG 1230 Introduction to the New Testament RELIG 2340 Religious Diversity in the United States RELIG 2350 Judaism, Christianity and Islam 	
ntermediate-Level Requirements	5 courses 15 hours minimum

At least two courses must be 3000 or 4000 level.

- PHIL 2040 The Origin of Western Democratic Thinking: Ancient Greece
- PHIL 2050 God and Science in Medieval Christian, Jewish, and Islamic Philosophies
- PHIL 2060 God and Science in Early Modern Philosophies from 1600-1899
- PHIL 2300 Philosophies of Race and Gender
- PHIL 2400 Social-Political Philosophy
- PHIL 2410 Theories Of JusticePHIL 2800 Mythologies Mythologies
- PHIL 2000 Mythologies Mythologies
- PHIL 3210 Philosophy of ReligionPHIL 3250 Philosophy of Science
- PHIL 3270 Feminist Theories
- PHIL 3300 Radical Philosophies
- PHIL 3950 Independent Study
- PHIL 3960 Special Projects
- PHIL 4980 Senior Seminar
- RELIG 2250 Religion, Peace and Social Justice
- RELIG 2300 Women and Religion
- RELIG 2340 Religious Diversity in the United States
- RELIG 2800 Apocalyptic Imagination in America
- RELIG 2970 Internship Practicum
- RELIG 3110 The Life and Times of Jesus
- RELIG 3120 Life and Letters of Paul
- RELIG 3200 Constructing Religious Identity
- RELIG 3950 Independent Study
- RELIG 3960 Special Projects
- RELIG 4260 Christian Theology from the Enlightenment to the Mid-Twentieth Century
- RELIG 4980 Senior Seminar

Electives

Choose two courses (minimum 6 hours total) from the list of approved Philosophy and Religion elective courses.

Capstone Courses	2 courses; 4 hours minimum
Senior Proposal	
PHIL 3990 Senior Proposal or RELIG 3990 Senior Proposal	
Senior Project	

6 hours

PHIL 4990 Senior Project or RELIG 4990 Senior Project

* Minimum 12 hours of 3000-4000 level work must be completed in major. Make sure to work with advisor to check that all upperlevel hours are completed in plan.

**A Philosophy and Religion major customarily earns a B.A. degree. However, if a student has a first major that is associated with a different baccalaureate degree, the Philosophy and Religion major may serve as a second major for the degree associated with the first major (B.S., B.FA., B.M., B.S.N.).