Nebraska Wesleyan University

Philosophy and Religion (B.A.)

Catalog

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Program Description

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.

Departments

1. Philosophy and Religion

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	
Intermediate-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 Justice
- PHIL 2800 Mythologies Mythologies
- PHIL 3210 Philosophy of Religion
- PHIL 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	**6 hours**

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	
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 upper-level 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.).*