

B.A. Religion

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The Department of Religion provides a Christ-centered and Bible-based religious education that is in line with the global mission and message of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Emphasis is placed on such areas as biblical understanding, personal application, and service to the church. Classes in this major are typically small, which provides ample time for interaction between professor and student. The program also offers the opportunity to add other areas (minors) that best fit the academic and professional goals of the student.

Job Market

Our students often double-major in a related field and they can pursue graduate work and employment in various fields of studies. Many of our graduates are accepted into the Seminary or enter other graduate programs for chaplaincy, Bible workers, counseling, or teaching. Some are hired as Bible teachers in various Adventist educational institutions or dorm deans in Adventist academies. They also become qualified to work as missionaries, colporteur directors, religion editors in publishing companies.

Job Outlook

Job opportunities increase as graduates combine their degree with other areas of emphasis like education, business, psychology, etc. In the next few years, these opportunities will augment as a growing number of Adventist educators and other workers in North America will retire from active service.

Earnings

Although earnings will vary widely by region and position, an average salary for a pastor is about \$60,000. The beginning salary for a new pastor just starting out may be somewhat less.

Educational Qualifications

Graduates are strongly encouraged to pursue graduate work in order to meet the demands of a highly educated society and the needs of local institutions. A doctorate will be required for those who want to teach religion at an Adventist college or Seminary level.



Item #	Title	Credits
RELT 101	Christian Beliefs	3
RELB 211	Life and Teachings of Jesus	3
RELP 220	Personal Evangelistic Ministry	3
RELH 230	History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church	3
RELB 322	Daniel	3
RELH 331	History of Christianity I	3
RELH 332	History of Christianity II	3
	Christian Theology I or II	3
	Pentateuch, Survey of the Old Testament, Introduction to the New Testament and Revelation	9
	Sub-Total Credits	33

Sample 4 Year Curriculum

General Education Requirements

To view general education requirements for this major please visit: <https://catalog.swau.edu/core-curriculum-for-a-bachelors-degree>

First Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 121	Freshman Composition	3
RELT 101	Christian Beliefs	3
UNIV 111	Wellness for Life	2
	Life and Physical Science GE Requirement	4
	Mathematics GE Requirement	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

First Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
RELB 211	Life and Teachings of Jesus	3
	Communication GE Requirement	3
	Elective Course for 120	3
	Fine Arts GE Requirement	3
	Life and Physical Science GE Requirement	4
	Sub-Total Credits	16

Second Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 220	Research Writing	3
PSYC 212	General Psychology	3
RELH 230	History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church	3
RELP 220	Personal Evangelistic Ministry	3
	Beginning Language Requirement	4
	Sub-Total Credits	16

Second Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Beginning Language Requirement	4
	Elective Course for 120	3
	History GE Requirement	3
	Kinesiology GE Requirement	1
	Minor Elective	3
	Sub-Total Credits	14

Third Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
RELH 331	History of Christianity I	3
	Elective Course for 120	3
	History GE Requirement	3
	Intermediate Language Requirement	3
	Kinesiology GE Requirement	1
	Literature GE Requirement	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16

Third Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
RELH 332	History of Christianity II	3
	Biblical Studies Option	3
	Intermediate Language Requirement	3
	Minor Elective	3
	Minor Elective	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

Fourth Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
RELB 322	Daniel	3
	Biblical Studies Option	3
	Elective Course for 120	3
	Minor Elective	3
	Minor Elective	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

Fourth Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Biblical Studies Option	3
	Christian Theology I or II	3
	Elective Course for 120	3
	Elective Course for 120	3
	Minor Elective	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

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