

# Religion Program

## Faculty/Staff

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## Aims of the Department

Religious Education at Southwestern Adventist University facilitates the understanding, appreciation, and application of:

- the Bible
- a Christian worldview
- Seventh-day Adventism

Specifically, our theological training emphasizes a Christ-centered and Bible-based education on campus, in the classroom, and in the community, balancing theory and practice and harmonizing the dynamics of the local church and global mission within a specifically Seventh-day Adventist context. We integrate a multifaceted matrix of Inspiration - Implication Implementation - Involvement.

## Religion Degrees and Certificates

### B.A. Religion

The Religion Department 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 in 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.

Our students often double-major in a related field and they can pursue graduate work and employment in various field of studies. Many of our graduates are accepted into the Seminary or enter other graduate programs like chaplaincy, 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, or religion editors in publishing companies.

The department welcomes persons who sense a call to full-time ministry, and who are moved to offer their lives in this avenue to God and humanity. The faculty assists applicants who wish to evaluate and deepen their experience as well as to explore the expanding opportunities for service. The department will not recommend to the ministry any student who has not completed the course of study as outlined or who has a GPA that is less than 2.5, which is the minimum requirement for entrance to the SDA Theological Seminary. It is the student's personal responsibility to plan a course of study that includes all requirements for degree sought.

Completion of the major in Theology meets the guidelines stipulated by the Adventist Church and the minimal requirements for admission to the Seminary and entrance into the ministry.

## Program:

Religion

## Type:

B.A.

Item #	Title	Credits
RELT 101	Christian Beliefs	3
RELT 207	Research in Religion	1

RELB 211	Life and Teachings of Jesus	3
RELP 220	Christian Witnessing	3
RELH 230	History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church	3
RELB 313	Prophetic Studies	3
RELH 331	History of Christianity I	3
RELH 332	History of Christianity II	3
	RELB 410 or RELB 411	3
	RELB Electives	9
	<b>Sub-Total Credits</b>	<b>34</b>
	Total credits for degree:	34

## B.A. Theology

This program is designed to prepare pastors who are able to integrate theological knowledge with pastoral training for excellence in ministry. Emphasis is placed on such areas as biblical understanding and personal application, church leadership and administration, evangelism, and pastoral service to the church.

The program in pastoral ministry is focused on facilitating the development of the student as a:

- Growing Christian
- Church Leader/Administrator
- Pastor-Teacher and Equipper
- Pastor-Servant
- Soul Winner

This program follows a special two-stage composite sequence, each stage approximately two years in length. During the first stage (freshman and sophomore years), attention is concentrated on fulfilling the requirements of the core curriculum of the University, together with introductory Religion classes. In this first stage, freshman and sophomore students will be invited to participate in a church service, starting in the spring of their freshman year. A ministry in a local church will be assigned to the student. The expected participation is of 02-03 Sabbaths per month in a respective ministry, depending on their agreement with the local pastor.

During the sophomore year, students begin the study of New Testament Greek, and apply for acceptance into the Pastoral Ministry Certification Program. Benefits of membership in the program include eligibility for higher departmental scholarships, an official departmental certificate and participation in the pastoral internship program, and increased likelihood of future employment by a conference. It also grants preferred opportunities for summer ministry opportunities.

The second stage (junior and senior years) provides for completion of requirements for the bachelor of arts degree, including specific professional studies. It is also the period when the student becomes more involved in practical aspects of ministerial training.

One goal of the Religion Department is to prepare students to commence service as pastors. Conference presidents seek graduates from Southwestern Adventist University who will be able to function as pastor-evangelists immediately upon graduation. For this reason, it is required that theology students complete Field Evangelism (RELP 425), preferably during the summer prior to taking Pastoral Ministry (RELP 423, 424). The Field Evangelism course (RELP425) includes participation in a major evangelistic crusade under the mentorship of a seasoned evangelist. This is to be followed by a personal evangelistic effort in a church within the conference where the major crusade was held. Those who have completed both of these

programs before graduation are likely to be considered for conference employment ahead of others. The course Field Evangelism (RELP 425) is an integral part of the theology degree. Theology graduates will subsequently seek employment as Pastors in local conferences, pursue careers in chaplaincy, or proceed to the Seminary for in-depth training after field experience (e.g., Associate Pastor with a conference).

Theology students are encouraged to become involved in witnessing and in other spiritual activities throughout their time in college. However, the last two years are particularly focused on ministry as they are required to participate in the Pastoral Internship Program. Those who are accepted in the Pastoral Ministry Certification Program will be assigned to churches mainly within the Dallas-Fort Worth area to gain practical pastoral experience. During this time, students will need to make transportation arrangements to ensure complete participation. This program is coordinated by the Southwestern Adventist University Religion Department in conjunction with the Texas Conference and the Southwest Region Conference.

Another goal of the department is to prepare students to be efficient church administrators and strong supporters/promoters of Adventist Christian Education in their respective congregations. For this reason, they are strongly encouraged to consider taking some of the courses listed as Recommended Cognates in order to be better equipped to minister in these two areas of church life.

## Ministerial Profile and Progression

A call to pastoral ministry or any related form of ministry is very personal. The faculty of the Religion Department recognizes that students who come to the department will either have a sense of divine calling or will be currently wrestling with this issue. The choice of ministry implies a high level of spiritual commitment and an exemplary life style.

Continuation in the theology program is at all times contingent on the student maintaining satisfactory academic progress, exemplary social and cultural development, and dedication to the principles of the Christian faith and practice as taught by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Graduates will demonstrate proficiency in the areas of biblical studies, theological studies, historical studies, and practical studies prior to graduation via a Senior Theology Major Exit Exam (administered by the department chair at the end of a student's final semester).

In fulfillment of the requirements for the classes RELP 423 & 424 Pastoral Ministry I, II, senior theology students prepare a paper describing their personal call and philosophy of ministry. Each paper is reviewed by the members of the Religion faculty and followed by a personal exit interview with the Religion faculty. The composite results of this paper and interview constitute the basis for departmental recommendation for both ministerial work and the Theological Seminary. Subsequently, arrangements are made for senior theology majors to be interviewed by conference presidents.

A Biblical Languages Minor is required to complete the Theology Program and for Seminary entrance.

### **Program:**

Religion

### **Type:**

B.A.

### **Required Courses**

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
RELT 101	Christian Beliefs	3
RELT 207	Research in Religion	1
RELB 211	Life and Teachings of Jesus	3
RELP 220	Christian Witnessing	3
RELH 230	History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church	3
RELB 313	Prophetic Studies	3
RELH 320	Ellen White Writings	3

RELP 323	Homiletics I	3
RELP 324	Homiletics II	3
RELH 332	History of Christianity II	3
RELT 405	Biblical Theology	3
	RELB 410 or RELB 411	3
RELP 423	Pastoral Ministry I	3
RELP 424	Pastoral Ministry II	3
RELP 425	Field Evangelism	3
RELP 427	Hospital Ministry	1
	RELB Electives	9
	<b>Sub-Total Credits</b>	<b>53</b>

### Required cognates

Item #	Title	Credits
COMM 111	Speech	3
HIST 331	History of Christianity I	3
PSYC 212	General Psychology	3
	<b>Sub-Total Credits</b>	<b>9</b>

### Recommended Cognates

Item #	Title	Credits
ACCT 211	Accounting Principles I	3
BUAD 120	Personal Finance	3
BUAD 301	Principles of Management	3
EDUC 385	Philosophy of Education	3
HIST 364	Ancient Cultures	3
	<b>Sub-Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

Total credits for degree:	77
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### Certificate in Church Ministry (Through Distance Education)

The Southwestern Adventist University Distance Education Program and the Department of Religion offers a Certificate in Church Ministry to prepare better lay leaders for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It is a unique church ministry program which combines basic theological education with church history and applied ministerial methods and practices. The curriculum of the certificate consists of courses totaling 15 semester hours of college credit. These credits may be transferred to any other accredited college or university and may be applied toward a degree at Southwestern Adventist University. The curriculum is also designed to help church lay leaders increase their knowledge and skills and be better

equipped to work in various positions of lay leadership.

The Certificate in Church Ministry does not prepare candidates for full-time employment in pastoral ministry nor does it constitute an alternative theology degree. Anyone choosing full-time ministry as a goal for life must enroll in a four-year BA Theology program. Although the program will be entirely offered on-line, a number of courses can also be taken as traditional classes on the campus of Southwestern Adventist University in the current semester format. The courses in the certificate program are offered in either English or Spanish. The Spanish version, however, is only available on-line.

### Admission

The Certificate in Church Ministry is open to persons age 25 or older who have served in positions of lay leadership and are officially endorsed by their local congregations or conferences. Applicants must have a high school diploma or its equivalent. Previous college work is not required, but recommended. Applicants must:

1. Complete an application for admission into the certificate program
2. Send a non-refundable \$25 application fee
3. Submit three letters of recommendation from a local church pastor, a local church elder, and a third local church leader which officially endorse the applicant
4. Write a letter of intent stating why the applicant would like to take the college-level certificate in church ministry
5. Send a current professional resume

### Time Limitations

Candidates for this certificate must complete all requirements within a five-year period.

### Certificate Completion

Certificates will be awarded to students who complete all course requirements and maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average. Candidates must submit a Certificate Completion contract to the Records Office. A \$25 certificate fee is required at the time the certificate is completed.

### Cost of the Certificate

Each course will cost \$400 per course. The Certificate in Church Ministry is an accredited program. Local churches and conferences may provide students with scholarships for this certificate. There are no scholarships available from the University. All charges must be covered at the time of registration.

### Academic Support Services

Students taking the certificate program will have access to important academic support services including library and learning resources, information on distance education technology, and the writing center.

### Student Support Services

The Distance Education office will provide certificate students with a full range of student services appropriate to support the program, including admissions, academic advising, registration, course materials, certificate audits, and graduation assistance.

### Program:

Religion

### Type:

Cert

### Certificate Course Requirements

Item #	Title	Credits
RELT 101	Christian Beliefs	3

RELB 211	Life and Teachings of Jesus	3
RELP 220	Christian Witnessing	3
RELH 230	History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church	3
RELP 285	Church Ministry (Distance Education Program)	3
<b>Sub-Total Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
Total credits for degree:		15

## **SWORD (Soul-Winning Outreach Discipleship) A Bible Worker Certification Program**

### **Leadership**

Buster Swoopes, Jr., Program Supervisor - Southwestern Adventist University

Tony Correa, Field Coordinator

### **Description**

A Bible Worker Certification Program that combines college-based classwork with practical training in literature evangelism, outreach, public evangelism, discipleship, and church planning.

### **Certificate Completion**

Certificates will be awarded to students who complete all course requirements and maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average. Candidates must submit a Certificate Completion contract to the Records Office. A \$25 certificate fee is required at the time the certificate is completed.

### **Program:**

Religion

### **Type:**

Cert

Total credits for degree:	0
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## **Minor in Biblical Languages**

### **Program:**

Religion

### **Type:**

Minor

### **Required Courses**

A Biblical Languages Minor is required to complete the Theology Program and for Seminary entrance.

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
RELL 240	New Testament Greek I	5

RELL 241	New Testament Greek II	4
RELL 340	Intermediate New Testament Greek	3
RELL 343	Biblical Hebrew I	3
RELL 344	Biblical Hebrew II	3
RELH 314	Origin & Development of the Bible	3
<b>Sub-Total Credits</b>		<b>21</b>
Total credits for degree:		21

## Minor in Religion

### Program:

Religion

### Type:

Minor

### Required Courses

Item #	Title	Credits
RELT 101	Christian Beliefs	3
RELB 211	Life and Teachings of Jesus	3
	Religion Minor Electives	6
<b>Sub-Total Credits</b>		<b>12</b>

### Select any two classes from the following

Item #	Title	Credits
RELB 313	Prophetic Studies	3
RELB 315	Old Testament I	3
RELB 316	Old Testament II	3
RELB 339	New Testament I	3
RELB 340	New Testament II	3
<b>Sub-Total Credits</b>		<b>6</b>

Total credits for degree: 18

## Religion Classes

### RELB 211: Life and Teachings of Jesus

A study of the life and teachings of Jesus as outlined in the Gospels, including historical background, His principles, methods, and instructions in light of their application to modern life.

Credits: 3

Program: Religion  
Semester Offered: Fall Spring

### **RELB 313: Prophetic Studies**

An introduction to and survey of the books of Daniel and Revelation. Special emphasis is given to the application of their prophecies to the modern Christian life.

Credits: 3  
Program: Religion  
Semester Offered: Spring

### **RELB 315: Old Testament I**

An introduction to the history, literature, and thought of the Old Testament. Study is given to the contemporary objectives of each book and application to life in modern times. Fall topics: Pentateuch and The Writings.

Credits: 3  
Program: Religion  
Semester Offered: Fall

### **RELB 316: Old Testament II**

An introduction to the history, literature, and thought of the Old Testament. Study is given to the contemporary objectives of each book and application to life in modern times. Spring topics: Prophets and Historical Books.

Credits: 3  
Program: Religion  
Semester Offered: Spring

### **RELB 339: New Testament I**

The world and literature of the New Testament, including theme and purpose of each book and applications to Christian life. Fall: Gospels-Acts.

Credits: 3  
Program: Religion  
Semester Offered: Fall

### **RELB 340: New Testament II**

The world and literature of the New Testament, including theme and purpose of each book and applications to Christian life. Spring: Romans-Revelation.

Credits: 3  
Program: Religion  
Semester Offered: Spring

### **RELB 410: Biblical Studies Seminar I**

A seminar on a biblical topic, book, or body of literature designed to encourage careful, responsible investigation and interpretation. May be repeated for credit. Fall semester: OT topic/text.

Credits: 3  
Prerequisites: RELB 315 RELB 316 RELB 339 or 340  
Program: Religion  
Semester Offered: Fall

### **RELB 411: Biblical Studies Seminar II**

A seminar on a biblical topic, book, or body of literature designed to encourage careful, responsible investigation and interpretation. May be repeated for credit. Spring semester: NT topic/text.

Credits: 3  
Prerequisites: RELB 240  
Program: Religion  
Semester Offered: Spring



**RELH 230: History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church**

A historical study of the Adventist awakening of the 19th century and the subsequent rise, growth, and worldwide expansion of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Special attention is given to the role of Ellen G. White in the growing church.

Credits: 3

Program: Religion

Semester Offered: Fall Spring

**RELH 233: Biblical Archaeology**

A study of the history of archaeology, recent achievements, and archaeological method.

Credits: 3

Program: Religion

Semester Offered: Spring

**RELH 314: Origin & Development of the Bible**

A study of the history and development of the written material and canon of Scripture, covering the Old Testament, intertestamental literature, and the New Testament. It also reviews the development of the English Bible and evaluates different translations.

Credits: 3

Program: Religion

Semester Offered: Fall

**RELH 320: Ellen White Writings**

A course designed to give experience and guidelines in the study of the writings of Ellen G. White. The four major foci of the course are the historical context of the life of Ellen White, the development of her major literary works, the themes that tie her writings together across time, and principles for sound interpretation and current application of her writings.

Credits: 3

Program: Religion

Semester Offered: Spring

**RELH 331: History of Christianity I**

A study of the rise and impact of Christianity in the Roman world and western culture. Attention is given to theological and social movements, the influence of Islam, the crusades, expansionism, and religious adaptation to modern life. (Also taught as HIST 331)

Credits: 3

Program: Religion

Semester Offered: Fall

**RELH 332: History of Christianity II**

A study of the rise and development from the Reformation through the growth of American religion. (Also taught as HIST 332)

Credits: 3

Program: Religion

Semester Offered: Spring

**RELL 240: New Testament Greek I**

An introductory study of the elements of New Testament Greek. Emphasis on the fundamentals of grammar and vocabulary. Translation from selected NT passages.

Credits: 5

Program: Religion

Semester Offered: Fall

**RELL 241: New Testament Greek II**

An introductory study of the elements of New Testament Greek. Emphasis on the fundamentals of grammar and vocabulary. Translation from selected NT passages.

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: [RELL 240](#)

Program: [Religion](#)

Semester Offered: Spring

**RELL 340: Intermediate New Testament Greek**

Continued reading in the Greek New Testament with emphasis on grammar and syntax, with interpretive translation of selected portions of the New Testament. Includes preparation for the Seminary Greek exam.

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: [RELL 241](#)

Program: [Religion](#)

Semester Offered: Summer

**RELL 343: Biblical Hebrew I**

An introductory course in the elements of Biblical Hebrew with emphasis on basic grammar and a working vocabulary. The second semester will include grammar review, but will focus on translation from selected Old Testament passages. Includes preparation for the Seminary Hebrew exam.

Credits: 3

Program: [Religion](#)

Semester Offered: Fall

**RELL 344: Biblical Hebrew II**

An introductory course in the elements of Biblical Hebrew with emphasis on basic grammar and a working vocabulary. The second semester will include grammar review, but will focus on translation from selected Old Testament passages. Includes preparation for the Seminary Hebrew exam.

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: [RELL 343](#)

Program: [Religion](#)

Semester Offered: Spring

**RELP 210: Introduction to Missions**

Required for all student missionaries prior to service abroad. An introduction to issues and ideas in missions. Examines cultures and religions from the perspective of the national and the student missionary.

Credits: 1

Program: [Religion](#)

Semester Offered: Spring

**RELP 220: Christian Witnessing**

A study of the biblical principles of the art and technique of personal evangelism. The student is taught to use the Scriptures effectively, to prepare and give specific Bible studies, to meet objections, and to gain decisions for Christ.

Credits: 3

Program: [Religion](#)

Semester Offered: Fall Spring

**RELP 271: Ministries Internship**

This course allows the student to earn credit through professionally directed mission, evangelistic, colporteur or youth camp programs. Arrangements must be made with the instructor prior to starting the internship and supervision will take place at the location of the internship. Credit earned will be elective only and will not apply to the general education religion requirement or toward a major or minor. Grading is on a pass/fail basis. May be repeated for a total of 3 hours.

Credits: 1 - 3  
Program: Religion

### **REL 285: Church Ministry (Distance Education Program)**

This course will introduce the student to various aspects of church ministry and church life. Students will be instructed in such areas as biblical ecclesiology; church organization and governance; distribution of funds; and the purpose and development of spiritual as well as social activities. This class is offered on-line and does not apply toward the requirements of a Theology major or Religion minor.

Credits: 3  
Program: Religion

### **REL 323: Homiletics I**

A study of the basic concepts of biblical preaching and sermon preparation, including persuasion, human responses, the art of illustration and effective structure. The second semester features actual practice in preparation and delivery in various church settings.

Credits: 3  
Prerequisites: COMM 111  
Program: Religion  
Semester Offered: Fall

### **REL 324: Homiletics II**

A study of the basic concepts of biblical preaching and sermon preparation, including persuasion, human responses, the art of illustration and effective structure. The second semester features actual practice in preparation and delivery in various church settings.

Credits: 3  
Prerequisites: REL 323  
Program: Religion  
Semester Offered: Spring

### **REL 420: Pastoral Practicum**

Supervised field work in area churches as coordinated by the department. Designed to give practical experience in a wide variety of pastoral situations. May be repeated once for credit upon approval of the religion faculty.

Credits: 1  
Prerequisites: REL 323, 324 completed or taken concurrently  
Program: Religion  
Semester Offered: Fall Spring

### **REL 423: Pastoral Ministry I**

This class is designed for senior ministerial students. It covers applied studies in church ministry, like pastoral leadership, care, visitation, counseling, and church administration with special attention to organization and finances. The course will be enriched by visits of specialists. This course also requires students to take the Seminary's Church Policy exam a pre-requisite for admission in the M.Div. program. Its successful completion is valid for two years.

Credits: 3  
Prerequisites: PSYC 212 REL 425  
Program: Religion  
Semester Offered: Fall

### **REL 424: Pastoral Ministry II**

This class is designed for senior ministerial students. It covers applied studies in church ministry, like pastoral leadership, care, visitation, counseling, and church administration with special attention to organization and finances. The course will be enriched by visits of specialists. This course also requires students to take the Seminary's Church Policy exam a pre-requisite for admission in the M.Div. program. Its successful completion is valid for two years.

Credits: 3  
Prerequisites: PSYC 212 REL 425

Program: Religion  
Semester Offered: Spring

### **RELP 425: Field Evangelism**

This course provides classroom instruction and practical involvement in a main evangelistic crusade led by a successful professional evangelist. The evangelist's meetings are followed by the students' own two-week series in churches selected by the hosting Conference. All facets of the course are taught in the city where the series is conducted. Taught on an arranged basis.

Credits: 3  
Prerequisites: RELP 220  
Program: Religion  
Semester Offered: Summer

### **RELP 427: Hospital Ministry**

This course provides opportunity for students to develop professional ministry skills in the particular field of institutional health care. Concentration of communication, assessment, collaboration with health care professionals, and exploration of personal and professional identity is particularly emphasized.

Credits: 1  
Prerequisites: Admission to junior or senior-level standing.  
Program: Religion  
Semester Offered: Spring

### **RELT 101: Christian Beliefs**

A study of the basic concepts of Christian faith and practice with emphasis on fundamental doctrines held by Seventh-day Adventists.

Credits: 3  
Program: Religion  
Semester Offered: Fall Spring

### **RELT 201: Bible Study Methods**

This course will teach students various strategies in studying and teaching the Bible. Students will learn different study methods like the thematic, biographical, and word study as well as creating learning environments and developing lessons using a model of teaching repertoire. This class is required for Seventh-day Adventist Denominational Certification and includes Encounter training for NAD teachers seeking re-certification requirements.

Credits: 3  
Program: Religion  
Semester Offered: Fall

### **RELT 207: Research in Religion**

An introduction to the research methods, documentation styles, and writing skills used in religious studies. Students will engage in critical thinking by utilizing and evaluating primary and secondary sources (including journals, indexes, and databases) to produce a book review, a research paper, and a professional presentation that involves public communication of the research process, evaluation of discipline-specific trends and resources, and the responsible and effective use of technology. Within this course, religion/theology majors begin the process of senior portfolio development.

Credits: 1  
Prerequisites: CSIS 102 ENGL 121  
Program: Religion  
Semester Offered: Fall

### **RELT 212: Christian Ethics**

An introduction to the theory and practice of Christian morality; its biblical origins, norms, and sources of authority, including Christian approaches to basic issues such as decision-making, church-world relations, abortion, reproduction technology, euthanasia, marriage and divorce, and methods of social change.

Credits: 3

Program: [Religion](#)  
Semester Offered: Fall

### **RELT 325: World Religions**

The course explores major world views and religious traditions, beliefs, and practices. Each religion will be examined with regard to basic human problems along with proposed solutions. From a Christian perspective, this class seeks to discover common ground and challenges between these major world religions and to encourage respect for diverse beliefs and practices. This course requires research and writing a major paper (Also taught as HNRS 325).

Credits: 3  
Program: [Religion](#)  
Semester Offered: Fall

### **RELT 327: Integrated Wellness Connections**

This course focuses on therapeutic communication with emphasis on developing meaningful connections with people in the context of diverse social environments. The intent is to meet the felt needs of individuals, with attention to those who might be dealing with a life crisis. Includes exploration of personal and professional identity and values related to a whole-person approach with application of CREATION Health and other positive lifestyle principles.

Credits: 3  
Prerequisites: [UNIV 111](#)  
Program: [Religion](#)  
Semester Offered: Fall

### **RELT 355: Survey of Christian Worship**

A survey of the general history and development of the Christian liturgy, with a special focus on the unique development of the Adventist liturgy. The course will examine the roles that music, art, theology, and culture play in Christian worship. The course will include recordings, visuals, lectures, and field trips (Also taught as MUHL 355 and HNRS 355).

Credits: 3  
Program: [Religion](#)  
Semester Offered: Fall

### **RELT 360: Philosophy and the Christian Worldview**

An introduction to philosophy from a biblical perspective and toward the formation of a Christian worldview. This course addresses the major questions of life such as: What is real? What is true? Who is God? Who am I? Why evil? Philosophical answers to these questions will be critically engaged from the standpoint of a distinctively biblical worldview. Attention is given to analytical tools for evaluating the truth of ideas and understanding the nature of existence and reality within the context of mature faith.

Credits: 3  
Program: [Religion](#)  
Semester Offered: Fall

### **RELT 405: Biblical Theology**

This course consists of the study of several selected topics approached from a biblical perspective, which may include topics such as biblical inspiration and interpretation, the doctrine of God, the doctrine of Christ, the doctrine of Salvation, the doctrine of the Church, eschatology, and the doctrine of the sanctuary. These studies focus upon the contributions of several biblical writers to each doctrinal issue. Some attention is also given to the way in which selected writers have handled the theological issues and biblical material.

Credits: 3  
Prerequisites: [RELT 101](#) And at least one of the following: [RELB 315](#), [316](#), [339](#), [340](#)  
Program: [Religion](#)  
Semester Offered: Fall

### **RELT 419: Philosophy of Science**

A study of the philosophies and methodologies of science. Includes a review of the history of scientific and religious thought and the role each has played in the development of modern theories of origin. (Also taught as BIOL 419 or GEOL 419.)

Credits: 3  
Program: Religion  
Semester Offered: Spring

**RLGN 298: Individual Study Topics**

A study in an area of interest under the direction of a staff member. This study may involve research, laboratory or library work. May be repeated for a total of 2 credits.

Credits: 1 - 2  
Prerequisites: Approval of department chair.  
Program: Religion

**RLGN 299: Directed Group Study**

Intensive study of a single approved topic in the field of religion. The course takes the form of a seminar, preparation of a research report, or other guided study as arranged with the department. Content and method of study must be arranged prior to registration. May be repeated for a total of 2 credits.

Credits: 1 - 2  
Prerequisites: Approval of department chair.  
Program: Religion

**RLGN 498: Individual Study Topics**

A study in an area of interest under the direction of a staff member. This study may involve research, laboratory or library work. May be repeated for a total of 2 credits.

Credits: 1 - 2  
Prerequisites: Approval of department chair.  
Program: Religion

**RLGN 499: Directed Group Study**

Intensive study of a single approved topic in the field of religion. The course takes the form of a seminar, preparation of a research report, or other guided study as arranged with the department. Content and method of study must be arranged prior to registration. May be repeated for a total of 2 credits.

Credits: 1 - 2  
Prerequisites: Approval of department chair.  
Program: Religion