

Religion

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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 that includes Inspiration, Implication, Implementation, and 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 that will enable them to pursue graduate work and employment in various field of studies. Many of our graduates are accepted in the SDA Theological 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 the 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.

General Education Requirements for all Bachelor's degrees

B.A. Foreign Language Requirement

Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Requirement

A minor is required for this degree.

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
	Total credits:	33

Category Descriptions

Christian Theology I or II

Credits: 3

Item #	Title	credits
RELT 406	Christian Theology I	3
RELT 407	Christian Theology II	3

Pentateuch, Survey of the Old Testament, Introduction to the New Testament and Revelation

Credits: 9

Choose 3 of the 4 classes.

Item #	Title	credits
RELB 325	Pentateuch	3
RELB 328	Survey of the Old Testament	3
RELB 335	Introduction to the New Testament	3
RELB 323	Revelation	3

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 2-3 Sabbaths and 3 prayer meetings 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 415). 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 Interview (administered by the department chair at the end of a student's final semester).

In fulfillment of the requirements for the classes **RELP 215** Introduction to Pastoral Ministry, **RELP 415** Pastoral Ministry, sophomore, junior, and 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. The Biblical Languages Minor fulfills the General Education language requirement for a Bachelor of Arts.

General Education Requirements for all Bachelor's degrees

Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Requirement

Required Courses

The curriculum of the BA in Theology is devised to meet the prerequisites for admission to the M. Div. program at the SDA Theological Seminary at Andrews University.

The B.A. in Theology requires a minor in Biblical Languages.

Item #	Title	credits
RELB 211	Life and Teachings of Jesus	3
RELB 322	Daniel	3
RELB 323	Revelation	3
RELB 325	Pentateuch	3
RELB 328	Survey of the Old Testament	3
RELB 335	Introduction to the New Testament	3
RELH 230	History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church	3
RELH 320	Ellen White Writings	3
RELH 332	History of Christianity II	3
RELP 220	Personal Evangelistic Ministry	3
RELP 215	Introduction to Pastoral Ministry	3
RELP 323	Biblical Preaching I	3
RELP 324	Biblical Preaching II	3
RELP 415	Pastoral Ministry	3
RELP 425	Field Evangelism	3
RELP 428	Hospital Ministry	2
RELT 406	Christian Theology I	3
RELT 407	Christian Theology II	3
RELT 410	Biblical Conflict Resolution	3

Required cognates

Item #	Title	credits
COMM 111	Speech	3
HIST 331	History of Christianity I	3
PSYC 212	General Psychology	3

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 Christian Education	3
HIST 364	Ancient Cultures	3
	Total credits:	65

Certificate in Church Ministry (Through SWAUonline)

The SWAUonline 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 SWAUonline technology, and the writing center.

Student Support Services

The SWAUonline 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.

Certificate Course Requirements

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
RELP 215	Introduction to Pastoral Ministry	3
	Total credits:	15

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

Leadership

Buster Swoopes, Program Supervisor

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 planting.

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.

Details

Residency Requirement: courses must be taken on campus | maximum 1 transfer course

Minimum Age: 18 [must have a valid driver's license to participate]

Housing & Meals: participant's responsibility (see housing list for recommendations)

Application Process

1. Pray
2. Apply: www.swau.edu/
3. Submit:
 - a. **Application form** (www.swau.edu/SWORD)
 - b. 3 recommendations (pastor, church member, non-family) to Pastor Swoopes
 - c. 2-page essay to Dr. Azevedo, with the following 4 elements:
 - 1) Your conversion story
 - 2) Your current involvement in ministry
 - 3) Your goals in relation to this program
 - 4) If your ZIP code was the last one to be reached for Jesus, what would you do?

4. Contact Tony Correa to arrange outreach activity (labs).

Program Structure

Practical Components

(60 hours/lab)

Lab 1 Community *Literature Evangelism*

Lab 2 Local Church *Ministry/Evangelism/Planting*

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
UNIV 111	Wellness for Life	2
Total credits:		14

Minor in Biblical Languages

Required Courses

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

Item #	Title	credits
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
Total credits:		21

Minor in Religion

Required Courses

Item #	Title	credits
RELT 101	Christian Beliefs	3
RELB 211	Life and Teachings of Jesus	3
	Religion Minor Electives 20-21	6

Select any two classes from the following

Item #	Title	credits
RELB 322	Daniel	3
RELB 323	Revelation	3
RELB 325	Pentateuch	3
RELB 328	Survey of the Old Testament	3
RELB 335	Introduction to the New Testament	3
	Total credits:	18

Category Descriptions

Religion Minor Electives 20-21

Credits: 6

Item #	Title	credits
RELH 230	History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church	3
RELH 233	Biblical Archaeology	3
RELH 314	Origin & Development of the Bible	3
RELH 320	Ellen White Writings	3
RELH 331	History of Christianity I	3
RELH 332	History of Christianity II	3
RELP 220	Personal Evangelistic Ministry	3
RELP 323	Biblical Preaching I	3
RELP 324	Biblical Preaching II	3
RELT 201	Bible Study Methods	3
RELT 212	Introduction to Christian Ethics	3
RELT 325	World Religions	3
RELT 327	Integrated Wellness Connections	3
RELT 360	Philosophy and the Christian Worldview	3
RELT 419	Philosophy of Science	3

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 322: Daniel

An introduction to and survey of the books of Daniel. Special emphasis is given to the application of their prophecies to the modern Christian life. IT will include the importance of having good hermeneutics to understand its content.

Credits: 3

Program: Religion

Semester Offered: Fall, Spring

RELB 323: Revelation

An introduction and survey of the book of Revelation. It will include the importance of good hermaneutics. Special emphasis will be given to the prophecies to the modern Christian life.

Credits: 3

Program: Religion

Semester Offered: Fall, Spring

RELB 325: Pentateuch

An introduction to the history, literature, and thought of the Pentateuch. Study is given to the contemporary objectives of each book and application to life in modern times.

Credits: 3

Program: Religion

Semester Offered: Fall

RELB 328: Survey of the Old Testament

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.

Credits: 3

Program: Religion

Semester Offered: Spring

RELB 335: Introduction to the New Testament

The world and literature of the New Testament, including theme and purpose of each book and applications to Christian life

Credits: 3

Program: Religion

Semester Offered: Fall, 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 methods.

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 New Testament 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 New Testament 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 215: Introduction to Pastoral Ministry

This class is designed to introduce beginning ministerial students into some aspects of church ministry and church life. It covers studies in pastoral leadership, spirituality in ministry, the pastoral family, planning and counseling.

Credits: 3

Program: Religion

Semester Offered: Fall

RELP 220: Personal Evangelistic Ministry

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

RELP 323: Biblical Preaching 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

RELP 324: Biblical Preaching 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:

RELP 323

Program: Religion

Semester Offered: Spring

RELP 415: Pastoral Ministry

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

RELP 425

Program: Religion

Semester Offered: Spring

RELP 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:

RELP 415 completed or taken concurrently

Program: Religion

Semester Offered: Fall

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

Co-Requisites:

RELP 220

Program: Religion

Semester Offered: Summer

RELP 428: 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: 2

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 212: Introduction to 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 312: Christian Ethics

A more in-depth study on 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: Spring

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 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 406: Christian Theology I

This course is an in-depth study of the 28 Seventh-day Adventist Fundamental Beliefs. The course furthermore serves as a general introduction to Biblical theology covering a wide range of topics, with special focus upon Biblical inspiration and interpretation, the doctrine of God, Trinity, and hermeneutics. Attention is furthermore given to the way selected writers have handled theological issues along with pertinent Biblical material.

Credits: 3

Prerequisites:

RELT 101

Program: Religion

Semester Offered: Fall

RELT 407: Christian Theology II

This course expands upon Christian Theology I to provide further study about the 28 Seventh-day Adventist Fundamental Beliefs. The course serves as a general introduction to Christian theology by covering additional topics, notably the doctrine of the church eschatology, the cross of Christ and the Incarnation, and sanctuary doctrine. Attention is furthermore given to the way selected writers have handled theological issues along with pertinent Biblical material.

Credits: 3

Prerequisites:

RELT 406

Program: Religion

Semester Offered: Spring

RELT 410: Biblical Conflict Resolution

A survey study of the life and teachings of Jesus as outlined in the Gospels. His principles, methods, and teachings are studied in light of their application to modern life.

Credits: 3

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, GEOL 419 or HNRS 404)

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