

Religion

RE 101 Literature of the Old and New Testaments

Content of Biblical literature. Historical setting of texts, unfolding drama of salvation, Bible's relevance for contemporary faith and life. Faith and Reflection.

RE 150 Methods in the Study of Religion (½ course credit)

Introduction to the academic study of religion, its purposes, types, methods, research. Fall Term. Prerequisite: RE 101 or concurrent enrollment.

RE 181 Field Experience

May Term off-campus placement in a parish or church-related agency for observation of church vocations and practical experience. Supervision by local church or institution. P/D/F only. Possible off-campus costs. Does not apply to major. Prerequisite: first- or second-year student; instructor approval.

RE 195, 295, 395, 495 Special Topics (variable credit)

Topics and credit vary. See course schedule.

RE 200 Christian Faith and Life

Principal doctrines of the Christian faith. Critical reflection on Christian claims in light of human experience. Faith and Reflection. Prerequisite: RE 101.

RE 201 American Denominations

Histories, distinctive beliefs, worship practices of the major Christian denominations. Examination of denominationalism as a factor in American religious life. Faith and Reflection.

RE 202 World Religions in Dialogue

Religions of the world, their scriptures, rituals, beliefs, ethical and social implications. Foundational study of each religion, then dialogical study comparing it with others. Special attention to Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, indigenous religions. Faith and Reflection. Diversity.

RE 210 Theology and Ethics of MLK

An academic and experiential study of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life, ministry and writings. Includes eight days of travel to sites of the civil rights movement. Considers King's contemporary legacy. Faith and Reflection. Diversity. May Term every third year.

RE 215 Contemporary Moral Problems: Poverty or Racism

Integration of biblical, theological, sociological perspectives to guide ethical action on contemporary issues. Ethical analysis of related public policy concerns. Rotating themes in alternate years. Faith and Reflection. Diversity. Possible Fee. May repeat for credit. Prerequisite: RE 101.

RE 222 Sexual Ethics

The moral nature of humans as sexual beings. Attention to the major religious and philosophical systems of the Western world (especially Christianity), to cases and issues of contemporary debate, and to the intersection of religion with biology and the health sciences. Interconnected: Humanities/Fine Arts.

RE 241 Religious Cults/Contemporary Religious Movements

Spiritual, psychological, sociological phenomena of religious cults/contemporary religious movements. General patterns and motivations of cultic movements. Focus on groups active in America today. Fee.

RE 255 Urban Ministry

Analysis of the church's mission in the city. Includes experiences with social justice ministries and study of spiritual, economic, political, and social contexts using an action-reflection model. Sections in Denver and San Bernardino or other urban setting. Interconnected: Social Science. Diversity. P/D/F only. May Term. Fee.

RE 257 The Church in Latin America

Role of the church in Latin America in historical, political, and social context studied through participation in service projects and with a focus on understanding poverty. The interpretation of Biblical texts through third-world eyes. Faith and Reflection. Diversity. May Term. Fee. Prerequisite: RE 101.

RE 277 Reformation Then and Now

On-site study of the historical Lutheran Reformation and contemporary role of the church in the "new reformation" in Eastern Europe. Diversity. P/D/F only. May Term. Fee. Prerequisite: instructor approval.

RE 301 Old Testament Themes

In-depth study of creation theology, prophecy, wisdom literature, or another genre or theme within the Hebrew Scriptures. Rotating topics. May repeat for credit. Prerequisite: RE 101.

RE 302 New Testament Studies

In-depth study of an author, book, genre, or theme within the New Testament. Rotating topics. May repeat for credit. Prerequisite: RE 101.

RE 304 Lutheran Heritage

Life and theology of Luther. Growth of Lutheranism in Europe and America. Recent developments in world Lutheranism. Faith and Reflection. Winter Term.

RE 307 Philosophy of Religion

Identical with PH 307. Survey and analysis of religious experience, existence of God, good and evil, logic of religious discourse. Writing intensive. Faith and Reflection. Every third year.

RE 310 Living with Death

Personal, cultural, biblical, religious significance of death. Meanings of life, suffering, grief, doubt, suicide, euthanasia, transplants, funerals. Faith and Reflection. Diversity.

RE 311 Women in Bible and Culture

Identical with WS 311. Women in the Old and New Testaments, women's roles in Hebrew and Greco-Roman society, prominent biblical women in church tradition, the interplay of culture and interpretation, women and the ministry. Faith and Reflection. May Term even years. Prerequisite: RE 101.

RE 312 End of the World in Bible and Culture

Origins, worldview, characteristics of apocalyptic literature, both

biblical and extra-biblical. History of the interpretation of apocalyptic texts with a special focus on American culture and politics. Faith and Reflection. Prerequisite: RE 101.

RE 313 Image of God in Bible and Culture

Metaphorical depictions of God in the Bible and Western culture, implications for humans as created in the image of God. Psychological, social, ethical consequences of various images of God through history and in contemporary society. Faith and Reflection.

RE 315 History of Christianity I

Formation of the early Christian church, early church controversies, medieval scholasticism, Reformation, post-Reformation developments. Faith and Reflection. Fall Term. Prerequisite: RE 101.

RE 316 History of Christianity II

Christianity from the Enlightenment to the present. Impact of rationalism, romanticism, existentialism, other modern movements on Christian thought. Special attention to issues of faith and reason. Writing intensive. Faith and Reflection. Winter Term even years.

RE 324 Religious Traditions of Immigrant Communities

Exploration of how and why various Christian and non-Christian religious communities made their way to the Denver, Colo., area, examination of their history and beliefs, how they have fared since their arrival, their impact on the wider community. Faith and Reflection. Diversity. Prerequisite: acceptance into Wartburg West program.

RE 325 Christian Faith and Politics in America

Role of Christian faith and the church in the American political scene, viewed from various religious and political perspectives, utilizing people and organizations actively involved in politics in Denver, the Colorado state capital. Faith and Reflection. Prerequisite: acceptance into Wartburg West Program.

RE 330 Christian Vocation

Critical study of Christian vocation, including development of theological ideas, places of responsibility, modern challenges. Faith and Reflection. Prerequisite: RE 101.

RE 350 Christian Ethics

Critical engagement with the Christian ethical tradition. Analysis of personal character, decision making, social issues. Some attention to other ethical systems. Includes service learning and reflection. Faith and Reflection. Prerequisite: RE 101.

RE 355 Ethics in Economic Life

A survey of moral theories and issues in contemporary economic life. Special attention to the intersection of religion and business ethics. Faith and Reflection. Prerequisite: RE 101.

RE 360 Readings In ... (½ course credit)

In-depth reading and reflection on a significant author, topic, or theme. May repeat for credit. Must be taken twice to meet Faith and Reflection requirement.

RE 370 Introduction to the Parish

Skills required for work in the contemporary parish setting: teaching, organizing, leading, counseling, calling. Reading, research, experience in a local parish setting. P/D/F only. Alternate years. Prerequisites: RE 101; second-, third-, or fourth-year standing.

RE 371 Internship

Integration of academic work with ministry of a parish or church institution. Observation, readings, participation. Supervision by department and parish or institution. One course credit applicable toward religion major. P/D/F only. Possible off-campus costs. Prerequisites: RE 101; RE 370 or RE 375 (may be taken concurrently); third- or fourth-year student committed to church vocation; 2.5 cumulative GPA; and department approval.

RE 372 Internship

Integration of academic work with ministry of a parish or church institution. Observation, readings, participation. Supervision by department and parish or institution. One course credit applicable toward religion major. RE 372 will normally be taken in a different internship site than RE 371. For camping ministry students, RE 372 will normally be taken with a different camping ministry organization. Possible off-campus costs. P/D/F only. Prerequisites: RE 371; third- or fourth-year student committed to church vocation; 2.5 cumulative GPA and department approval.

RE 373 Religion Across Cultures

Comparison of key aspects of student's own religion within the context of another culture. Faith and Reflection. Diversity. Prerequisite: none. Corequisite: enrollment in full-term cultural immersion program and department approval.

RE 375 Youth and Family Ministry

Meaning and theology of ministry and vocation as it relates to youth and family ministry in the church. Exploration and observation of various styles, gifts, approaches to youth and family ministry. P/D/F only. Prerequisites: second-year standing or above and RE 101.

RE 381 Camping Ministry: Theology and Praxis

Biblical, theological, practical issues of camping ministry. Classroom instruction and camping ministry training at an outdoor ministry site related to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. May Term every third year. Prerequisite: RE 101.

RE 399 Supplemental Instruction: Religion (½ course credit)

Teaching practicum in a specific area of study. Student SI leaders participate in leader training, attend classes for which they serve as leaders, prepare and lead study sessions that reinforce course content, model and teach effective study strategies. P/D/F only.

RE 415 The Lutheran Confessions

Lutheran Confessional documents of the 16th century in their historical and theological setting and in light of the Lutheran Church's present-day commitment to them. Fulfills an ELCA requirement for certification as an Associate in Ministry. Prerequisite: RE 304 or instructor approval.

RE 450 Independent Study (variable credit)

Additional study in consultation with instructor in areas of interest or need.

RE 460 Church in the Modern World

Synthesis of biblical studies, history, theology, and ethics for study of the church and its role in the (post) modern world. Writing intensive. Capstone for all religion majors. Prerequisites: RE 315 and third- or fourth-year standing.