

## Religion and Philosophy

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Wartburg College understands itself as a community of faith and learning. Course work in religion helps students understand the Christian heritage, increase ethical sensitivity, gain understanding of and respect for other religions, and explore the relation between faith and life. The principal mission of philosophy is to foster in its practitioners a critical, reflective attitude. Thus, it provides students with tools to broaden narrow perspectives and analyze values, ideologies, and commitments.

During May Term, students may complete traditional courses on campus, participate in field experiences in a parish or church-related agency, take part in a San Bernardino, Calif., or Denver, Colo., immersion, visit Reformation lands, or participate in an archaeological dig.

The Religion and Philosophy Department offers several majors, minors, concentrations, and endorsements. Students are also encouraged to consider religion or philosophy as a second major to complement another area of academic study.

The goals of the religion program at Wartburg College are to equip students:

- To acquire, through the use of appropriate scholarly tools and methods, a critical understanding of the content of the Old and New Testament writings and the historical contexts from which they emerged.
- To examine the formative influence of the biblical tradition upon Western civilization and to reflect on its significance for contemporary life.
- To develop a critical understanding of the interrelationship among religious beliefs, institutions, and practices in changing historical contexts.
- To gain appreciation and respect for the common human quest for religious meaning, informed by the study of multiple religious traditions.
- To develop the ability to analyze scriptural, historical, and theological texts.
- To identify and articulate their own religious and/or ethical values and to engage in constructive dialogue with others whose values may differ.
- To develop moral reasoning skills and the ability to analyze issues using basic elements of ethical theory.
- To integrate their religious and/or ethical values within a chosen course of study and a chosen vocational field.

In addition to these, the goals of the various church vocations concentrations are for students:

- To demonstrate successful completion of a program of contextual education within the chosen concentration, through internships and/or immersion experiences.
- To be appropriately prepared for employment in their chosen area of ministry or for admission into graduate or professional schools.
- To develop qualities of respect, engagement, and thoughtfulness appropriate for religious leadership in a pluralistic society.

### **Major in Religion**

8½ course credits:

RE 101 Literature of the Old and New Testaments

RE 150 Methods in the Study of Religion (½)

RE 202 World Religions in Dialogue or RE 324 Immigrant Communities and Their Religious Traditions

RE 315 History of Christianity I

RE 460 Church in the Modern World

One course credit from

RE 301 Old Testament Themes

RE 302 New Testament Studies

One course credit from

RE 200 Christian Faith and Life

RE 201 American Denominations

RE 304 Lutheran Heritage

RE 307 Philosophy of Religion

RE 316 History of Christianity II

RE 360 Readings in ...

RE 415 Lutheran Confessions

One course credit from

RE 210 Theology and Ethics of Martin Luther King

RE 215 Contemporary Moral Problems

RE 222 Sexual Ethics

RE 310 Living with Death

RE 325 Christian Faith and Politics in America

RE 330 Christian Vocation

RE 350 Christian Ethics

RE 355 Ethics in Economic Life

One elective course credit from the following:

An additional RE course credit

MU 322 Music in Christian Worship

Both HB 201 Biblical Hebrew I and HB 202 Biblical Hebrew II as one elective

Both GR 201 Elementary Greek I and GR 202 Elementary Greek II as one elective

### **Minor in Religion**

6 course credits:

RE 101 Literature of the Old and New Testaments

RE 202 World Religions in Dialogue or RE 324 Immigrant Communities and Their Religious Traditions

RE 315 History of Christianity I

One course credit from

RE 200 Christian Faith and Life

RE 201 American Denominations

RE 304 Lutheran Heritage

RE 307 Philosophy of Religion

RE 316 History of Christianity II

RE 360 Readings in ...

RE 415 Lutheran Confessions

One course credit from

- RE 210 Theology and Ethics of Martin Luther King
- RE 215 Contemporary Moral Problems
- RE 222 Sexual Ethics
- RE 310 Living with Death
- RE 325 Christian Faith and Politics in America
- RE 330 Christian Vocation
- RE 350 Christian Ethics
- RE 355 Ethics in Economic Life
- RE 460 Church in the Modern World

One RE elective course credit

By completing the religion major, students have met the requirements for OCAC/ILAC.

### ***Concentrations in Religion***

#### **CAMPING MINISTRY CONCENTRATION**

Religion major plus 10-11 course credits:

- ED 212 Human Relations
- SW 202 Group Behavior
- RE 370 Introduction to the Parish or RE 375 Youth and Family Ministry
- RE 371 Internship and RE 372 Internship (one internship must be a camp supervisory experience)
- RE 381 Camping Ministry: Theology and Praxis

One course credit from

- BI 130 Drugs and Personal Health
- PHY 132 Earth Science
- PHY 170 Astronomy

One course credit from

- ID 305 Humanity and Environment
- ID 307 The American Landscape
- ID 315 Leadership Theories and Practices

Three course credits from

- AC 121 Principles of Accounting I
- AC 122 Principles of Accounting II
- CA 305 Reporting for Print Media
- PSY 225 Life Span Human Development
- PSY 240 Social Psychology
- SO 335 Juvenile Delinquency

#### **PRESEMINARY CONCENTRATION**

Religion major plus 9-10 course credits:

- RE 301 Old Testament Themes
- RE 302 New Testament Studies
- PH 101 Introduction to Philosophy or PH 202 Logic
- PH 303 Ancient and Medieval Philosophy

Two years Biblical language. May be fulfilled by two years of Greek (3 cc) or two years of Hebrew (2cc) or one year each of Greek and Hebrew (3cc)

MU 322 Music in Christian Worship  
EN Any 200- or 300-level course  
HI Any European or non-Western history course

**URBAN MINISTRY CONCENTRATION**

Religion major plus 8-9 course credits:  
RE 255 Urban Ministry  
SO 101 Introduction to Sociology  
SO 225 Race and Ethnicity in America  
SO 240 Social Psychology  
SO 302 Communities  
SO 335 Juvenile Delinquency  
SW 101 Introduction to Social Work  
SW 202 Group and Organizational Behavior  
SW 300 Social Policy  
Spanish recommended.

**YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY CONCENTRATION**

Religion major plus 12-13 course credits:  
BI 130 Drugs and Personal Health  
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology  
PSY 224 Abnormal Psychology  
PSY 303 Counseling Psychology  
RE 222 Sexual Ethics  
RE 301 Old Testament Themes  
RE 302 New Testament Studies  
RE 370 Introduction to the Parish  
RE 371 Internship  
RE 372 Internship  
RE 375 Youth and Family Ministry  
SO 101 Introduction to Sociology  
SO 316 Sociology of the Family  
SW 202 Group and Organizational Behavior

***Christian Education***

For teaching endorsements, see Christian Education in Education Department listings.

***Church Music***

See Church Music.

***Global Service Emphasis***

Students complete Intercultural Certification along with religion major.

## **Philosophy**

### ***Major in Philosophy***

8 course credits:

PH 202 Logic

Six PH elective course credits

PH 470 Senior Thesis

The philosophy major constitutes its capstone.

By completing the philosophy major, students have met the requirements for

OCAC/ILAC.

### ***Minor in Philosophy***

6 course credits:

PH 202 Logic

Five PH elective course credits