

Religion and Philosophy

“THE PLACE GOD CALLS YOU TO IS THE PLACE WHERE YOUR DEEP GLADNESS AND THE WORLD’S DEEP HUNGER MEET.” — FREDERICK BUECHNER



May Term 2005 in Turkey

The study of religion and philosophy takes place at the intersection of faith, reason, and culture. As a religion or philosophy major, you will engage the profound questions of human existence and discover where your deep gladness meets the world's deep hunger. Along the way, you will be guided by a skilled and caring faculty who offer instruction in a wide range of topics, including philosophy, ethics, Bible, biblical languages, theology, church history, church music, and world religions.

You will develop a critical understanding of the interrelationship among religious beliefs, institutions, and practices in changing historical contexts. You will also gain appreciation and respect for the common human quest for religious meaning, informed by the study of multiple religious traditions. You will develop the ability to analyze scriptural, historical, and theological texts. You will be able to identify and articulate your own religious and ethical values and engage in constructive dialogue with others whose values may differ. You will also develop moral reasoning skills and the ability to analyze issues using basic elements of ethical theory. Finally, you will be able to integrate your religious and ethical values within a chosen course of study and a chosen vocational field.

Quick Facts

Philosophy majors research and defend a senior thesis.

Study the Bible in the original languages of Hebrew and Greek.

During May Term, travel with religion faculty to Tanzania, Germany, Honduras, South Africa, or Brazil.

Earn academic credit through hands-on practical field experiences and internships in settings such as congregations, camps, nursing homes, and social ministry organizations.

Supplement your religion major with a church vocations concentration—pre-seminary, camping ministry, urban ministry, youth and family ministry, or with an interdisciplinary major in church music.

In the past six years, at least 10 Wartburg religion majors have been awarded competitive grants from the Fund for Theological Education to support research, mentoring, and further study.

The department can't graduate youth and family ministry majors quickly enough to meet the demand from congregations!

For More Information

For more information, visit www.wartburg.edu/religion/ online or talk to your admissions counselor.

Sample curriculum of the program can be found online at www.wartburg.edu/religion/



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Faculty

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Dr. Ronald G. Alexander, professor of philosophy and religion

The Rev. Bonita Bock, lecturer in religion and co-director of Wartburg West

The Rev. Nelson Bock, lecturer in religion and co-director of Wartburg West

The Rev. Dr. Walter C. Bouzard, associate professor of religion

Dr. Brian C. Jones, assistant professor of religion

The Rev. Dr. Judith Anne Jones, assistant professor of religion

Dr. Lake Lambert III, Regents Chair in Ethics, Discovering and Claiming Our Callings project director, and associate professor of religion

The Rev. Dr. Peter T. Nash, visiting professor of religion and assistant to the president for global communities

The Rev. Dr. Fred M. Strickert, professor of religion and Slife Professor of Humanities

The Rev. Larry A. Trachte, Herbert and Cora Moehlmann Chaplaincy Chair, college pastor, and assistant professor of religion

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Changed Lives



“Being a religion major allows me to explore religion and faith in a whole other dimension. Not only do I have the opportunity to learn how my own religious traditions developed but I have the chance to understand different faiths other than my own.”

Jeanette Bidne '06
Kiester, Minn.
2005 recipient of a Fellowship for Theological Education grant

Organizations

Religion majors and minors with a 3.5 grade point average can become members of Wartburg's chapter of **Theta Alpha Kappa**, the national honor society for theology and religious studies.

Philosophy and religion majors are encouraged to participate in the **Wartburg Philosophical and Literary Society**.

Students can become active in **Campus Ministry**, which includes many student-initiated outreach programs.

More than **100 student organizations** and groups appeal to a variety of interests, including music, athletics, science, campus ministry, and student government.