



## PHILOSOPHY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR

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The Philosophy and Religious Studies major provides students with a foundation in metaphysics (the nature of ultimate reality and religious/spiritual experiences), epistemology (the study of truth, knowledge, and critical thinking), ethics (moral theory, applied ethical issues, theological frameworks, and political theory), textual studies (analysis of literary genres, composition and redaction histories, and reception histories of sacred texts), ritual studies (exploring varieties of spiritual practices in various contexts), and aesthetics (the study of beauty and art).

Beyond the major, students may additionally choose between two optional concentrations of study: (1) Ethics and Social Justice or (2) Religious Literacy. Courses taken toward the major can also count toward these optional concentrations.

The major serves as a preparation for graduate study in philosophy, religious studies, and related fields, but also complements work in other disciplines such as political science, pre-law, history, English, business, environmental science, and pre-healthcare. Additionally, the major is designed to help students to flourish in a complex and diverse world.

You can find the course descriptions for all courses required for this major by clicking on the following links:

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## Major: PHILOSOPHY &amp; RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Student's Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Advisor

Date Major Declared

Course #	Title of Course	Hours Required	Semester Completed	Grade
<b>Core Courses (9 hrs):</b>				
PHL 120	History of Philosophy	3		
PHL 212	Introduction to Ethics	3		
REL/PHL 102	World Religions	3		
REL 101	Introduction to the Bible	3		
<b>Three Upper-Level Courses in PHL/REL (9 hrs):</b>				
PHL/REL	Upper-Level Course	3		
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<b>Three additional electives either from PHL/REL or courses outside of these with significant overlap with philosophy/religious studies themes (see sample list below) (9 hrs):</b>				
ECN/ENV 377	Environmental and Resource Economics	3		
POL 302	Introduction to Political Theory	3		
POL 314	American Constitutional Law and Politics	3		
POL 326	Environmental Politics and Policy	3		
POL 337	Human Rights and Security	3		
POL 351	Women and Politics	3		
PSY 358	Cognitive Neuroscience	3		
PSY 364	Stereotyping, Prejudice, and Group Conflict	3		
SEC 325	Issues in Homeland Security	3		
SEC 337	Human Rights and Security	3		
WGS 315	Gender and Society	3		
WGS 335	Sex and Gender in the Christian Tradition	3		
WGS 351	Women and Politics	3		
<b>Optional Concentrations: Courses may count toward both the major and the concentrations</b>				
<b><i>Ethics and Social Justice Concentration (4 courses from list below, 3 of which must be from REL or PHL) (12 hrs):</i></b>				
LST 330	Diversity & Ethics in Leadership	3		
PHL 218	Intro to Logic	3		
PHL 242	Biomedical Ethics	3		
PHL 244	Business Ethics	3		
PHL 246	Environmental Ethics	3		
PHL 324	Genetic Manipulation	3		

POL 337	Human Rights and Security	3		
PSY 364	Stereotyping, Prejudice, and Group Conflict	3		
REL 307	Social Justice in Modern Christian Thought	3		
REL 324	Religion and the Environment	3		
WGS 351	Women and Politics	3		
<i>Religious Literacy Concentration (four courses from the following list) (12 hrs):</i>				
REL 101	Introduction to the Bible	3		
REL/PHL 102	World Religions	3		
REL 305	Perceptions of Death	3		
REL 316	The Teachings of Jesus	3		
REL 319	Recent Christian Thought	3		
REL/PHL 333	Asian Philosophy and Religion	3		
REL 342	Religion and Science	3		
TOTAL HOURS FOR MAJOR		27 hrs		