

# **RELIGION AND BIBLICAL LANGUAGES**

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## **Programs**

**BA: Theology**

**Note:** Students planning to enter the Seventh-day Adventist

**RELB214 (4)****Law and Writings of the Old Testament**

An introduction to The Pentateuch and the “Writings” (historical books, Psalms, and Wisdom literature). *Fall*

**RELB304 V (3)****Studies in Daniel**

Distance education—see RELB406.

**RELB305 V (3)****Studies in Revelation**

Distance education—see RELB406.

**RELB335 (4)****Acts and Epistles**

Brief introduction to principles of New Testament interpretation; a study of Acts, the Pauline Epistles, Hebrews, and the General Epistles. Research paper may be required. *Spring*

**RELB335 V (3)****Acts and Epistles I**

Distance education—see content above.

**RELB374 V (3)****Old Testament Prophets, Early**

Distance education. Includes the history of prophecy, the pre-writing prophetic figures, and the books of the writing prophets of the 8<sup>th</sup> and early 7<sup>th</sup> century B.C. Research paper may be required.

**RELB375 V (3)****Old Testament Prophets, Later**

Distance education. Includes the books of the writing prophets of the 7<sup>th</sup> century B.C. to the end of the prophetic canon. Research paper may be required.

**RELB380-50 (1-3)****Honors in Religion (topic specified)**

Readings and seminar observations on various topics. Area of study announced in advance. Repeatable as topics vary. *Fall, Spring*

**RELB406 (4)****Studies in Daniel and Revelation**

Study of the background, content, and construction of these biblical books with emphasis upon the interpretation of prophecy, apocalyptic imagery and symbols. *Fall*

**RELB476 (4)****Prophets of Israel**

Includes the history of prophecy, the pre-writing prophetic figures, and the books of the writing prophets. Research paper may be required. *Spring*

**GENERAL RELIGION****RELG160 (1-3)****Topics in Religion**

Designed to add flexibility to the department offerings and to meet diverse student needs. Repeatable as topics vary. Consult the class schedule for the current topic. *Fall, Spring*

**RELG248 (1-3)****Workshop**

Provides flexibility for the occasional workshop where it is appropriate to offer religion credit. Workshop requirements must be approved by the department. *Fall, Spring*

**RELG360 S (1-3)****Topics in Religion**

Designed to add flexibility to the department offerings and to meet diverse student needs. Repeatable as topics vary. Consult the class schedule for the current topic. This course qualifies for a deferred grade when it requires research. *Fall, Spring*

**RELG360 V (3)****Topics in Religion: World Religions**

Distance education course. Surveys the major religious traditions of the world. Study includes an overview of origins, major philosophical and theological underpinnings, typical aspects of worship and ethics, and major social, cultural and political influences. Study is done from a consciously Christian framework.

**RELG496 (1-3)****Special Projects in Religion**

By special permission of the Department of Religion and Biblical Languages. *Fall, Spring, Summer*

**CHURCH HISTORY****RELH316 (3)****History of the Christian Church I**

Surveys the internal and external developments and conflicts which Christianity has experienced in time and space from the time of Christ up to the Reformation. Special attention given to those developments that relate to Seventh-day Adventist theological heritage. Aims to enable the student to develop a broader historical perspective through which to see the outworking of the great controversy through the centuries, especially as it relates to issues the church faces today. Prerequisite: HIST117 or permission of instructor. Not applicable to the General Education requirements in religion nor a major or minor in religion. *Fall*

**RELH316 V (3)****History of the Christian Church I**

Distance education—see content above.

**RELH317 (3)****History of the Christian Church II**

Surveys the history of the church from the Protestant Reformation to current time. Special attention is given to the Protestant Reformation, the Catholic counter-reformation, Puritanism, Rationalism, Evangelicalism, the rise of modern denominations, the world-wide mission expansion, and ecumenism. Prerequisite: HIST118 or permission of instructor. Not applicable to the General Education requirements in religion. *Spring*

**RELH317 V (3)****History of the Christian Church II**

Distance education—see content above.

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING****RELP200 (.5)****Pastoral Practicum**

A weekly seminar giving instruction in the many aspects of ministering in small churches. Includes assignment to one of the area churches. Required of all theology/religion majors when not registered for RELP331, 332, 333 or 334. Students register once for the entire year. Graded S/U. *Fall, Spring*

- RELP235** (2)  
*Christianity in a World Context*  
An introduction to the status and role of Christianity and mission worldwide. Includes a brief history of Christian mission, current facts about mission needs, Christian and mission relationships to world religions, political ideologies, national development, and non-Western cultures. *Fall*
- RELP240** (0)  
*Christian Witnessing/Public Evangelism Seminar*  
Acquaintance with the dynamics of Christian witnessing in the neighborhood, at work, and in the friend-to-friend approach of personal Bible study. Christ's example of witnessing is highlighted. Includes participation in the departmental summer field school. Graded S/U.
- RELP325** (2-6)  
*Preparation for Mission Service*  
An orientation of mission candidates to contemporary mission. A maximum of 3 credits is allowed for student missionaries and 4-6 credits for appointees to the Mission Institute. A maximum of 3 credits is applicable to the General Education religion requirement. *Spring*
- RELP331** (1)  
*Homiletics I—Introduction to Preaching*  
Lays the foundation for biblical sermon construction and delivery. Includes participation in the weekly Religion Round Table seminars, a practicum assignment, and supervised field preaching. Weekly lab required. *Fall*
- RELP332** (1)  
*Homiletics II—Biblical Preaching*  
Addresses the crucial nature of expository preaching, stressing proper principles of interpreting and applying the text to practical life. Includes participation in the weekly Religion Round Table seminars, a practicum assignment, and supervised field preaching. Weekly lab required. Prerequisite: RELP331. *Spring*
- RELP333** (1)  
*Homiletics III—Advanced Biblical Preaching*  
Explores further methods of expository preaching such as narrative, induction, and great themes of the Scriptures. Includes participation in the weekly Religion Round Table seminars, a practicum assignment, and supervised field preaching. Weekly lab required. Prerequisite: RELP332. *Fall*
- RELP334** (1)  
*Homiletics IV—Evangelistic and Special Events Preaching*  
Addresses the needs of special preaching events such as evangelistic crusades, weddings, funerals, and dedications. Includes participation in the weekly Religion Round Table seminars, a practicum assignment, and supervised field preaching. Weekly lab required. Prerequisite: RELP333. *Spring*
- RELP335** (3)  
*Foundations of Youth Ministry*  
Designed for the youth specialist who wishes to work as a youth pastor, youth director, academy Bible teacher, or in any other youth-training capacity. *Spring*
- RELP340** (2)  
*Strategies for Service*  
Creates the vision that all Christians can serve in mission. Shows how to witness in cross-cultural situations and introduces students to ways they can do mission in any occupation. Alternate forms of mission like tent-maker ministries, non-resident missionaries, urban ministry, and work with refugees and foreign students are addressed. *Spring*
- RELP400** (3)  
*Senior Seminar*  
A team taught, interdisciplinary capstone seminar for seniors which addresses theoretical and practical spiritual issues in a specific discipline. Students choose from one of the following subsections that most closely relates to their major: Humanities, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Health Professionals, Education, Technology, Business. *Fall, Spring*
- RELP441** (2)  
*Introduction to Pastoral Ministry*  
A study of the minister as leader of worship, as nurturing pastor, as administrator of the church and as evangelist. *Fall*
- RELP441** V (3)  
*Introduction to Pastoral Ministry*  
Distance education course. A study of good church administration, combining pastoral leadership with church management. Addresses the four-dimensional role of the pastor—person, administrator, church leader, and priest.
- RELP442** (2)  
*Introduction to Pastoral Leadership*  
A study of the principles of leadership as applied to pastoral ministry. *Spring*
- THEOLOGY**
- RELT100** (3)  
*God and Human Life*  
How God confronts human beings—includes the process of revelation, principles of interpreting Scripture and similarly inspired material, the nature of God and His expectations for humans, and the evaluation of these concepts as presented in Scripture and the classic literature of various religions. *Fall, Spring, Summer*
- RELT100** V (3)  
*God and Human Life*  
Distance education—see content above.
- RELT216** (2)  
*Workshop in Prayer*  
Study of faith, private prayer, family worship, conducting prayer groups, public prayer, and prayer as a ministry. Not applicable toward the theology concentration or major in religion. *Fall, Spring*
- RELT225** (3)  
*Doctrines of the Adventist Faith*  
Defines and clarifies the Biblical doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist faith, distinguishing them within the background of the Judeo-Christian tradition. Prerequisite: RELT100. *Fall, Spring, Summer*
- RELT225** V (3)  
*Doctrines of the Adventist Faith*  
Distance education—see content above.

- RELT226** (3) **RELT348** S (3)  
***Advanced Adventist Theology***  
 Examines fundamental Seventh-day Adventist teachings regarding the Sabbath, Second Advent, and Sanctuary in the context of such interrelated doctrines as the nature of man, Christ's atoning sacrifice and heavenly ministry, and the pre- and post-Advent judgments. Designed to help students appreciate more fully not only the validity of these doctrines, but also their relevance for their Christian life. Research paper may be required. *Spring*
- RELT235** V (3)  
***Principles of Bible Instruction***  
 Distance education course to help students develop necessary skills and expertise vital for success in Bible instruction.
- RELT250** (3)  
***Personal Spirituality and Faith***  
 A study of the Biblical perspective on the act of faith and the life of faith. How does a person begin and nurture one's own personal spiritual and devotional life? Also studies the meaning of spiritual nurture in various lifestyle and work settings. Personal spiritual growth is fostered through involvement in organized church activities and/or witnessing outreach. Prerequisite: RELT100. *Fall, Spring, Summer*
- RELT290** V (3)  
***Introduction to Pastoral Counseling***  
 Distance education course. Understanding that pastoring is by definition counseling. Introduces both the actual skill of counseling and the acquisition of knowledge and insights based on reading and experience.
- RELT308** (2)  
***Gift of Prophecy***  
 Study of the prophetic manifestation in Bible and church to include the ministry and writings of Ellen G. White. Research paper may be required. Recommended as corequisite for secondary education certification: *SDA History for Teachers (HIST230)*. *Fall*
- RELT308** V (2)  
***Gift of Prophecy***  
 Distance education—see content above.
- RELT320** V (3)  
***Personal Evangelism***  
 Distance education course. The dynamics of personal evangelism with primary emphasis on instruction rather than exhortation. A clear biblical perspective on the priesthood of all believers; practical counseling for leading someone to Christ; a strategy for visitation; a Bible study methodology; and techniques in getting decisions.
- RELT340** (3)  
***Religion and Ethics in Modern Society***  
 Considers how the Judeo-Christian tradition confronts the moral complexities of a highly technical society. Are there universal absolutes that cross all cultural boundaries, or are all values relative? Designed to help students articulate what molded their value system and what should help to shape it. Students are expected to participate in some organized church/civic/social service activities. Prerequisite: RELT100. *Fall, Spring, Summer*
- RELT340** V (3)  
***Religion and Ethics in Modern Society***  
 Distance education—see content above.
- Christians and the Environment***  
 A religious, philosophical, and activist approach to environmental issues, analyzing ideological causes of environmental degradation, and offering philosophical and theological perspectives which inform and sensitize the student to the Christian's environmental responsibility. Qualifies as an "S" course for General Education Service Learning. Contains a service component.