

RELIGION & BIBLICAL LANGUAGES

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Academic Programs	Credits
BA: Theology Emphasis Areas Pastoral Ministry Youth Ministry	
BA: Religion Emphasis Area Religion for Secondary Education	—
BA: Religion (Distance Degree)	
AA: Personal Ministries (Distance Degree)	
Minor in Religion	
Minor in Biblical Languages	
Minor in Missions	

Mission

The Department of Religion & Biblical Languages seeks to engage majors and general education students through a biblically grounded, theologically astute and relevant process of spiritual formation; equipping and inspiring them to passionately serve the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the wider world beyond as dedicated laypersons and committed denominational employees in the expectation of the soon coming of Jesus Christ.

Students who are religion and theology majors must maintain a minimum overall . GPA (. for BA: Religion for Secondary Education). They must be in good and regular standing in terms of student life citizenship. As future ministers of the church, they are expected to live in harmony with Seventh-day Adventist beliefs and practices. Failure in any of these areas may lead to a student being placed on probation or being dismissed from the program. Academic requirements and other program standards are stated in detail in the departmental handbook. ,

Required Cognates (25): BIBL , , , , , , ; HIST ; RELH ,

Required General Education courses: PHIL , FMST

Graduation Requirement: (a) ministerial candidacy; (b) major GPA of . .

BA: Religion is to be fulfilled by either Greek or Hebrew or any modern language at the intermediate level.

Graduation Requirement: (a) vocational ministry portfolio

Religion for Secondary Education Emphasis—33–35

RELB , , , , ; one course from RELB or or ; RELT , ; two courses from RELT or or RELP ; RELH (may substitute RELT and HIST)

Denominational certification requirements: Religion for Secondary Education includes all requirements in Religion for SDA church certification and designated for those seeking to teach religion on the secondary level. In order to meet Michigan State Teacher Certification requirements an additional major and minor must be earned. Students must obtain a second advisor in the School of Education and consult regularly with that advisor as well as their Religion advisor.

Graduation Requirement: (a) attendance to the Departmental assembly according to the Departmental Handbook; (b) major GPA of . .

Christian-Muslim Studies Emphasis

(Offered at the Newbold College affiliated campus only. Details of program available from the Office of Off-Campus Programs.)

BA: Religion (36)
(Distance Education)

The distance education degree requires a minimum of semester credits including all general education, major, and graduation requirements. The required courses are RELB , , , ; or ; RELT , , ; RELP , ; HIST .

Those electing Greek to meet the foreign language requirement must take Greek through the intermediate level.

Note: Students planning to enter the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary should select a major in theology. A religion major may be selected but must be supplemented with Seminary prerequisite courses. For entrance requirements, see the Theological Seminary section of this bulletin.

AA: Peace and Ministry (33)
(Distance Education)

This degree prepares students for personal outreach ministries, including Bible instruction, offers an opportunity to study a broad spectrum of courses covering both Old and New Testament. The

BIBL322**(2)**

Development of reading ability in narrative portions of the Hebrew Bible. Weekly lab required. Prerequisite: BIBL 300. Spring

BIBL427**(2)**

Application of the principles of Hebrew lexicography, grammar, syntax and style to the exegesis of selected passages of the Hebrew Old Testament. Emphasis placed upon practical and scholarly application of the text. Prerequisites: BIBL 300, RELB 300. Fall

BIBL495**(1-3)**

Provides opportunity for further and independent investigation of the history, development, and exegesis of the biblical text. Fall, Spring, Summer

Biblical Studies**RELB111****(3)**

An introduction to the writings and theology of the Old Testament within their near eastern cultural, geographical, and historical backgrounds. Fall

RELB112**(3)**

An introduction to the writings and theology of the New Testament within their Jewish and Greco-Roman cultural, geographical, and historical backgrounds. Spring

RELB115**(3)**

An introduction to the presuppositions beneath various interpretive approaches to the biblical text and application of the principles of interpretation to texts representing the various genres of the Old and New Testaments. Fall

RELB210**(3)**

Details the mission, the message and the meaning of Jesus Christ for His day and for ours. What is it about the Christian story that captured the attention of so much of world history? Also examines the connection between Christ's first Advent and His second. Fall, Spring, Summer

RELB210V**C (3)**

Online correspondence course—see content above.

RELB214**(3)**

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

RELB230**(3)**

Readings of biblical prayers as part of divine-human dialogue, assessing their significance for theology as well as for personal spiritual life. A study of the way prayers help to characterize both God and human beings in various types of biblical literature, and reflections of the role of prayer in the life of believers today.

RELB235**(3)**

A study of the meaning for the 1st century of biblical apocalyptic prophecy, describing the principles of reading and applying biblical prophecy in a modern world, comparing it with other modes of prophecy and prediction in the present culture, and assessing its relevance in view of modern global challenges. Does not count toward a Religion and Theology major.

RELB304V**C (3)**

Online correspondence course—see RELB 300.

RELB305V**C (3)**

Online correspondence course—see RELB 300.

RELB335**(3)**

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

RELB335V**C (3)**

Online correspondence course—see content above.

RELB374V**C (3)**

Online correspondence course. Includes the history of prophecy, the pre-writing prophetic figures, and the books of the writing prophets of the 8th and early 7th century B.C. Research paper may be required.

RELB375V**C (3)**

Online correspondence course. Includes the books of the writing prophets of the 7th century B.C. to the end of the prophetic canon. Research paper may be required.

RELB406**(3)**

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

RELB476**(3)**

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)**

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, Summer

RELG225**(3)**

An undergraduate religion course which explores the theology and practice of missions. The objective of the course is to under

stand God's mission in our world and to experience personal involvement in that mission. A long-term goal of the course is to create an experience through which God can inspire students to a lifetime of service and missions. The class experience includes intensive short-term missions exposure by means of a class tour. Note: Student missionaries are required to take a different missions course: RELP Preparation for Mission Service.

RELG248 (1-3)

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)

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, Summer

RELG360V C (3)

Online correspondence 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.

RELG378 S (0)

Travel to destinations relevant to individual programs of study. Classes will be selected from department(s) offerings. Fee may be required. Religion and theology majors only. Tw(ppinc)7.999 TD ()Tj /T1_1 1 Tf 0.023 Tw 0 -1.294 TD [62.(st4(j)5((logy20(Tctiv0(urv)210(edlig05 Tc -(ar

