

Major Course Requirements

A minimum of 52.2 hours (34.2 upper-division hours)

► Required Core Courses (34.2 hours):

RELB 180	Introduction to the Old Testament	3
RELB 190	Introduction to the New Testament	3
RELB 280	Introduction to Exegesis	3
RELH 311	World Religions	3
RELH 360	Adventist Heritage	3
RELP 300	Christian Spirituality	3
RELP 324	Ministry Colloquium*	1.2
RELT 331	Systematic Theology I	3
RELT 332	Systematic Theology II	3
RELT 333	Systematic Theology III	3

At least one of the following courses:

RELH 320	Christian History: To 1400 (3)	3
RELH 321	Christian History: Since 1400 (3)	3

► Emphasis Courses (21-22 hours):

RELB 341	Jesus as Healer	3
RELT 350	Selected Topics: God and Human Suffering	3
RELT 390	Christian Bioethics	3

At least one of the following courses:

PHIL 485	Issues in Science and Religion (3)	3
RELB 216	Introduction to Biblical Ethics (3)	3
RELP 235	Sharing Your Faith (3)	3
RELT 320	Philosophy of Religion (3)	3
RELT 355	Christian Ethics in Society (3)	3

At least 6 hours from the following:

(Including at least 3 upper-division hours)

Additional non-service RELB, RELH, RELP, and RELT courses

► Emphasis Cognate (3-4):

At least one of the following courses:

EMER 225	Public Health (3)**	3-4
FDNT 235	Nutrition (3)	
PSYC 240	Health Psychology (4)*	
PSYC 260	Death and Dying (4)*	
PSYC 435	Psychology of Religion (3)	
SOWK 214	The Family (4)	
SPAN 105	Spanish for Healthcare I (3)	

*Repeats quarterly

** Does not fulfill GE requirement.

This major fulfills the general education requirements in religion.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students can:

- Critically analyze the major themes and issues in the Bible in light of its cultural, literary, and historical contexts.
- Explain the basic Christian doctrines and distinctive Seventh-day Adventist beliefs in light of biblical and historical interpretation.
- Apply spiritual, ethical, and philosophical teachings in Scripture and Christian tradition to a contemporary world.

Occupational Information

What can I do with this major?

This major is designed primarily for those who wish to obtain a broad background in the study of religion but who are planning careers in a health related field, such as medicine, dentistry, or pharmacy. In addition to providing a broad-based undergraduate education, the religion major is intended to assist in the preparation of lay persons who can participate more fully in the life of the church.

Additional Education Required?

It is strongly recommended that those electing to graduate with this major combine it with a health related professional program (such as, pre-medicine, pre-dentistry, pre-pharmacy, etc.). Prospective teachers must obtain teaching credentials.

Job Outlook

If one combines the religion major with either a pre-professional program as suggested above or another major, or continues into graduate school, there's a wide range of job prospects.

General Education Requirements

To view general education requirements for this major, please refer to page A-02, Summary of General Education Requirements: B.A. Degree.

How to Construct Your Own Program

1. Counsel with your advisor.
2. Consider your aptitudes, interests, and available courses.
3. Schedule major courses and cognates first.
4. Fill the rest of your schedule with G.E. requirements.
5. For the freshman year include English, Religion, and PE courses. Also include Basic Algebra I+II unless waived by previous work.

What the Degree Includes

- A total of 192 quarter hours including:
1. A minimum of 60 upper division hours.
 2. General Education requirements.
 3. Major requirements.
 4. Minimum 2.0 GPA, overall and major.

For More Information

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Sample Four-Year Program

This sample curriculum is designed to show you how a program may be constructed and to help you select a proper sequence of courses in the major. It is not likely that these courses can always be taken in the order given. Your advisor will help you design a personalized program.

First Year	F	W	S
Thrive	3	-	-
Ministry Colloquium	.1	.1	.1
Introduction to the Old & New Testaments	-	3	3
General Education/Electives	13	13	13
	16.1	16.1	16.1

Second Year	F	W	S
Introduction to Exegesis (even)	3	-	-
Christian Spirituality	3	-	-
Ministry Colloquium	.1	.1	.1
Required Cognate Course	-	4	-
Adventist Heritage	-	-	3
Elective Religion Course	3	3	3
General Education/Electives	7	9	10
	16.1	16.1	16.1

Third Year	F	W	S
Jesus as Healer	3	-	-
World Religions	3	-	-
Ministry Colloquium	.1	.1	.1
Ethics Course (odd)	-	3	-
Selected Topics: God & Human Suffering	-	3	-
General Education/Electives	10	10	16
	16.1	16.1	16.1

Fourth Year	F	W	S
Systematic Theology I,II,III (even)*	3	3	3
Christian History Course	-	-	3
Ministry Colloquium	.1	.1	.1
Christian Bioethics	-	-	3
Senior Assessment Seminar	-	-	.2
General Education/Electives	13	13	7
	16.1	16.1	16.3

* Courses marked (even) or (odd) are taught in alternate years only.
2025-2026 is even, 2026-2027 is odd.