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Theology and Religion majors investigate the inspiring and life-changing truths of the Christian faith. Such exploration brings to life the Word of God in all its theological, historical, ethical, spiritual, and practical dimensions. The *Theology Department* offers two majors and six minors.

The Theology major is recommended for those who want to enter Christian ministry, specifically pastoral ministry, youth ministry, lay ministry, chaplaincy, or the teaching of religion. This major provides pre-Seminary education and training that meets the entrance requirements for the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. The North American Division (NAD) of Seventh-day Adventists recognizes the M.Div. degree as the standard degree for pastoral ministry within the NAD. Those who desire to enter pastoral ministry should ultimately take the M.Div. graduate degree sometime after completion of the B.A. in Theology. Unusual circumstances or age, however, may allow for the completion of a professional Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in a related field, such as the M.A. in Pastoral Ministry, instead of the normal M.Div. degree.

The Religion major is designed for those who want a solid background in religion but are planning careers in other fields, such as teaching, health professions, and law.

The six minors provide a formal framework for general students who wish to focus on a particular area of religious study.

Major in Theology, B.A.

A minimum of 94.2 hours (59.2 upper-division hours)

► Required Core Courses (87.2 hours):

RELB 180	Introduction to the Old Testament	3
RELB 190	Introduction to the New Testament	3
RELB 225	Books of Moses	3
RELB 371	Studies in Revelation	3
RELB 480	Advanced Greek Exegesis	3
RELH 235	Life and Ministry of Ellen White	3
RELH 320+321	Christian History I, II	3+3
RELH 360	Adventist Heritage	3
RELL 211+12+13	Biblical Greek I, II, III	4+4+4
RELL 301+02+03	Biblical Hebrew I, II, III	3+3+3
RELP 140	Praxis I	1+1
RELP 150	Introduction to Ministry	3
RELP 240	Praxis II	1+1+1
RELP 300	Christian Spirituality	3
RELP 324	Ministry Colloquium*	1.2
RELP 340	Praxis III	1+1+1
RELP 420	Evangelism	3
RELP 470+471	Biblical Preaching I, II	2+2
RELP 475	Pastoral Ministry	3
RELP 480	Missional Leadership	2
RELT 331+32+33	Systematic Theology I, II, III	3+3+3
<i>At least one of the following courses:</i>		3
RELB 210	Introduction to Biblical Ethics (3)	
RELT 355	Christian Ethics in Society (3)	

* Repeats quarterly

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➤ Required Cognates (7 hours):

BUAD 118	Personal Money Management	3
PSYC 121	General Psychology	4

Recommended Cognate Courses:

BIOL 355	Issues on Origins (3)
COMM 326	Advanced Public Speaking (3)
MUHL 206	Music in Christian Worship (3)
PHYS 485	Issues in Science and Religion (3)

This major is designed for the student who is preparing for Christian ministry, including pastoral ministry, youth ministry, chaplaincy, and teaching religion. The major is particularly suitable for the student who plans to seek graduate seminary education.

Students who desire to take this major must progress through the following two stages of the Ministerial Studies Program:

Stage I: Admission into the Program.

Evaluation and guidance that is focused upon helping students make sure that they are entering upon the right career path, given their interests, capabilities, and personality. When this process is successfully completed at the end of the second year, the student is invited to join the Ministerial Studies Program.

Stage II: Advancement to Candidacy.

Assessment of the commitment and potential of senior theology majors for successful ministry, and preparation for effectively presenting themselves to hiring agencies. Acceptance for Advancement to Candidacy is required for graduation as a theology major and for inclusion in the senior hiring interviews.

Exceptions to these criteria are considered individually and may be approved by the Theology Department faculty.

Each student successfully completing the Ministerial Studies Program, the academic requirements of this major, and the required Summer in Ministry Internship is eligible for recommendation by the Theology Department as a candidate for entrance into pastoral ministry or the seminary and subsequent work in some branch of Christian ministry.

Major in Religion, B.A.

A minimum of 49.2 hours (34.2 upper-division hours)

This major is designed for those who want a broad background in religion but who plan careers in a variety of other professions, such as teaching, health professions, and law.

➤ Required Core Courses (34.2 hours):

RELB 180	Introduction to the Old Testament	3
RELB 190	Introduction to the New Testament	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: 3

RELH 320	Christian History to 1400 (3)
RELH 321	Christian History since 1400 (3)

➤ Emphases (choose one):

1. Biblical Studies Emphasis (18 hours)

At least 15 hours from the following: 15

Include at least 9 upper-division hours
Additional RELB courses

At least one of the following courses: 3

RELB 210	Introduction to Biblical Ethics (3)
RELT 355	Christian Ethics in Society (3)

2. Health Professions Emphasis (21-22 hours)

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

At least one of the following courses: 3

PHIL 485	Issues in Science and Religion (3)
RELB 210	Introduction to Biblical Ethics (3)
RELP 235	Sharing Your Faith (3)
RELT 320	Philosophy of Religion (3)
RELT 355	Christian Ethics in Society (3)

At least 6 hours from the following: 6

(Including at least 3 upper-division hours)

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

* Repeats quarterly

► **Required Cognate Course:**

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)	

Major in Business and Theological Studies, B.S.

A minimum of 84 hours (47 upper-division hours)

✦ **Required Core Courses (75 hours):**

ACCT 121+122	Financial Accounting I+II	3+4
ACCT 123	Managerial Accounting	3
ACCT 307	Gov + Nonprofit Acct	3
BUAD 325	Business Law I	3
ECON 265	Microeconomics	4
FIN 341	Finance	5
INFS 146	PC Spreadsheets	1
MATH 106	College Algebra	3
MGMT 228	Information Systems	4
MGMT 361	Management	4
MGMT 466	Business and Society	3
MGMT 481	Operations Management	3
MGMT 491	Strategic Management	3
MKTG 351	Marketing	4
MKTG 417	Services Marketing	3
RELB 210	Intro to Biblical Ethics	3
RELB 180	Intro. Old Testament	3
RELB 190	Intro. New Testament	3
RELB 225	Books of Moses	3
RELB 371	Studies in Revelation	3
RELH 320	Christian History to 1400	3
RELH 321	Christian History f 1400	3
RELH 360	Adventist Heritage	3
RELP 150	Introduction to Ministry	3
RELP 470	Biblical Preaching I	2
RELP 480	Missional Leadership	2

Recommended for Seminary Attendance:

RELH 235	Life & Min. E.G. White	3
RELL 211+12+13	Biblical Greek I+II+III	4+4+4
RELL 301+02+03	Biblical Hebrew I +II+III	3+3+3
RELP 420	Evangelism	3
RELP 475	Pastoral Ministry	3

RELP 480	Missional Leadership	2
RELT 331+32+33	Systematic Theology I+II+III	3+3+3

Teaching Credential

Students planning to obtain a Seventh-day Adventist teaching credential in religion should consult with the credential analyst in the Education Department and should become acquainted with the specific requirements for admission to and successful completion of the Teacher Education Program as outlined in the Education section of this catalog.

Minor in Applied Christianity

A minimum of 24 hours (6 upper-division hours)

This minor is intended to provide a concentrated focus on specific ways in which one can live out one's Christian beliefs and communicate them to others.

► **Required Courses (24 hours):**

RELP 110 or 310	Next Gen Leadership	3
RELP 235	Sharing Your Faith	3
RELP 300	Christian Spirituality	3
GE Section II.C	Studying Scripture course	3
GE Section II.D	SDA Life & Thought course	3

Three additional courses, selected from the following: 9

RELB 210	Introduction to Biblical Ethics (3)
RELH 311	World Religions (3)
RELH 329	American Denominations (3)
RELP 350	Selected Topics (3)
RELT 220	Seventh-day Adventist Beliefs (3)
RELT 355	Christian Ethics in Society (3)
RELT 390	Christian Bioethics (3)

Minor in Biblical Languages

A minimum of 24 hours (12 upper-division hours)

This minor is intended to provide a concentrated focus on the two major languages in the Bible and the ability to carefully interpret Biblical texts in their original languages.

► **Required Courses (27 hours):**

RELL 211+12+13	Biblical Greek I, II, III	4+4+4
RELL 301+02+03	Biblical Hebrew I, II, III	3+3+3
RELB 480	Advanced Greek Exegesis	3

This minor is not open to theology majors.

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Minor in Biblical Studies

A minimum of 24 hours (6 upper-division hours)
This minor is intended to provide the skills to interpret specific, large sections of the Biblical text within their literary, historical, religious, and cultural contexts.

- Required Courses (24 hours):
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| GE Section II.C | Studying Scripture course | 3 |
| GE Section II.D | SDA Life & Thought course | 3 |
| GE Section II.E | Integrating Faith & Life course | 3 |
- Five additional courses, selected from the following: 15
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| Any RELB courses (3) | | |
| RELT 331 | Systematic Theology I (3) | |

Minor in Religious Studies

A minimum of 24 hours (6 upper-division hours)
This minor is intended to provide a focused study on the nature of religion, including such areas as world religions, philosophy of religion, spirituality, ethics, and religious history.

- Required Courses (21 hours):
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| RELH 311 | World Religions | 3 |
| RELT 320 | Philosophy of Religion | 3 |
| GE Section II.C | Studying Scripture course | 3 |
| GE Section II.D | SDA Life & Thought course | 3 |
- At least two of the following courses: 6
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| RELP 300 | Christian Spirituality (3) | |
| RELB 210 | Introduction to Biblical Ethics (3) | |
| RELT 355 | Christian Ethics in Society (3) | |
- At least one of the following courses: 3
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| RELH 320 | Christian History to 1400 (3) | |
| RELH 321 | Christian History since 1400 (3) | |
- Required Cognate Course (3 hours): 3
- At least one of the following courses:
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| PHIL 485 | Issues in Science & Religion (3) | |
| PSYC 435 | Psychology of Religion (3) | |
| SOCI 435 | Sociology of Religion (3) | |

Minor in Seventh-day Adventist Studies

A minimum of 24 hours (6 upper-division hours)
This minor is intended to provide a concentrated focus on the history, literature, and theology of Seventh-day Adventism.

- Required Courses (24 hours):
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| GE Section II.C | Studying Scripture course | 3 |
| GE Section II.D | SDA Life & Thought course | 3 |
| GE Section II.E | Integrating Faith & Life course | 3 |
- Five additional courses, selected from the following: 15
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| RELB 370 | Studies in Daniel (3) | |
| RELB 371 | Studies in Revelation (3) | |
| RELH 235 | Life and Ministry of Ellen White (3) | |
| RELH 360 | Adventist Heritage (3) | |
| RELT 220 | Seventh-day Adventist Beliefs (3) | |
| RELT 336 | Curr Issues in Seventh-day Adventism (3) | |
| RELT 337 | Last Day Events (3) | |

Minor in Theological Studies

A minimum of 24 hours (6 upper-division hours)
This minor is intended to provide an introduction to theological methodology and a survey of Christian doctrines.

- Required Courses (21 hours):
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| RELT 331+32+33 | Systematic Theology I, II, III | 3+3+3 |
| GE Section II.C | Studying Scripture course | 3 |
- At least one of the following courses: 3
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| RELT 240 | Eco-Theology (3) | |
| RELT 350 | Issues in Christian Faith (3) | |
| RELT 450 | Advanced Topics (3) | |
- At least one of the following courses: 3
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| RELT 336 | Current Issues in Seventh-day Adventism (3) | |
| RELT 337 | Last Day Events (3) | |
- Required Cognate Course (3 hours):
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| PHIL 101 | Introduction to Philosophy | 3 |
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Philosophical Studies

LOWER-DIVISION COURSE:

PHIL 101 **4 Arr** **Introduction to Philosophy**

Basic issues of philosophy, including methods and values, from the perspective of Western civilization.

UPPER-DIVISION COURSES:

PHIL 390 **3 Arr** **History and Philosophy of Science** (See *PHYS 390*.)

PHIL 485 **3 Arr** **Issues in Science and Religion** (See *PHYS 485*.)

PHIL 495 **1-3 Arr** **Independent Study**

With the approval of the department chair, properly qualified students may undertake an investigation of a topic suited to their background and experience. Repeatable to a maximum of 9 credits.

Biblical Studies

LOWER-DIVISION COURSES:

RELB 180 **3 W** **Introduction to the Old Testament**

A chronological survey of Old Testament people, places, and events, highlighting the basic message of the Old Testament books, their contribution to God's redemptive story line, and their significance for Christian thought and practice. Enrollment limited to theology and religion majors. Odd years.

RELB 190 **3 S** **Introduction to the New Testament**

A chronological survey of New Testament people, places, and events, highlighting the basic message of the New Testament books, their contribution to God's redemptive story line, and their significance for Christian thought and practice. Enrollment limited to theology and religion majors. Odd years.

RELB 210 **3 S** **Introduction to Biblical Ethics**

Moral decision-making involving the development and application of Christian principles to modern ethical issues.

RELB 220 **3 S** **Kings and Conquest**

An examination of selected chapters from the historical writings of the Old Testament: Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther.

RELB 225 **3 S** **Books of Moses**

Literature, history, and theology of the first five books of the Old Testament.

RELB 230 **3 W** **Psalms and Wisdom Literature**

Psalms, Proverbs, Song of Solomon, and other books of the Old Testament classified as "Writings." Emphasis on major themes and representative passages.

RELB 235 **3 Arr** **Prophets of Israel**

The origin and nature of the prophetic movement followed by an examination of the message of the Old Testament prophetic books.

RELB 245 **3 F, S** **Encountering Jesus**

Exploration of the pivotal role, identity and teachings of Jesus in the salvation of humanity.

RELB 250 **3 F** **Parables of Jesus**

The history and interpretation of the parables of Jesus in the context of the New Testament and with reference to their contemporary relevance.

RELB 290 **3 F, W** **Letters of Paul**

Analysis and interpretation of selected portions from the letters of Apostle Paul.

UPPER-DIVISION COURSES:

RELB 337 **3 F** **Last Day Events**

Final events of earth's history culminating in the return of Jesus Christ, with emphasis on how to be ready for His coming.

RELB 341 **3 F** **Jesus as Healer**

The role of Jesus as healer as seen in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Enrollment limited to B.S.N. (nursing) students and BA Religion Health Professions students.

RELB 342 **3 S** **Biblical Books**

Study of a book of the Old or New Testament, such as:

Genesis
Isaiah
Ezekiel
Luke
John

Repeatable for credit under different subtitles. Prerequisites: ENGL 102.

* Minimum grade of D- accepted for these GE prerequisites.

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RELB 350

3 Arr

Topics in Biblical Studies

An in-depth study of a biblical topic, such as:

Babylon and the Bible
English Bible
Heroes and Villains
Women and the Bible

Repeatable for credit under different subtitles. Prerequisites: ENGL 102.

RELB 370

3 W

Studies in Daniel

The book of Daniel, with focused study on its prophetic chapters. Prerequisites: ENGL 102.

RELB 371

3 S

Studies in Revelation

The book of Revelation, with focused study on its prophetic messages. Prerequisites: ENGL 102.

RELB 480

3 F

Advanced Greek Exegesis

An in-depth study of selected texts and passages in the New Testament. May be repeated with the permission of the instructor. Prerequisites: ENGL 102, RELB 280, and REL 213.

RELB 495

1-3 Arr

Independent Study

With the approval of the department chair, properly qualified students may undertake an investigation of a topic suited to their background and experience. Repeatable to a maximum of 9 credits.

General Studies

SERVICE COURSE:

(Not applicable to a major or minor in this department)

LOWER-DIVISION COURSE:

RELG 105

3 F, W

Biblical Foundations

Introduction to the Bible and its basic teachings. Not available to students who have completed Christian religion coursework in either high school or college.

RELG 125

3 S

Thrive

An introduction to PUC's institutional core values (WISDOM) and the practice of holistic Christian living from a Seventh-day Adventist perspective. Discussion of the biblical view of humans, human identity, and spirituality. Also includes an introduction to eco-theology and the relationship between revelation and nature. Designed for new freshmen at PUC.

Historical Studies

SERVICE COURSES:

(Not applicable to a major or minor in this department)

RELH 120

3 S

Introduction to Seventh-day Adventism

Basic introduction to Seventh-day Adventist history, beliefs, culture, and lifestyle. Open only to lower-division students with little to no exposure to Seventh-day Adventism.

LOWER-DIVISION COURSE:

RELH 235

3 W, S

Life and Ministry of Ellen White

An introduction to the life and ministry of Ellen White, including an overview of her writings, the biblical teaching on the gift of prophecy, and contemporary issues relating to Ellen White.

UPPER-DIVISION COURSES:

RELH 311

3 F

World Religions

An introduction to great traditions of world religions and concepts for the study and comparison of these traditions. Emphasis on non-Judeo-Christian traditions. Includes an examination of these religions in relation to Christianity. Prerequisites: ENGL 102.

RELH 314

3 F, S

World Religions for Healthcare Professionals

An introduction to great traditions of world religions and to concepts for the study and comparison of these traditions for healthcare professionals. Emphasis on non-Judeo-Christian traditions. Includes an examination of these religions in relation to Christianity. Prerequisites: ENGL 102.

RELH 320

3 F

Christian History: to 1400

(See HIST 320.) Prerequisites: ENGL 102.

RELH 321

3 W

Christian History since 1400

(See HIST 321.) Prerequisites: ENGL 102.

* Minimum grade of D- accepted for these GE prerequisites.

RELH 329 **3 Arr**
American Denominations

Historical and theological dimensions of American religious identity, with a view toward broadening the understanding of the context of Adventism. Prerequisites: ENGL 102.

RELH 345 **3 Arr**
Topics in Christian History

An in-depth study of the historical and theological dimensions of a particular topic in Christian history, such as:

Ecumenism
Martin Luther
Roman Catholicism in the 20th and 21st Centuries
Sabbath and Sunday
Violence and Non-Violence in Christian History
Women in Christian History.

Repeatable for credit under different subtitles. Prerequisites: ENGL 102

RELH 350 **3 Arr**
Topics in Adventist History

An in-depth study of the historical and theological dimensions of a particular topic in Seventh-day Adventist history, such as:

History of Adventism in California
Repeatable for credit under different subtitles. Prerequisites: ENGL 102.

RELH 360 **3 W, S, Su**
Adventist Heritage
(See HIST 360.)

An interdisciplinary exploration of theological and historical issues important to an understanding of the Advent Movement and the ministry of Ellen G. White. Meets the requirement in Prophetic Guidance and Denominational History for Seventh-day Adventist teaching credentials. Prerequisites: ENGL 102.

RELH 495 **1-3 Arr**
Independent Study

With the approval of the department chair, properly qualified students may undertake an investigation of a topic suited to their background and experience. Repeatable to a maximum of 9 credits.

Biblical Languages

LOWER-DIVISION COURSES:

RELL 211+212+213 **4+4+4 F+W+S**
Biblical Greek I, II, III

Grammar, vocabulary, syntax, and translation of the Koine Greek of the New Testament. Must be taken in sequence.

UPPER-DIVISION COURSES:

RELL 301+302+303 **3+3+3 F+W+S**
Biblical Hebrew I, II, III

Grammar, vocabulary, syntax, and translation of Biblical Hebrew. Must be taken in sequence.

RELL 495 **1-3 Arr**
Independent Study

With the approval of the department chair, properly qualified students may undertake an investigation of a topic suited to their background and experience. Repeatable to a maximum of 9 credits.

Applied Theology

LOWER-DIVISION COURSES:

RELPH 110 **3 F, W**
Next Generation Christian Leadership

Leadership in the context of current developments and opportunities in North American churches. Explores a range of creative ministry options. Includes ministry lab in the campus church.

RELPH 111L **1 F, W, S**
Next Generation Christian Service

Practical ministry experience in a local church, under the guidance of active ministry leaders. Repeatable to a maximum of 7 credits. A maximum of 4 credits may apply to the Religion GE requirement. Prerequisites: RELPH 110.

RELPH 140 **1 W, S**
Praxis I

Practical ministry experience in a local church, under the guidance of active ministry leaders. Enrollment limited to Theology majors. Prerequisite: RELPH 150. Repeatable to a maximum of 2 credits.

RELPH 150 **3 F**
Introduction to Ministry

Orientation to professional ministry in connection with personal calling. Enrollment limited to theology and religion majors, or by permission of the instructor.

RELPH 235 **3 S**
Sharing Your Faith

The philosophy, principles, and methods of introducing God and the Gospel in a personal way. Students learn how to build genuine relationships with those of different faith backgrounds and to share the teachings of Scripture, including the distinctive teachings of Christianity and Adventism. Not applicable to religion or theology majors.

RELPH 240 **1 F, W, S**
Praxis II

Practical ministry experience in a local church, under the guidance of active ministry leaders. Enrollment limited to Theology majors. Prerequisite: 2 credits of RELPH 140. Repeatable to a maximum of 3 credits.

* Minimum grade of D- accepted for these GE prerequisites.

Theology

UPPER-DIVISION COURSES:

REL 300 **3 W, S** **Christian Spirituality**

A theological and practical study of how to build and maintain a personal friendship with God, including the use of the classic disciplines used by Christians throughout the ages. Prerequisites: ENGL 102.

REL 310 **3 F, W** **Next Generation Christian Leadership**

Leadership in the context of current developments and opportunities in North American churches. Explores a range of creative ministry options. Includes ministry lab in the campus church. Prerequisites: ENGL 102.

REL 311L **1 W, S** **Next Generation Christian Service**

Practical ministry experience in a local church, under the guidance of active ministry leaders. Repeatable to a maximum of 7 credits. A maximum of 4 credits may apply to the Religion GE requirement. Prerequisites: REL 110 or REL 310.

REL 319 **3 S** **Church Missions in the Modern World**

A survey of contemporary mission theology and methodology, emphasizing personal motivation and preparation, comparative religions, cultural awareness, and interpersonal skills. Prerequisite to student missionary appointment.

REL 324 **0.1 F, W, S** **Ministry Colloquium**

Lecture/discussion for majors in Theology and Religion. Repeatable for credit. Graded S/F.

REL 340 **1 F, W, S** **Praxis III**

Practical ministry experience in a local church, under the guidance of active ministry leaders. Enrollment limited to Theology majors. Repeatable to a maximum of 3 credits. Prerequisite: 3 credits of REL 240. Qualifies for IP grading "(spring quarter), followed by Summer in Ministry during the summer."

REL 346 **3 S** **Spiritual Care for Patients**

Development of knowledge and skills for meeting spiritual needs that arise in patient care. Includes a survey of religious backgrounds to inform the caring ministry of the healthcare professional. Enrollment limited to B.S.N. (nursing) students.

REL 350 **3 Arr** **Topics in Applied Theology**

The origins, theological foundations, and past and current practices of selected topics in Christian ministry, such as:

Ministry of Healing
Preaching
Public Evangelism
Worship
Youth Ministry

Repeatable for credit under different subtitles. Prerequisites: ENGL 102.

REL 420 **3 F** **Evangelism**

The principles and practice of sharing the Christian faith and Seventh-day Adventist teachings with those of different faith backgrounds through methods like one-to-one friendship evangelism, giving effective Bible studies, small group outreach, community outreach, and preaching an evangelistic series. Prerequisite: ENGL 102. Enrollment limited to theology and religion majors. Odd years.

REL 470+471 **2+2 W+S** **Biblical Preaching I,II**

The art, discipline, and process of effective sermon preparation and delivery. Must be taken in sequence. Enrollment limited to junior and senior theology and religion majors. Prerequisites: COMM 105, ENGL 102. Odd years.

REL 475 **3 F** **Pastoral Ministry**

The theology, theory, and practice of pastoral ministry. Emphasis on understanding the biblical mandate and context for the local church and on learning how to lead effectively and build up the body of believers. Prerequisite: ENGL 102. Enrollment limited to junior and senior theology majors. Even years.

REL 480 **2 W** **Missional Leadership**

Recent and future developments in the sphere of pastoral ministry. Developing missional leadership skills, adapting approaches to new ministry settings, and shaping ministry approaches to embrace diversity. Enrollment limited to junior and senior theology majors. Prerequisite: REL 475. Even years.

REL 484 **1-3 Arr** **Field Practicum**

Instruction and experience in specialized ministries: hospital chaplaincy, youth ministry, prison ministry, etc. Prerequisite: approval of the instructor. Repeatable for credit. Qualifies for IP grading. Graded S/F.

REL 495 **1-3 Arr** **Independent Study**

With the approval of the department chair, properly qualified students may

* Minimum grade of D- accepted for these GE prerequisites.

undertake an investigation of a topic suited to their background and experience. Repeatable to a maximum of 9 credits.

Theological Studies

LOWER-DIVISION COURSES:

RELT 205 **3 W, S** **Christian Beliefs**

Introduction to key Christian beliefs, including the Godhead, inspiration and revelation by God, human nature, salvation, and the role of the Christian church. Not applicable to religion or theology majors.

RELT 240 **3 W** **Eco-theology**

The interrelationship of religion and nature in light of contemporary environmental concerns, from a Seventh-day Adventist perspective. Due to the interdisciplinary nature of the field, attention is given to various associated topics such as environmental ethics, philosophy, biblical and religious traditions, and social justice.

UPPER-DIVISION COURSES:

RELT 305 **3 W** **Seventh-day Adventist Beliefs**

Introduction to distinctive beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist faith, including the Bible's teachings on the seventh-day Sabbath, second coming of Jesus, Great Controversy theme, holism, sanctuary and forgiveness, church identity, lifestyle, and last day events.

RELT 320 **3 F** **Philosophy of Religion**

Issues raised by a rational analysis of religion. Emphasis on the nature and validity of Judeo-Christian world views.

RELT 331+332+333 **3+3+3 F+W+S** **Systematic Theology I, II, III**

The systematic articulation of Christian beliefs: The doctrines of inspiration and revelation, theology proper, theological anthropology, Christology, Pneumatology, soteriology, and ecclesiology. The third quarter covers the distinctive beliefs of the Adventist Church, including lifestyle and worship, the sanctuary, the law, Sabbath, death, the Second Coming, and heaven. Enrollment limited to junior and senior theology and religion majors. Must be taken in sequence. Prerequisites: RELB 280, ENGL 102. Even years.

RELT 336 **3 Arr** **Current Issues in Seventh-day Adventism**

Analysis and discussion of either one or several current cultural and theological issues impacting Seventh-day Adventist life and thought. Prerequisites: ENGL 102.

RELT 345 **3 W** **Christian Ethics in Patient Care**

The study and application of ethical theory and Christian principles to ethical dilemmas facing the professional nurse. Enrollment limited to B.S.N. (nursing) students.

RELT 350 **3 F, W, S** **Special Topics**

An in-depth study of a topic important to Christian faith. Consideration of the theological and spiritual dimensions of the topic. Subtitles include:

Divine Love
The Christian and the Media
God and Human Suffering
The Sabbath
Theology and Film
Theology of the Sanctuary
Women and the Church

Repeatable for credit under different subtitles. Prerequisites: ENGL 102.

RELT 355 **3 W** **Christian Ethics in Society**

The moral implications of Christian faith for the organization or transformation of social institutions. Prerequisites: ENGL 102.

RELT 390 **3 S** **Christian Bioethics**

Contemporary ethical issues in the biomedical sciences from the perspective of Christian ethics. Topics include abortion, euthanasia, eugenics, reproductive technologies, and human experimentation. Prerequisites: ENGL 102.

RELT 450 **3 Arr** **Advanced Topics in Theological Studies**

An in-depth study of an issue in systematic theology, such as:

Christology
Contemporary Trinitarian Perspectives
Ecclesiology
Inspiration
Pneumatology
Soteriology

Repeatable for credit under different subtitles. Enrollment limited to junior and senior theology and religion majors. Prerequisites: RELT 332, ENGL 102.

RELT 495 **1-3 Arr** **Independent Study**

With the approval of the chair, properly qualified students may undertake an investigation of a topic suited to their background and experience. Repeatable to a maximum of 9 credits.

* Minimum grade of D- accepted for these GE prerequisites.

Graduate Studies

RELP 520

3 W

Faith and Leadership

Examines academic and professional leadership theories in view of Christian leadership principles. Particular emphasis is given to understanding one's leadership style, identifying organic factors that portend the best approach for each context, and developing the individual's preliminary approach to applying theories, Christian principles, and personal style to their chosen profession.

RELT 530

3 SP

Christian Perspective in Healthcare Ethics

This course explores contemporary and advanced issues in biomedical ethics from a Christian perspective by focusing on research and discussion of various issues in bioethics, including personhood, quality and purpose of life, abortion, effectiveness of health care systems, euthanasia, suicide, stem cell research, reproductive technologies, cloning, human and animal experimentation.