

Major Course Requirements

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	Christian History: To 1400	3
RELH 321	Christian History: Since 1400	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
At least one of the following courses:		3
RELB 216	Introduction to Biblical Ethics (3)	
RELT 355	Christian Ethics in Society (3)	
► Required Cognates (7 hours):		
BUAD 118	Personal Money Management	3
PSYC 121	General Psychology	4
► Recommended Cognates:		
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)	
PSYC 227	Conflict Resolution & Relationship Skills (3)	

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.
- Utilize the skills of effective leadership, organization, preaching, evangelism, and pastoral nurturing in multi-cultural contexts.

Occupational Information

What can I do with this major?

With further education at the graduate level, graduates are prepared for ministry in a church setting or for specialized ministries such as hospital, prison, or military chaplaincy, youth ministry, church administration, college or graduate school religion teaching. The student with a theology major who also completes the Teacher Credentialing Program qualifies for teaching Bible at the elementary or secondary level.

Additional Education Required?

For service in pastoral ministry, an additional year is normally required as an intern in a local church, followed by completion of the Master of Divinity program at Andrews University (two years). Upon successful completion of supervised pastoral work, a person is recommended for ordination/commissioning. The graduate can normally consider this recognition by the laying on of hands to occur six years after college graduation. Positions in pastoral ministry are offered by local conferences and positions in secondary teaching by conference education departments.

Job Outlook

Employment is expected to be good for graduates showing both good academic ability and strong commitment to ministry.

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 Elementary or Secondary Teaching Credential Program as outlined on pages EDUC-04 and EDUC-06.

* Repeats quarterly.

** This major fulfills the following general education requirements:
 Foreign Language (for the B.A.)
 Religion (except for RELG 125 Thrive)

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	-	-
Introduction to Ministry	3	-	-
Intro to the Old & New Testament (odd)	-	3	3
Personal Money Management	3	-	-
Ministry Colloquium	.1	.1	.1
General Psychology	-	4	-
Books of Moses	-	-	3
Ministry Praxis I	-	1	1
General Education/Theology Courses	7	8	9
	16.1	16.1	16.1

Second Year	F	W	S
Biblical Hebrew I,II,III (even)	3	3	3
Ministry Colloquium	.1	.1	.1
Ministry Praxis II	1	1	1
Adventist Heritage	3	-	-
Christian History Since 1400 (even)	-	-	3
Life and Ministry of Ellen White	-	3	-
Christian Spirituality	-	-	3
Ethics Course	-	-	3
General Education/Theology Courses	9	9	3
	16.1	16.1	16.1

Third Year	F	W	S
Biblical Greek I,II,III (odd)	4	4	4
Advanced Greek Exegesis (odd)	-	-	3
Biblical Preaching I, II (odd)	-	2	2
Evangelism (odd)	-	-	3
Ministry Colloquium	.1	.1	.1
Ministry Praxis III	1	1	1
Studies in Revelation	-	-	3
General Education/Theology Courses	11	8	-
	16.1	16.1	16.1

Fourth Year	F	W	S
Ministry Colloquium	.1	.1	.1
Systematic Theology I,II,III (even)*	3	3	3
Pastoral Ministry (even)	3	-	-
Advanced Public Speaking	-	-	3
Missional Leadership (even)	-	2	-
Senior Assessment Seminar	-	-	.2
General Education/Theology Courses	10	9	10
	16.1	14.1	16.3

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