

**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   |
| 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) |

➤ **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 216 | Introduction to Biblical Ethics (3) |
| RELT 355 | Christian Ethics in Society (3)     |

*\*Repeats quarterly.*

*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 other professions, such as medicine, education, law, or student personnel services. 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 another major, minor, or professional program (such as pre-med, pre-dent, pre-law, education, etc). Prospective teachers must obtain teaching credentials.

**Job Outlook**

If one combines the religion major with either another major or a pre-professional program, or continues into graduate school, there are a wide range of employment prospects. For example, there are a number of openings in teaching on the secondary level if one combines this major with another and completes the teacher credentialing process. And occasionally there are openings for a Bible worker.

**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.

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

| <b>Second Year</b>              | <b>F</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>S</b> |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Introduction to Exegesis (even) | 3        | -        | -        |
| Christian Spirituality          | 3        | -        | -        |
| Ministry Colloquium             | .1       | .1       | .1       |
| Elective Religion Courses       | -        | 3        | 3        |
| Adventist Heritage              | -        | -        | 3        |
| General Education/Electives     | 10       | 13       | 10       |
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|                                 | 16.1     | 16.1     | 16.1     |

| <b>Third Year</b>           | <b>F</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>S</b> |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| World Religions             | 3        | -        | -        |
| Ministry Colloquium         | .1       | .1       | .1       |
| Ethics Course               | -        | 3        | -        |
| Elective Religion Courses   | 3        | 3        | 3        |
| General Education/Electives | 10       | 10       | 13       |
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|                             | 16.1     | 16.1     | 16.1     |

| <b>Fourth Year</b>                   | <b>F</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>S</b> |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Systematic Theology I,II,III (even)* | 3        | 3        | 3        |
| Ministry Colloquium                  | .1       | .1       | .1       |
| Christian History Course             | -        | -        | 3        |
| Senior Assessment Seminar            | -        | -        | .2       |
| General Education/Electives          | 13       | 13       | 10       |
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|                                      | 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.