RELIGION MAJOR (B.S.)

Purpose
The B.S. in Religion major provides a broad introduction to the major issues, themes, and ideas of religious studies to prepare individuals for diverse vocational opportunities. With cognates in Biblical and Theological Studies, Christian Counseling, and Christian Ministries, graduates from this program are prepared to continue on to graduate studies through a seminary or graduate program.

Program Learning Outcomes
The student will be able to:

1. Articulate and biblically justify essential truths of evangelical Christianity.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of the structure and content of the Bible.
3. Demonstrate competence in the use of sound principles of biblical interpretation.

Programs of Study
Delivery Format: Online Only

- Religion (B.S.) - Apologetics - Online
- Religion (B.S.) - Biblical & Theological Studies - Online
- Religion (B.S.) - Christian Counseling - Online
- Religion (B.S.) - Christian Leadership - Online
- Religion (B.S.) - Christian Ministries - Online
- Religion (B.S.) - Evangelism - Online
- Religion (B.S.) - Global Studies - Online
- Religion (B.S.) - NextGen (Next Generation Ministries) - Online
- Religion (B.S.) - Online

Career Opportunities

- Author
- Church Administrator
- Clergy Member
- Evangelist
- Global Worker
- Ministry Leader
- Ministry Marketing Specialist
- Pastor
- Pastoral Assistant
- Youth Pastor

Courses

RLGN 104 Christian Life and Biblical Worldview 4 Credit Hour(s)
This is a study in the development and application of the biblical worldview. This course will include an introduction and application of critical thinking skills, as well as a study of religious and philosophical worldviews. Special attention will be given to the theology and methodology of evangelism.

Offered: Resident and Online

RLGN 105 Introduction to Biblical Worldview 2 Credit Hour(s)
An introduction to the biblical worldview and contemporary moral issues. This course will introduce critical thinking skills. Religious and philosophical worldviews will also be explored.

Offered: Resident and Online

RLGN 301 Research and Writing for Religious Disciplines 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: BIBL 105 and BIBL 110 and ENGL 101 and ENGL 102 and THEO 201 and THEO 202 and (INFT 101 or UNIV 101 or UNIV 104 or Exemption: UNIV 104 Score of 5 with a score of 5)
This course builds upon the concepts for scholarly research and writing to prepare students for completing scholarly research and writing specifically within the religious disciplines. The course covers various methods and aims for research within religious disciplines, tools for performing scholarly research, and the tools for writing clearly and effectively in an academic setting. As such, this course lays the foundation for future academic writing in the religious disciplines.

Offered: Online

RLGN 325 Elements of Bible Study 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: (BIBL 105 and BIBL 110) or BIBL 104
This course provides the student with the knowledge and abilities necessary for the lifelong habit of studying the Word of God. In this course the student will be introduced to the various methods and tools necessary for a comprehensive study of Scripture. Emphasis is placed on developing a structured approach to examining, understanding, and applying the Scriptures.

Offered: Online

RLGN 330 Principles and Practice of Teaching the Bible 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: (BIBL 105 and BIBL 110) or BIBL 104
This course introduces the student to strategic concepts that are foundational to the teaching-learning process as it relates to the teaching of Scripture. The student will learn how to apply a methodological approach in the preparation, presentation, and evaluation of the teaching of the Scriptures.

Offered: Online

RLGN 335 Theological Issues in the Life of the Church 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: THEO 201 and THEO 202
This course allows students to study theological issues facing the modern church and presents opportunities to strengthen their biblical fidelity in belief and ministry practice. These issues are addressed from both a doctrinal and missional perspective focused on the primacy of the Great Commission. The goal is to bolster the church’s ministry effectiveness in answering critical questions from contemporary culture with cogent, well-informed responses.

Offered: Online

RLGN 340 Global Religious Movements 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: APOL 220
This course examines modern religious movements, with focus upon the major world religions. Particular attention is given to the historical development, beliefs, and practices of the major world religions as well as a comparative analysis of various religious beliefs.

Offered: Online
RLGN 350  World Religions  3 Credit Hour(s)
The basic principles and practices of the most significant world religions are discussed and evaluated. The course goes beyond descriptions and identifies points of contact and cultural opportunities for effective communication, understanding and engagement. (Formerly ICST 350 and GLST 350)
Offered: Resident

RLGN 360  Practical Teaching of Scripture  3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: (RLGN 301 and THEO 360 and BIBL 360 and BIBL 105 and BIBL 110) or (RLGN 301 and THEO 360 and BIBL 360 and BIBL 205 and BIBL 210) or (RLGN 301 and THEO 360 and BIBL 360 and BIBL 110 and BIBL 205) or (RLGN 301 and THEO 360 and BIBL 360 and BIBL 105 and BIBL 210) or (RLGN 301 and THEO 360 and BIBL 360 and BIBL 104)
A study of the basic principles and methods of teaching and learning as they apply to the communication of the Scriptures across various age groups. The student will combine scholarly research, proper Bible study, and suitable theological formation in order to successfully teach a passage of Scripture. Additionally, the student will engage in the process of evaluation in order to determine the strengths and weaknesses of their teaching.
Offered: Online

RLGN 489  Ministry Praxis Capstone  3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: (BIBL 360 or BIBL 350) and (THEO 360 or THEO 350) and (RLGN 360 or CHMN 387)
This course is designed to allow the student to utilize skills and insights acquired during the completion of the undergraduate program in religious studies. A range of biblical and theological concepts taught in the program are reinforced, and new dimensions are explored. This helps ensure that the key ideas from the undergraduate religion program are mastered and that opportunities are presented for the student to put these concepts into practice.
Registration Restrictions: Student must be a BS in Religion major and senior status
Offered: Online

RLGN 490  Research and Scholarly Capstone  3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: (RLGN 360 or RLGN 350) and (BIBL 360 or BIBL 350) and (THEO 360 or CHMN 387)
This course will require students to resource the knowledge acquired from coursework completed in the undergraduate religious studies program. Christian formation of leaders in the local church will be explored. Emphasis is placed on developing critical thinking skills as well as producing scholarly research in various areas of theological importance. It will guide students in producing scholarly writing that adds to the body of knowledge and practice to further the mission of the church of Jesus Christ.
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