Philosophy addresses questions and theories related to morality, society, religion, and the natural and social sciences. The study of philosophy challenges students to examine, through critical reflection, their beliefs in many areas.

Courses aim to provide students with an understanding of the methods and traditions of philosophical and religious thought. Through readings, discussion, and writing, students examine questions concerning the nature and validity of religious beliefs, moral judgments, political ideas, and scientific theories, as well as questions about values and social policy in such areas as law, medicine, and technology.

Course work in philosophy can strengthen the student’s work in other areas. Philosophy majors enter diverse careers, ranging from college-level teaching to law and business. The program strives to help students sharpen their critical abilities. The department offers three ways to major in philosophy: the standard major, the concentration in law and ethics, and the concentration in religious studies.

The program in religion offers students the opportunity to acquire an understanding of religious experience within its social, historical, literary, and political context. Students study specific religious traditions such as Judaism, Islam, and Hinduism, and using a comparative approach they explore themes across faith traditions. Through the major, a student has the opportunity to study a range of religions and a variety of methods of understanding the key dimensions of religious life.

Transferring to the Major
A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 is required to transfer to the major. Acceptance into the major will be based on students’ meeting the department’s criteria for admission and availability of space in the programs.

Academic Progression Standards
A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 is required to remain in good standing in the major.

BA/BS in Philosophy

NU Core Requirements
See page 42 for requirement list.

College Requirements for BA (BA Students Only)
See page 69 for requirement list.

Concentration
Complete the philosophy generalist requirements, the concentration in law and ethics, or the concentration in religious studies.

Philosophy Generalist

Philosophy Required Courses
Complete the following three courses:

- PHL U115 Introduction to Logic 4 SH
- or PHL U215 Symbolic Logic 4 SH
- PHL U325 Ancient Philosophy 4 SH
- PHL U330 Modern Philosophy 4 SH

Advanced Philosophy Elective
Complete one course from the following list:

- PHL U435 Moral Philosophy 4 SH
- PHL U500 Theory of Knowledge 4 SH
- PHL U505 Metaphysics 4 SH
- PHL U535 Philosophy of Mind 4 SH

Philosophy Seminar
Complete one philosophy seminar:

- PHL U547 Seminar: Apocalypticism 4 SH
- PHL U605 Advanced Seminar: Spinoza 4 SH
- PHL U606 Seminar: Theories and Methods in Religious Studies 4 SH
- PHL U901 Topics in Philosophy Seminar 4 SH
- PHL U902 Great Philosophers Seminar 4 SH
- PHL U903 Seminar in Religion 4 SH

Additional Electives
Complete four additional electives in philosophy.

Concentration in Law and Ethics

Philosophy Required Courses
Complete the following four courses:

- PHL U115 Introduction to Logic 4 SH
- or PHL U215 Symbolic Logic 4 SH
- PHL U325 Ancient Philosophy 4 SH
- PHL U330 Modern Philosophy 4 SH
- PHL U435 Moral Philosophy 4 SH

Philosophy Seminar
Complete one course from the following list:

- PHL U547 Seminar: Apocalypticism 4 SH
- PHL U605 Advanced Seminar: Spinoza 4 SH
- PHL U606 Seminar: Theories and Methods in Religious Studies 4 SH
- PHL U901 Topics in Philosophy Seminar 4 SH
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ETHICS-RELATED ELECTIVES
Complete two courses from the following list:

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PHILOSOPHY ELECTIVE
Complete one elective course in philosophy.

LAW-RELATED ELECTIVES
Complete two courses from the social science departments listed below. These courses are to be chosen in consultation with department:
AFR, ECN, HS, HST, IAF, LIN, POL, PSY, SOA, or SOC.

Concentration in Religious Studies
PHILOSOPHY REQUIRED COURSES
Complete the following four courses:

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RESEARCH STUDIES COURSES
Complete three elective courses. See department for an approved list.

PHILOSOPHY ELECTIVE
Complete one elective course in philosophy.

PHILOSOPHY MAJOR CREDIT REQUIREMENT
Complete 32 semester hours in the major.

UPPER-DIVISION ELECTIVES
Complete three general electives at 300-level or above.

GENERAL ELECTIVES
Additional courses taken beyond college and major course requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION
If elected

UNIVERSITY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS
128 total semester hours required
Minimum 2.000 GPA required

Major in Religious Studies
The religious studies major is designed to introduce students to a wide variety of religious experience and expression in the world. Through this major, students are exposed to the basic features of the world’s religions and the ethical systems that accompany them and explore diverse methodological approaches to the study of religions in general. This major is designed to give students the expertise to prepare them for graduate school in religious studies or to enhance their abilities in any career that requires a liberal arts education.

BA in Religious Studies

NU CORE REQUIREMENTS
See page 42 for requirement list.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS FOR BA
See page 69 for requirement list.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Religious Areas
Complete one course from each of the following five religious areas. Note: A course cannot be used to meet the requirement for more than one area.

COMPARATIVE RELIGION

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ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN AND AFRICAN WORLD TRADITIONS

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PHL U390  Cults and Sects  4 SH
PHL U445  Philosophy of Religion  4 SH

ASIAN TRADITIONS
PHL U272  Ethics in the World’s Religions  4 SH
PHL U276  Indian Religions  4 SH
PHL U290  Chinese Philosophy and Religion  4 SH
PHL U393  Asian Religions in the United States  4 SH
PHL U398  Religion and Culture in Indian Cinema  4 SH

RELIGION AND CULTURE
PHL U545  Religion and Politics in South Asia  4 SH

RELIGIOUS TEXTS
PHL U150  Understanding the Bible  4 SH
PHL U314  Biblical Prophets and Their Interpreters  4 SH
PHL U316  Interpreting the Bible  4 SH
PHL U395  Ramayana  4 SH

Required Courses
Complete one of the following courses:
PHL U606  Seminar: Theories and Methods in Religious Studies  4 SH
PHL U904  Major Figures in Religious Studies  4 SH
PHL U906  Topics in Religious Studies  4 SH

Religious Studies Electives
Complete three religious studies electives. Two electives must be above the 300-level.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR CREDIT REQUIREMENT
Complete 36 semester hours in the major.

GENERAL ELECTIVES
Additional courses taken beyond college and major course requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION
If elected

UNIVERSITY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS
128 total semester hours required
Minimum 2.000 GPA required

Dual Major in Jewish Studies and Religion
The dual major in Jewish studies and religion offers students an integrated program of study of two naturally complementary fields. Study of Judaism as a religion, which forms an important core of the interdisciplinary field of Jewish studies, is greatly enhanced by broad familiarity with the world’s religious traditions; conversely, in-depth knowledge of Jewish history, identity, and culture provides students of religion with valuable insight into the ways in which religion interacts with a wide variety of forces to shape the experiences of the adherents of a particular faith. The dual major is designed to enable students to understand the history, culture, and religion of the Jewish people; analyze and apply theoretical understanding to the interaction between religious, social, and historical factors that have shaped the experiences of the Jewish people; and demonstrate fluency in understanding the major religious traditions of the world.

Students in the dual major receive an interdisciplinary introduction to the field of Jewish studies, followed by courses in Jewish religion and thought, Jewish history, and Jewish arts and culture; electives allow for exploration of Northeastern’s Jewish studies offerings, which focus particularly on modern Jewish life and identity. Religion course work provides a grounding in the Bible, central to understanding Judaism and other Western religions, followed by broader course work in world religion and upper-level thematic courses. Capstone courses bring the two fields closely together by integrating the study of Judaism into the broader study of religion or the study of religion into the study of the broader Jewish experience. Students fulfill their language requirement with Hebrew, and they are encouraged to fulfill their experiential education requirement through study abroad or an internship or co-op in a Jewish organization.

The dual major in Jewish studies and religion is designed to prepare students for graduate work in Jewish studies, religion, or many of the other disciplines that make up Jewish studies or for work within the Jewish community or in communal organizations associated with other religions. It is an ideal foundation for the integrative five-year program through which students can earn a BA from Northeastern and an MA or MJEd from Hebrew College.

BA in Jewish Studies and Religion

NU CORE REQUIREMENTS
See page 42 for requirement list.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS FOR BA
See page 69 for requirement list.

JEWISH STUDIES

Required Course
Complete the following course:
PHL U285  Jewish Religion and Culture  4 SH

Jewish Religion and Thought
Complete one course from the following list. Note: This course may also count as a religious studies elective:
PHL U286  American Judaism  4 SH
PHL U314  Biblical Prophets and Their Interpreters  4 SH
PHL U385  History of Jewish Rationalism  4 SH
PHL U387  Religion, Nation, and Identity in Modern Jewish Thought  4 SH
PHL U605  Advanced Seminar: Spinoza  4 SH

**Jewish History**
Complete two courses from the following list:
- HST U280  Hitler, Germany, and the Holocaust  4 SH
- HST U281  Holocaust  4 SH
- HST U294  Strangers in a Strange Land? European Jewish History 1750–1945  4 SH
  
- HST U431  American Jewish History  4 SH

**Jewish Art and Culture**
Complete one course from the following list:
- CIN U460  Jewish Film  4 SH
- MUS U132  Music of the Jewish People  4 SH
  
**Jewish Studies Electives**
Complete three courses from the following list:
- AFR U365  Blacks and Jews  4 SH
- CIN U460  Jewish Film  4 SH
- HS U560  Religion, Human Services, and Diversity in the United States  4 SH
  
- HST U281  Holocaust  4 SH
- HST U290  Modern Middle East  4 SH
- HST U294  Strangers in a Strange Land? European Jewish History 1750–1945  4 SH
  
- HST U431  American Jewish History  4 SH
- HST U670  Topics in European History  4 SH
- HST G306  Research Seminar in Twentieth-Century Europe  4 SH

**Religion Requirements**

**Required Course**
Complete the following course:
- PHL U150  Understanding the Bible  4 SH

**Religion**
Complete two courses from the following list:
- PHL U270  Western Religions  4 SH
- PHL U275  Eastern Religions  4 SH
- PHL U280  Islam  4 SH
- PHL U325  Ancient Philosophy  4 SH

**Comparative Religions**
Complete one course from the following list:
- PHL U230  Sound, Music, and Religion  4 SH
- PHL U272  Ethics in the World’s Religions  4 SH
- PHL U300  Mysticism  4 SH
- PHL U327  Medieval Western Philosophy  4 SH

**Philosophy or Religion Seminar**
Complete one seminar from the following list:
- PHL U547  Seminar: Apocalypticism  4 SH
- PHL U605  Advanced Seminar: Spinoza  4 SH
- PHL U606  Seminar: Theories and Methods in Religious Studies  4 SH
- PHL U901  Topics in Philosophy Seminar  4 SH
- PHL U902  Great Philosophers Seminar  4 SH
- PHL U903  Seminar in Religion  4 SH
- PHL U904  Major Figures in Religious Studies  4 SH
- PHL U906  Topics in Religious Studies  4 SH

**Religious Studies Electives**
Complete four courses from the following list:
- PHL U110  Introduction to Religion  4 SH
- PHL U130  Ethics: East and West  4 SH
- PHL U150  Understanding the Bible  4 SH
- PHL U220  The Meaning of Death  4 SH
- PHL U230  Sound, Music, and Religion  4 SH
- PHL U231  Image and Icon in South Asia  4 SH
- PHL U265  Latin American Religions  4 SH
- PHL U270  Western Religions  4 SH
- PHL U272  Ethics in the World’s Religions  4 SH
- PHL U273  Jainism  4 SH
- PHL U275  Eastern Religions  4 SH
- PHL U276  Indian Religions  4 SH
- PHL U280  Islam  4 SH
- PHL U285  Jewish Religion and Culture  4 SH
- PHL U286  American Judaism  4 SH
- PHL U287  Religion, Nation, and Identity in Modern Jewish Thought  4 SH
- PHL U290  Chinese Philosophy and Religion  4 SH
- PHL U295  Religious Perspectives on Health and Healing  4 SH
- PHL U300  Mysticism  4 SH
- PHL U314  Biblical Prophets and Their Interpreters  4 SH
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**BA in Environmental Studies and Philosophy**

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**BS in Physics and Philosophy**

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**Minor in Philosophy**

**REQUIRED COURSES**

Complete the following two courses:
- PHL U325 Ancient Philosophy
- PHL U330 Modern Philosophy

**ELECTIVE COURSES**

Complete three philosophy courses.

**GPA REQUIREMENT**

2.00 GPA required in the minor

**Minor in Ethics**

**REQUIRED COURSES**

Complete four courses from the following list. Two courses must be at the 300-level or above:
- PHL U102 Introduction to Contemporary Moral Issues
- PHL U130 Ethics: East and West
- PHL U145 Technology and Human Values
- PHL U165 Moral and Social Problems in Health Care
- PHL U170 Business Ethics
- PHL U180 Environmental Ethics
- PHL U272 Ethics in the World’s Religions
- PHL U301 Philosophical Problems of Law and Justice
- PHL U302 Philosophical Problems of War and Peace
- PHL U303 Social and Political Philosophy
- PHL U304 Philosophical Problems of Economic Justice
- PHL U435 Moral Philosophy
- PHL U465 Advanced Medical Ethics
- PHL U480 Environmental Philosophy

**GPA REQUIREMENT**

2.00 GPA required in the minor
Minor in Religious Studies

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ELECTIVE COURSE
Complete one religious studies elective.

GPA REQUIREMENT
2.000 GPA required in the minor