PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

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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.

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 is 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.

The Philosophy Major
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, or the concentration in religious studies.

BA/BS in Philosophy

NU CORE REQUIREMENTS
See page 26 for requirement list.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS FOR BA (BA STUDENTS ONLY)
See page 41 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:
PHIL 1115 Introduction to Logic 4 SH
or PHIL 1215 Symbolic Logic 4 SH
PHIL 2325 Ancient Philosophy 4 SH
PHIL 2330 Modern Philosophy 4 SH

ADVANCED PHILOSOPHY ELECTIVE
Complete one course from the following list:
PHIL 3435 Moral Philosophy 4 SH
PHIL 4500 Theory of Knowledge 4 SH
PHIL 4505 Metaphysics 4 SH
PHIL 4535 Philosophy of Mind 4 SH

PHILOSOPHY SEMINAR
Complete one philosophy seminar:
PHIL 4605 Advanced Seminar: Spinoza 4 SH
PHIL 4901 Topics in Philosophy Seminar 4 SH
PHIL 4902 Great Philosophers Seminar 4 SH
RELS 4547 Seminar: Apocalypticism 4 SH
RELS 4606 Seminar: Theories and Methods in Religious Studies 4 SH
RELS 4903 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:
PHIL 1115 Introduction to Logic 4 SH
or PHIL 1215 Symbolic Logic 4 SH
PHIL 2325 Ancient Philosophy 4 SH
PHIL 2330 Modern Philosophy 4 SH
PHIL 3435 Moral Philosophy 4 SH

PHILOSOPHY SEMINAR
Complete one course from the following list:
PHIL 4605 Advanced Seminar: Spinoza 4 SH
PHIL 4901 Topics in Philosophy Seminar 4 SH
PHIL 4902 Great Philosophers Seminar 4 SH
RELS 4547 Seminar: Apocalypticism 4 SH
RELS 4606 Seminar: Theories and Methods in Religious Studies 4 SH
RELS 4903 Seminar in Religion 4 SH
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 social science departments. These courses are to be chosen in consultation with the department:

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Concentration in Religious Studies

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| PHILOSOPHY REQUIRED COURSES

Complete the following four courses:

- PHIL 1115: Introduction to Logic
- PHIL 1215: Symbolic Logic
- PHIL 2325: Ancient Philosophy
- PHIL 2330: Modern Philosophy
- PHIL 3435: Moral Philosophy

PHILOSOPHY SEMINAR
Complete one philosophy seminar:

- PHIL 4605: Advanced Seminar: Spinoza
- PHIL 4901: Topics in Philosophy Seminar
- PHIL 4902: Great Philosophers Seminar
- RELS 4547: Seminar: Apocalypticism
- RELS 4606: Seminar: Theories and Methods in Religious Studies
- RELS 4903: Seminar in Religion
- RELS 4904: Major Figures in Religious Studies
- RELS 4906: Topics in Religious Studies

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
RELIGIOUS STUDIES COURSES
Complete three elective courses. See department for an approved list.

PHILOSOPHY ELECTIVE
Complete one elective course in philosophy.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
Complete one course in experiential education. Please see department for approved courses.

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

UPPER-DIVISION ELECTIVES
Complete three general electives at 3000-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 26 for requirement list.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS FOR BA
See page 41 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
PHIL 1130 Ethics: East and West 4 SH
RELS 1230 Sound, Music, and Religion 4 SH
RELS 1270 Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: Western Religions 4 SH
RELS 1272 Ethics in the World’s Religions 4 SH

RELS 1275 Eastern Religions 4 SH
RELS 2300 Mysticism 4 SH
RELS 3390 Cults and Sects 4 SH

ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN AND AFRICAN WORLD TRADITIONS
PHIL 2327 Medieval Western Philosophy 4 SH
PHIL 3445 Philosophy of Religion 4 SH
RELS 1150 Understanding the Bible 4 SH
RELS 1271 Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam 4 SH
RELS 1280 Islam 4 SH
RELS 1285 Jewish Religion and Culture 4 SH
RELS 1287 Modern Judaism 4 SH
RELS 2315 Adam and Eve and Their Interpreters 4 SH
RELS 3390 Cults and Sects 4 SH

ASIAN TRADITIONS
RELS 1272 Ethics in the World’s Religions 4 SH
RELS 1276 Indian Religions 4 SH
RELS 1290 Chinese Philosophy and Religion 4 SH
RELS 2394 Chinese Buddhism 4 SH
RELS 2395 Japanese Buddhism 4 SH
RELS 3393 Asian Religions in the United States 4 SH
RELS 3398 Religion and Culture in Indian Cinema 4 SH
RELS 4545 Religion and Politics in South Asia 4 SH

REligion and culture
RELS 1104 Goddesses, Witches, Saints, and Sinners: Women in Western Religions 4 SH
RELS 1220 The Meaning of Death 4 SH
RELS 1230 Sound, Music, and Religion 4 SH
RELS 1271 Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam 4 SH
RELS 1285 Jewish Religion and Culture 4 SH
RELS 2315 Adam and Eve and Their Interpreters 4 SH
RELS 3398 Religion and Culture in Indian Cinema 4 SH

REligious texts
RELS 1150 Understanding the Bible 4 SH
RELS 2315 Adam and Eve and Their Interpreters 4 SH
RELS 2394 Chinese Buddhism 4 SH
RELS 2395 Japanese Buddhism 4 SH
RELS 3395 Ramayana 4 SH

Required Courses
Complete one of the following courses:
RELS 4606 Seminar: Theories and Methods in Religious Studies 4 SH
RELS 4904 Major Figures in Religious Studies 4 SH
RELS 4906 Topics in Religious Studies 4 SH

Religious Studies Electives
Complete three religious studies electives. Two electives must be above the 2000-level.
EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION
Complete one course in experiential education. Please see department for approved courses.

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
See page 164.

BA in Cinema Studies and Philosophy
See page 99.

BA in Environmental Studies and Philosophy
See page 132.

BS in Physics and Philosophy
See page 195.

Minor in Philosophy

REQUIRED COURSES
Complete the following two courses:
PHIL 2325 Ancient Philosophy 4 SH
PHIL 2330 Modern Philosophy 4 SH

ELECTIVE COURSES
Complete three philosophy courses.

GPA REQUIREMENT
2.000 GPA required in the minor

Minor in Ethics

REQUIRED COURSES
Complete four courses from the following list. Two courses must be at the 2000-level or above:
PHIL 1102 Introduction to Contemporary Moral Issues 4 SH
PHIL 1130 Ethics: East and West 4 SH
PHIL 1145 Technology and Human Values 4 SH
PHIL 1165 Moral and Social Problems in Health Care 4 SH
PHIL 1170 Business Ethics 4 SH
PHIL 1180 Environmental Ethics 4 SH
PHIL 2301 Philosophical Problems of Law and Justice 4 SH
PHIL 2302 Philosophical Problems of War and Peace 4 SH
PHIL 2303 Social and Political Philosophy 4 SH
PHIL 2304 Philosophical Problems of Economic Justice 4 SH
PHIL 3435 Moral Philosophy 4 SH
PHIL 3465 Advanced Medical Ethics 4 SH
PHIL 3480 Environmental Philosophy 4 SH
RELS 1272 Ethics in the World's Religions 4 SH

GPA REQUIREMENT
2.000 GPA required in the minor
Minor in Religious Studies

**REQUIRED COURSES**
Complete four of the following courses:

- RELS 1150 Understanding the Bible 4 SH
- RELS 1275 Eastern Religions 4 SH
- RELS 1280 Islam 4 SH
- RELS 2394 Chinese Buddhism 4 SH
- RELS 2395 Japanese Buddhism 4 SH
- RELS 3390 Cults and Sects 4 SH

**ELECTIVE COURSE**
Complete one RELS course.

**GPA REQUIREMENT**
2.000 GPA required in the minor