

LaGrange College Course Catalog - Religion and Philosophy

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Minor in Philosophy - Minor in Philosophy

Type:Minor

No major program currently is offered in philosophy. A minor consists of four (4) of the following courses.

‡ PHIL 1410 Introduction to Philosophy. (3)

A survey of major philosophical themes and figures that were formative in Western civilization.

PHIL 2410 Moral Philosophy. (3)

A study of the major philosophical understandings of morality and the good life.

‡ PHIL 2440 Elementary Logic. (3)

An introduction to the logic of propositions with attention to the structure and evaluation of informal arguments. The rhetoric of persuasion and its use of logic and emotions are discussed.

PHIL 3410 Philosophy of Religion. (3)

An investigation of problems related to philosophical reflection on religious thought and experience.

Prerequisite: At least one prior course in philosophy or permission of professor

***PHIL 3420**

or Themes in Political Philosophy. (3)

POLS 3340

An introduction to the basic ideas of political philosophy. Topics considered include the social and historical context of political theory, the development of major ideas in political philosophy, critical analysis of theoretical arguments, and the relation of political theory to contemporary politics.

PHIL 3430 Bioethics. (3)

A study of the ethical issues raised by the practice of nursing, medicine, and biomedical research.

Prerequisite: English 1102

PHIL 4410 Selected Topics in Philosophy. (3)

A seminar course on a major subject of concern in philosophy based on individual research and assigned readings.

Prerequisite: At least one prior course in philosophy or permission of professor

* Denotes additional courses that may fulfill the Core Exploratory religion requirement.

‡ Denotes courses in Philosophy that may fulfill the requirement for a second Humanities course in the CORE Curriculum.

At least two (2) courses must be taken at the 2000-level or above.

B.A. in Religion and Philosophy - B.A. in Religion and Philosophy

Type:Major

The Religion and Philosophy Major is a traditional liberal arts study of the field. It is especially suited for those with a general interest in religion and philosophy or those who wish to prepare for graduate study of religion.

In addition to completing the core curriculum requirements, students pursuing a major in Religion must complete the following major program requirements:

The major consists of 11 courses in addition to the exploratory course in religion that is taken as part of the core (RLGN 1101-08), yielding a total of 12 courses. The religion major must include at least two (2) courses in each of these areas: Biblical Studies, Historical Studies, and Ethics and Theological Studies. The major also requires at least one course in the area of Philosophy. In addition, all Religion and Philosophy majors will complete a senior thesis or project. Thus, of the 12 courses required for a religion major, at least eight (8) courses must conform to the following guidelines:

- Biblical Studies (two (2) courses). At least one course must be at the 2000-level or above. Courses: 2110, 2111, 2120, 2121, 3110-3160.
- Church Leadership and Youth Ministry (one (1) course). Courses: 3510-3560.
- Historical Studies (one (1) course). Courses: 1104 or 1106 (if not taken for the core), 2210-2230, 3210-3220.
- Ethics and Theological Studies (two (2) courses). Courses: 1105, 1107, or 1108 (if not taken for the core), 2310, 3310-3360.

- Philosophy (one (1) course). Courses: any of the philosophy courses, which are listed under Area IV in the course listing below.
- Senior Thesis or Project (one (1) course). Course 4620 is normally taken in the fall of the senior year. The student should choose a project director from within the Religion & Philosophy faculty and work with this director to refine a topic in the semester prior to which the student enrolls for the course. Thus, most students should select a project director by the end of the spring semester of the junior year and present a proposed topic to the faculty at the beginning of the next fall term.

Students are free to choose any other religion or philosophy offering for the remaining four (4) courses. Internships may be taken for up to one (1) full course of credit, with permission of the program coordinator. *At least six (6) courses in the major must be numbered at the 2000-level or above.*

The Religion and Philosophy Major with Honors

Students who maintain a 3.5 grade point average in Religion and Philosophy courses and who receive A- grades or better on their senior theses or projects may graduate with program honors.

Minor in Religion - Minor in Religion

Type:Minor

A minor in religion requires completion of three (3) courses in addition to the exploratory religion core requirement: four (4) courses in all. At least two (2) courses must be at the 3000-level or above.

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