

Departments

Department of Philosophy and Religion

The mission of the Department of Philosophy and Religion is to empower students to critically engage their world and matters of ultimate significance through questions rooted in a concern for truth-seeking, justice, beauty, and meaning.

The objectives of the Department of Philosophy and Religion are to train students to think with precision and purpose, demonstrate a degree of mastery over their field, and leave them equipped to serve their various public and professional communities thoughtfully and effectively. To achieve these goals, the Department emphasizes and evaluates a set of learning outcomes.

Upon completing a program of study in the Department of Philosophy and Religion, students will:

- Read for a deep understanding.
- Think clearly and critically.
- Communicate effectively in written and oral forms of expression.
- Conscientiously engage multiple perspectives.
- Apply their learning to the world.
- Develop the habits and aptitudes of a contemplative life.

In addition to offering courses for all students as electives or general education requirements, the Department provides interested students the opportunity to pursue a focused plan of study. Students majoring or minoring in one of these programs of study will, in addition to meeting the department's general learning outcomes, demonstrate an ability to:

- Identify key themes, authors, and controversies from the history of the disciplines.
- Survey scholarly literature in a chosen area.
- Engage in sustained research resulting in a thesis or final project.
- Maintain and present an ePortfolio.

Majors

Philosophy (Accelerated Degree Program and Traditional Undergraduate Program)
Religion (Accelerated Degree Program and Traditional Undergraduate Program)

Minors

Philosophy and Religion (Accelerated Degree Program and Traditional Undergraduate Program)