Bachelor of Arts

Philosophy with a Major in Religious Studies (BA)

Requirements

Lower-Division General Education

Written Communication (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#written) 6
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Information Literacy and Research (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#information) 3
Human Behavior (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#behavior) 3
Human Creativity (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#creativity) 3
Interpreting the Past (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#interpret) 3
Literature (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#literature) 3
Philosophy and Ethics (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#philosophy) 3
The Nature of Science (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#science) 8
Impact of Technology (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#impact) 3

Written Communication: Grade of C or better required in ENGL 110C before declaring major.

Oral Communication requirement can be satisfied by PHIL 160R
Information Literacy and Research requirement can be satisfied by PHIL 202G, PHIL 290G, REL 147G, and REL 260G
Language and Culture: BA students must have competence through the 202 level; competence is not met by completion of an associate degree.
Philosophy and Ethics requirement can be satisfied in the major by PHIL 303E, PHIL 344E, PHIL 355E, or PHIL 491W.
Impact of Technology requirement can be satisfied in the major by PHIL 383T.

Upper-Division General Education

- Option A. Approved Minor, 12-24 hours; also second degree or second major
- Option B. Interdisciplinary Minor, 12 hours specified by the department, 3 of which may be in the major area of study
- Option C. An approved certification program such as teaching licensure
- Option D. Two Upper-Division Courses from outside the College of Arts and Letters or from the Social Science Component within the College of Arts and Letters that are not required by the major (6 hours).

Requirements for Graduation

Requirements for graduation include the following:

- Minimum of 120 credit hours.
- Minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward the major.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward a minor.
- Completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or ENGL 231C, and the writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better. The W course must be taken at Old Dominion University.
- Completion of Senior Assessment.

Philosophy Core

Topics core

| PHIL 300 | Knowledge and Reality | 3 |
| PHIL 301 | Ethics and Metaethics | 3 |
| PHIL 491W | Seminar in Philosophy | 3 |

Select one of the following: 3

| PHIL 330 | Ancient Greek Philosophy |
| PHIL 332 | Medieval Philosophy |
| PHIL 331 | Early Modern European Philosophy |
| PHIL 334 | Late Modern European Philosophy |
| PHIL 364 | African-American Philosophy |

Select another course from the list above OR one of the courses below: 3

| PHIL 404 | Existentialism and Phenomenology |
| PHIL 405 | American Pragmatist Philosophy |
| PHIL 406 | Language and Thought: History of Analytic Philosophy |
| PHIL 411 | Post-Modernism and Post-Structuralism |
| PHIL 425 | Kant and Hume |
| PHIL 430 | Marx and Hegel |
| PHIL 432 | Nietzsche and Life Affirmation |

Total Credit Hours: 15

Students must complete all core requirements plus the requirements for their selected major for a total of 33 credit hours in 300- and 400-level philosophy (PHIL) and religious studies (REL) courses; at least 9 hours must be at the 400 level.

Religious Studies Major

The religious studies major is designed for students looking to understand the role of religion in human culture and is also an excellent major for those intending to enter graduate programs in religious studies or area studies.

General Education

Complete lower-division requirements 35-47
Complete upper-division requirements (minimum of 6 credit hours) 6
Complete foreign language coursework through the 202 level 0-6

Philosophy Core

Complete philosophy core requirements 15

Islam

Select one of the following: 3

| REL 315 | Qur'an |
| REL 352 | Islam |
| REL 403 | Gender and Sexuality in Islam |

Judaisim and Christianity

Select one of the following: 3

| JST 300 | Holocaust and Genocide Studies |
| REL 311 | Hebrew Bible/Old Testament |
| REL 312 | New Testament |
| REL 333 | Historical Jesus |
| REL 350 | Judaism |
Asian Religions
Select one of the following:

- REL 353 Asian Religions
- REL 380 Hinduism
- REL 381 Buddhist Traditions
- PHIL 482 Chinese Religion and Philosophy
- REL 483 Tibet, Happiness, and this Precious Life
- PHIL 485 Japanese Religion and Philosophy

Religious Studies Electives
Choose three additional PHIL or REL courses at the 300 or 400 level.

Total Credit Hours: 74-92

Electives
Elective courses will be needed to meet the minimum 120 credit hours required for graduation.

Additional Requirements and Information

Advanced Placement
Since the study of philosophy and religion involves intensive work with sophisticated texts and extensive analytical and critical writing, credit by examination is not usually appropriate. Students who believe that there are reasons why they should be considered for exceptions to this policy should present their cases in writing to the chair of the department, who, when appropriate, will refer them to the departmental committee. Generally, such things as “reading on one’s own” are not considered an adequate basis for such a petition. Students who have earned credit for one of the introductory philosophy and ethics way of knowing courses (e.g., PHIL 110P, PHIL 120P, PHIL 126P, PHIL 150P, REL 150P, PHIL 155E, REL 155E, PHIL 227E, PHIL 228E, PHIL 230E, PHIL 235E, REL 235E, or PHIL 250E) may not receive credit by examination for another of them.

Double Majoring in Philosophy and Political Science

The departments of Political Science and Geography and Philosophy and Religious Studies have established an arrangement that makes it possible to complete a double major in as few as 57 hours, only 9 credits more than the 48 hours needed for a major in Women's Studies and minor in Philosophy. Any four of the following courses, totaling no more than 12 credit hours, may count toward both majors. Courses “double-counted” from one major will be considered electives in the other major.

- PHIL 365 Race & Power
- PHIL 402 Gender and Philosophy
- REL 403 Gender and Sexuality in Islam
- WMST 302W Dimensions of Diversity: Intersectionality Among Women
- WMST 303 Queer Studies
- WMST 460W Feminist and Queer Theory

With prior approval other courses from PHIL, REL, or WMST, such as topics courses, may be counted toward both majors.

Degree Program Guide

The Degree Program Guide is a suggested curriculum to complete this degree program in four years. It is just one of several plans that will work and is presented only as broad guidance to students. Each student is strongly encouraged to develop a customized plan in consultation with their academic advisor. Additional information can also be found in Degree Works.

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Linked BA in Philosophy and MA in Humanities

The linked BA in philosophy and MA in Humanities makes it possible for exceptional philosophy majors to count up to 12 hours of graduate courses toward both an undergraduate and graduate degree. Students must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree). For more information, consult the Humanities section of this catalog (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/collegeofartsletters/humanities/).

BA or BS to MBA (Master of Business Administration) Linked Program

The linked BA/MBA or BS/MBA program is an early entry to the MBA program of study. The early-entry program is designed for well qualified non-business undergraduate ODU students to start their MBA program prior to completing their undergraduate degree. Well qualified non-business undergraduate students may take MBA-level courses as early as three semesters prior to graduation and count up to 12 graduate credits toward their undergraduate degree. Students participating in the early-entry program must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree). Early-entry program students should carefully consider their undergraduate degree program requirements when planning their course of study. Students in the early-entry program work in close consultation with the MBA Program Office and should refer to information in the Strome College of Business section in the graduate catalog (http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/stromecollegeofbusiness/) to develop an individualized plan of study based on the required coursework.

BA or BS to MPA (Master of Public Administration) Linked Program

The linked BA in philosophy and MA in Humanities makes it possible for exceptional philosophy majors to count up to 12 hours of graduate courses toward both an undergraduate and graduate degree. Students must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree). For more information, consult the Humanities section of this catalog (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/collegeofartsletters/humanities/).

Junior

Fall

Core course: PHIL 300 or PHIL 301

Credit Hours 3

History course, first group (PHIL 330, PHIL 331, PHIL 332, or PHIL 334)

Elective course

Credit Hours 3

Elective course

Spring

Remainig core course: PHIL 300 or PHIL 301

Credit Hours 3

History course, first or second group (PHIL 330, PHIL 331, PHIL 332, PHIL 334, PHIL 344, PHIL 401, PHIL 425, or PHIL 430)

300/400-level major course

Elective course

Upper-Division General Education Course or Minor

Credit Hours 3

Senior

Fall

Judaism and Christianity course (JST 301, REL 311, REL 312, REL 333, REL 350, or REL 351)

300/400-level major course

Elective course

Minor or Elective

Credit Hours 3

Spring

PHIL 491W Seminar in Philosophy (Grade of C or better is required)

300/400-level major course

Asian Religions course (REL 353, REL 380, REL 381, REL 483, PHIL 482, or PHIL 485)

Elective course

Credit Hours 3

Credit Hours 1

Total Credit Hours 120

Minor or Elective Credit Hours 3

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