



The Department of **PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION**

"Your kingdom come' is our prayer for PLNU as it seeks to serve its vision of the future. Our faith is that students, faculty, and administration, obediently following the call of divine grace, will continue to be instruments of the transforming powers of God's kingdom presence on earth, fulfilling the promise of the prayer that Jesus taught us as his disciples to pray."

~ Frank G. Carver, Professor Emeritus of Religion

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OBJECTIVES

- To help students appreciate and understand Christian history, theology, and spirituality from the perspective of the biblical, historical Christian faith;
- To create opportunities for students to apply and integrate classroom knowledge and principles to in-service training experiences in local churches, cross-cultural settings, and missions;
- To prepare students to pursue the study of philosophy, theology, or religion in a graduate school or seminary;
- To educate students to be "practical thinkers" and "thinking practitioners."

TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE...

The Department of Philosophy and Religion faculty is committed to Christian service and the Wesleyan heritage. It offers personal attention and programs geared toward preparing women and men for ministry in a variety of forms as well as for other professions. With over fifty denominations represented at Point Loma, students have the opportunity to learn the similarities and differences between the major denominations and traditions within the Christian faith. The faculty of the department of Philosophy and Religion is diverse in educational background, with degrees from leading seminaries and universities across the country. Faculty members have published commentaries, dictionary articles, Christian life pieces, books, articles in national scholarly journals, and Christian education booklets. All professors are members in academic societies in fields of study. Outside the classroom, the faculty are committed members of local congregations and often spend weekends preaching, teaching Sunday school, or speaking at camps and retreats.

STEP INTO YOUR FUTURE...

Many of our students go directly into Christian ministry or other professions; others go on to graduate school. The department is proud of the acceptance rate of its alumni into a variety of graduate programs and law schools across the United States. To assist those entering Christian ministry of all sorts, "hands-on" internships in local churches are available. Also, six semester units can be earned through the summer ministries program by working in a local church, urban mission, or summer camp.

FACULTY

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Princeton Theological Seminary

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Bible and Christian Ministries

MAJOR

The disciplines of religion and theology, in keeping with the evangelical and Wesleyan-Arminian tradition in which the institution was founded, have the following objectives:

- To provide an appreciative understanding of Christian history, theology, and spirituality from the perspective of the biblical and historic faith of the Christian Church for all students at the General Education level;
- To offer a major which is foundationally biblical in content within the contexts of historical, theological, ministerial, and social perspectives;
- To give opportunity for the application and integration of classroom methodology and principles to in-service training experience in local church, cross-cultural, and missions contexts, designed to benefit the ongoing vocational ministry of students; and
- To prepare students planning to pursue the study of religion and theology in a seminary or graduate school.

LOWER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
BIB 101	Old Testament History and Religion	2
BIB 102	New Testament History and Religion	3
THE 250	Foundations of Christian Theology	.3
PHL 201	Intro to Philosophy	.3
CMI 150	Intro to Ministry	.3
CHU 104	Nazarene Church History and Policy (For students who are members of the Church of the Nazarene)	.3
<i>One of:</i>		
CMI 200	Christian Education of Children	.2
CMI 210	Intro to Youth Ministry	.3
CMI 220	Youth Ministry in Contemporary Culture	.3
CMI 230	Christian Education for Adults	.2
<i>Either:</i>		
BLA 207	Essentials of Greek I	.3
BLA 208	Essentials of Greek II	.3
AND		
BLA 337	Exegesis of Greek New Testament	OR
BLA 205	Essentials of Hebrew I	.4
AND		
BLA 206	Essentials of Hebrew II	.4
TOTAL		.24-26

UPPER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
BIB 307	Biblical Theology	.4
CMI 300	Preaching	.3
CMI 310	Practice of Ministry	.2
CMI 330	Care and Leadership in Ministry	.3
CMI 350	Evangelism and Missions	.4

CMI 387	Internship	.1-4
CMI 400	Christian Worship	.4
THE 306	The Life of Holiness	.3
THE 331	Christian Ethics	.3
THE 481	Theology I	.3
THE 497	Senior Seminar	.3
CHU 395	The Christian Tradition	OR
CHU 484	Ancient and Medieval Christianity	.3
AND		
CHU 485	Modern Christianity	.3
• Three additional units of Bible		
TOTAL		.36-45

RECOMMENDATIONS

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
CMU 314	Music and Worship	.3
• Courses in Psychology, Sociology, and Communication and Theatre		

Concentration for the Active Minister

This program is designed for the active minister who desires to complete a degree while remaining active in the pastorate. Students are encouraged to take electives and General Education courses at a local college or university during the academic year as needed. Upper-division courses required in the major will normally be taken on campus during the summer on a three-year cycle. The requirement of at least 24 units in residence must be met, but they need not be the *last* 24 units.

Besides meeting entrance requirements to the University, the student must be in a full-time ministerial position and have been in that position for at least one year. For further information, students should contact the Department chair.

REQUIREMENTS

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
BIB 101	Old Testament History and Religion	2
BIB 102	New Testament History and Religion	3
BIB 307	Biblical Theology	.4
PHL 201	Intro to Philosophy	.3
<i>Either:</i>		
BLA 207	Essentials of Greek I	.3
BLA 208	Essentials of Greek II	.3
AND		
BLA 337	Exegesis of Greek New Testament	OR
BLA 205	Essentials of Hebrew I	.3-4
AND		
BLA 206	Essentials of Hebrew II	.4
THE 306	The Life of Holiness	.3
CHU 395	The Christian Tradition	OR
CHU 484	Ancient and Medieval Christianity	.3
AND		
CHU 485	Modern Christianity	.3
• An upper-division Bible course		
• An upper-division philosophy course		
• A total of 61 units in Religion (including the courses listed above)		

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- A minimum of 24 upper-division units taken in residence at Point Loma with at least 12 of those units being in Philosophy and Religion
- Completion by residence or transfer of courses equivalent to the Point Loma General Education program
- Current employment in full-time Christian ministry

Note: No community college units can be accepted after 70 units have been earned.

Philosophy MAJOR

The discipline of philosophy, the critical inquiry into the structure of reality, knowledge, and values, seeks to clarify and explicate the presuppositions and implications of various interpretations of human experience. The purposes of the Philosophy major are:

- To develop critical and creative thinking, soundness of argument, clarity of thought, and precision in expression;
- To cultivate a critical appreciation of the enduring questions constituting the philosophical heritage;
- To explore the relation between philosophical and religious thought; and
- To prepare students for further graduate study.

LOWER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
PHL 201	Intro to Philosophy	.3
PHL 277	Logic	.2
	TOTAL	.5

UPPER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
PHL 301	History of Western Philosophy I	.3
PHL 302	History of Western Philosophy II	.3
PHL 451	Religion and Science	.3
	• Eighteen additional units in Philosophy	
	TOTAL	.27

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Greek, German, or French should be used to fulfill the General Education foreign language requirement.

Philosophy and Theology MAJOR

Graduate theological education today presumes broad learning across the curriculum with a concentration in a particular area. The major in Philosophy and Theology aims to prepare the student for graduate education by:

- Introducing the student to philosophy and theology as intellectual disciplines;

- Initiating the student into the central documents, beliefs and practices of the Christian faith, both historical and contemporary; and
- Providing flexibility to supplement the major with courses in complementary disciplines with the possibility of concentrated study in one area of interest.

LOWER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
BIB 101	Old Testament History and Religion	.2
BIB 102	New Testament History and Religion	.3
PHL 201	Intro to Philosophy	.3
THE 250	Foundations of Christian Theology	.3
	TOTAL	.11

UPPER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
BIB 307	Biblical Theology	.4
CHU 395	The Christian Tradition	.3
THE 306	The Life of Holiness	.3
THE 497	Senior Seminar	.3
	• Additional eleven units in the Department of Philosophy and Religion. At least three of these must be in Philosophy (excluding Philosophy 311) and a maximum of two units of Christian Ministries 387 may be applied.	
	TOTAL	.24

Children's Ministries MINOR

A minor is available to all students pursuing a degree who wish to qualify for full or part-time ministry to children.

REQUIREMENTS

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
CMI 150	Intro to Ministry	.3
CMI 200	Christian Education of Children	.2
BIB 307	Biblical Theology	.4
THE 331	Christian Ethics	.3
	OR three units in upper-division Bible	
FCS 120	Intro to Child Development	.4
FCS 420	Child Development in the Family and Community	.4
	• Three additional units in Christian Ministries	
	TOTAL	.20

RECOMMENDED

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
FCS 310	Early Childhood Education	.4
FCS 460	Administration and Supervision in Early Childhood Education	.4
FCS 470	Practicum in Child Development	.2

- Additional courses in Religion

Note: At least nine units must be taken in courses that are not used for the student's major. At least twelve units must be upper-division.

Christian Missions MINOR

A minor is available to all students pursuing a degree who wish to qualify for full or part-time Christian missions.

REQUIREMENTS

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
THE 365	Theology for Communities of Faith	.3
SOC 101	Intro to Sociology	.3
SOC 111	Intro to Sociology: Practicum	.1
CMI 100	Intro to Christian Leadership	.1
CMI 111	Practicum to Ministry	.1
CMI 150	Intro to Ministry	.3
CMI 350	Evangelism and Missions	.4
CMI 387	Internship	.4

One of the following emphases:

Ministry for Life Emphasis

SOC 360	Ethnic and Status Groups	.3
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Intercultural Missions Emphasis

SOC 201	Cultural Anthropology	.3
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Urban Missions Emphasis

SOC 350	Urban Sociology	.3
TOTAL		.23

RECOMMENDED

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
THE 331	Christian Ethics	.3
SOC 360	Ethnic and Status Groups	.3
PSY 321	Abnormal Psychology	.3

(For the urban missions emphasis)

- A semester or summer away in a cross-cultural academic setting (e.g., European Nazarene Bible College).

Note: At least nine units must be taken in courses that are not used for the student's major. At least twelve units must be upper-division.

Philosophy MINOR

LOWER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
PHL 201	Intro to Philosophy	.3

UPPER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
PHL 301	History of Western Philosophy I	.3
PHL 302	History of Western Philosophy II	.3
• Eight to nine additional units in Philosophy		
TOTAL		.14-15

Note: At least nine units must be taken in courses that are not used for the student's major. At least twelve units must be upper-division.

Youth Ministries MINOR

A minor is available to all students pursuing a degree who wish to prepare for full or part-time ministry to youth.

REQUIREMENTS

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
BIB 307	Biblical Theology	.4
THE 331	Christian Ethics	.3
<i>OR</i> three units in upper-division Bible		
CMI 150	Intro to Ministry	.3
CMI 210	Intro to Youth Ministry	.3
CMI 220	Youth Ministry in Contemporary Culture	.3
CMI 387	Internship	.3
PSY 306	Developmental Psychology-Adulthood and Aging	.3
TOTAL		.22

RECOMMENDED

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
CMI 300	Preaching	.3
CMI 350	Evangelism and Missions	.4
CMU 314	Music and Worship	<i>OR</i>
CMU 433	Hymnology	.3

Note: At least nine units must be taken in courses that are not used for the student's major. At least twelve units must be upper-division.

Church Music-Youth Ministries

INTERDEPARTMENTAL MAJOR

The Department of Philosophy and Religion and the Department of Music jointly offer a major which prepares for competency in the areas of church music and youth ministries. The requirements for this interdepartmental major are listed with the Department of Music.

Christian Ministries INTERNSHIP

Opportunity is provided for qualified majors to participate, for the equivalent of one semester, in a full-time practical experience in a local church. Each intern will be under the joint supervision of a local pastor and University faculty. The internship normally is taken during the summer between the junior and senior years and either the preceding or following semester.

Up to six units of credit in Christian Ministries 387 for the practicum experience is available. In addition, up to six units of regular course credit may be taken concurrently.

To be eligible for consideration in the Christian Ministries Internship program the student must have completed or have in progress the following:

- All lower-division requirements in Religion
- One year of biblical language
- Bible 307, Theology 306
- One advanced course in Theology or Church History, preferably Church History 395.

Application forms may be obtained from the Department Chair.

The H. Orton Wiley Chair of Theology

For many years, Point Loma Nazarene University has benefitted from a succession of distinguished scholars as teachers in the field of Christian theology. These include A.M. Hills, Olive M. Winchester, and H. Orton Wiley. The creative and scholarly work of these persons has made a distinct contribution to modern theology with the Wesleyan-Arminian emphasis. To continue this tradition of scholarship, the H. Orton Wiley Chair of Theology was created in 1964. Scholars selected to fill this position have been Ross E. Price, Westlake T. Purkiser and current chairholder Herb Prince.

Summer Ministries

This program involves qualified students of Point Loma Nazarene University in summer work at churches and youth camps throughout the Southwest Educational region or in summer ministries programs of the General Church of the Nazarene. Up to six units of course credit in Christian Ministries 387 is available.

Institute of Holy Land Studies

Point Loma Nazarene University is associated with the Institute of Holy Land Studies (a division of Jerusalem University College) in Jerusalem, Israel. Undergraduate courses, on the junior or senior level, or graduate courses may be taken in Israel and transferred to this University. Inquiries can be made to the Institute at 4249 E. State Street, Suite 203, Rockford, Illinois 61108.

Bible COURSES

BIB 101 (2) OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY AND RELIGION - GE

Within the context of the history of Israel, an overview of the literature of the Old Testament with special attention to its literary history and theological themes.

BIB 102 (3) NEW TESTAMENT HISTORY AND RELIGION - GE

Within the context of Christian origins, an overview of the canonical literature of the New Testament with special attention to its literary history and theological themes.

BIB 302 (3) EARLY CHRISTIANITY IN PAUL'S CHURCHES

A study of the presentation of Paul in the Acts of the Apostles, the theology of Paul and the Pauline literature. Alt.*

Prerequisite: Bible 102.

BIB 304 (3) THE CATHOLIC LETTERS

A study of Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, and Jude in their early Christian setting. Alt.+

Prerequisite: Bible 102 .

BIB 307 (4) BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

A study of the major theological themes of the Christian Scriptures in relation to Christian faith and practice.

Prerequisite: Bible 101 or 102.

BIB 378 (3) WISDOM IN JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY

A study of the development of wisdom literature from its ancient Near Eastern antecedents to second century Judaism and Christianity. Alt.+

Prerequisite: Bible 101.

BIB 401 (3) JESUS AND THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

A study of the origins, content, and theological perspectives of the synoptic Gospels. Alt.+

Prerequisite: Bible 102.

BIB 403 (3) JOHANNINE LITERATURE

A study of the Johannine literature (Gospel, Letters, and Apocalypse) in relation to its social setting and content, and its theological significance of the development of early Christianity. Alt.*

Prerequisite: Bible 102.

BIB 413 (3) THE BEGINNINGS OF THE HEBREW NATION

A study of the origins of Israel in the Biblical and archaeological records. Alt.+

Prerequisite: Bible 101.

BIB 414 (3) THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS

A study of the prophetic phenomena in the Old Testament, setting each book in its historical and canonical context. Alt.*

Prerequisite: Bible 101.

BIB 477 (3) THE LITERATURE OF SECOND TEMPLE JUDAISM

A study of selected literature and themes in the period of second temple Judaism such as the Dead Sea Scrolls and Apocalyptic literature. Alt.*

Prerequisite: Bible 101.

BIB 490 (1-3) SPECIAL STUDIES IN BIBLE

An investigation of a topic in Biblical studies not otherwise covered in the curriculum. May be repeated to a total of six units.

Prerequisite: Consent of department chair.

Biblical Language COURSES

BLA 205, 206 (4,4) ESSENTIALS OF HEBREW I, II - GE

An introductory study of the syntax and vocabulary of Biblical Hebrew, with Old Testament readings along with an introduction to the tools and methods of exegesis. Alt.+

BLA 207, 208 (3,3) ESSENTIALS OF GREEK I, II - GE

A linguistic approach to the language of the New Testament providing students with sufficient knowledge to read selected passages from the Greek New Testament with the use of a grammar and lexicon.

BLA 337,338 (3,3) EXEGESIS OF GREEK NEW TESTAMENT I, II - GE

Methodologies for the exegesis of the Greek New Testament with attention to continued reading of the text and advanced grammar and syntax.

Prerequisites: Biblical Language 207 and 208.

BLA 490 (1-3) SPECIAL STUDIES IN BIBLICAL LANGUAGES

Readings in Greek or Hebrew for the advanced student in Biblical languages. May be repeated up to four units credit in each language.

Prerequisites: Biblical Language 337 and 338 OR 205 and 206.

Church History COURSES

CHU 104 (3) NAZARENE CHURCH HISTORY AND POLITY

A study of the history, polity, articles of faith and Manual of the Church of the Nazarene. Attention is given to the importance of women and ethnic issues in ministry. Alt.+

CHU 395 (3) THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION - GE

An historical survey of the ideas, practices, and institutions of Christianity from the end of the New Testament period to the present, with attention to the Wesleyan-Arminian tradition.

Prerequisite: Bible 101 or 102.

CHU 484 (3) ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL CHRISTIANITY

A study of the Christian Church from its beginnings to the Protestant Reformation. Alt.*

Prerequisite: Bible 101 or 102.

CHU 485 (3) MODERN CHRISTIANITY

A study of the Christian church since the Protestant Reformation, with consideration of American Christianity from its European background to the present. Alt.*

Prerequisite: Bible 101 or 102.

CHU 490 (1-3) SPECIAL STUDIES IN CHURCH HISTORY

Study of a topic in church history not otherwise covered in the curriculum. May be repeated to a total of six units.

Prerequisite: Consent of department chair.

CHU 496 (2) SEMINAR IN CHURCH HISTORY

Advanced study in one or more areas of church history. Designed to function also as a graduate level elective. May be taken twice. Alt.+

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Christian Ministries COURSES

CMI 100 (1) INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

A course reflecting theologically on leadership issues related to spiritual discipline, community relations, ministry skills, life learning, and life stewardship. Special attention is given to balancing and integrating the competing demands on the life of the Christian.

CMI 111 (1) PRACTICUM TO MINISTRY

Requires at least two hours field experience per week through mentored involvement in a specific community intervention program.

CMI 150 (3) INTRODUCTION TO MINISTRY

An orientation course for those contemplating special areas of Christian service, providing insight into ministry from biblical thought, church history, theology, and contemporary Christian movements. Attention is given to the importance of women and ethnic issues in ministry.

CMI 200 (2) CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF CHILDREN

An introduction to the spiritual needs and development of the child; emphasis on the use of methods at specific age levels and the administration of the program for children. Alt.+

Prerequisites: Christian Ministries 150 and Bible 101 or 102.

CMI 210 (3) INTRODUCTION TO YOUTH MINISTRY

A study of the characteristics and spiritual needs of youth, practical factors involved with youth ministry, including resources for programming and discipleship. Alt.+

Prerequisites: Christian Ministries 150 and Bible 101 or 102.

CMI 220 (3) YOUTH MINISTRY IN CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

An in-depth analysis of issues facing contemporary youth, with an examination of leadership models and appropriate methods to facilitate effective week to week ministry with youth. Alt.*

Prerequisites: Christian Ministries 150 and Bible 101 or 102.

CMI 230 (2) CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

An overview of the developmental task and special needs of young, middle, and older adults; leadership training and the administration of the adult education program in the church. Alt.*

Prerequisites: Christian Ministries 150 and Bible 101 or 102.

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CMI 300 (3) PREACHING

An introduction to the preparation and delivery of sermons. Includes laboratory experience. Alt.*
Prerequisites: Communication 100, Christian Ministries 150, Theology 250.

CMI 310 (2) PRACTICE OF MINISTRY

Administration of the church as a voluntary organization, including working with lay leadership, conducting board meetings, programming the church year, budgets and church finance, ceremonies and rituals. Alt.+
Prerequisites: Christian Ministries 150, Theology 250.

CMI 330 (3) CARE AND LEADERSHIP IN MINISTRY

A study of pastoral care and leadership and their Biblical, historical and theological foundations in relation to their contemporary expressions. Alt.+
Prerequisites: Christian Ministries 150, Theology 250.

CMI 350 (4) EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS

A study of the Biblical, historical and theological foundations of evangelism, missions, and church growth in relation to their contemporary expressions. Alt.*
Prerequisites: Christian Ministries 150, Theology 250.

CMI 387 (1-4) INTERNSHIP

Supervised training in ministry, designed to help the student correlate classroom experiences with the practice of ministry. May be repeated up to six units. Graded Credit/No Credit.
Prerequisites: Bible 101 or 102 and consent of instructor.

CMI 400 (3) CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

A study of the practice of worship and its Biblical, historical and theological foundations in relation to its contemporary expressions, with special attention to the sacraments, Christian rituals and the liturgical year. Alt.+
Prerequisites: Christian Ministries 150, Theology 250.

CMI 490 (1-3) SPECIAL STUDIES IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

An investigation of a topic in Christian ministries not otherwise covered in the curriculum. May be repeated to a total of six units.
Prerequisite: Consent of department chair.

CMI 495 (2) SEMINAR IN MINISTRY

Advanced study in one or more areas of Christian ministries. Designed to function also as a graduate level elective. May be taken twice. Alt.*
Prerequisites: Christian Ministries 150, Theology 250, Church History 395, Bible 307.

Philosophy COURSES

PHL 201 (3) INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY - GE

A historical survey of selected philosophical ideas, systems, and methods, especially as these have developed in western civilization.

PHL 277 (2) LOGIC

A study of the logical appraisal of arguments with attention given to formal and informal fallacies. Alt.+

PHL 301 (3) HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY I

Designed to introduce the student to developments in philosophy from ancient Greece to René Descartes, with readings from historical sources and analysis of representative philosophers and topics. Alt.+
Prerequisite: Philosophy 201.

PHL 302 (3) HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY II

Designed to introduce the student to developments in philosophy from René Descartes to the present, with readings from historical sources and analysis of representative philosophers and topics. Alt.+
Prerequisite: Philosophy 201.

PHL 311 (3) ETHICS - GE

The study of right and wrong in principle, character, and conduct; practical moral issues analyzed from the basis of sound moral theory; characteristics of an adequate, consistent code of ethics.

PHL 321 (3) SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY

The emergence and development of social philosophy, with consideration given to Critical Theory, Heidegger, Post-Structuralism, and feminist thought. Alt.*
Prerequisite: Philosophy 201.

PHL 341 (3) PHILOSOPHY OF ART

Classical and recent theories of beauty and art, with selected coverage of such concepts as aesthetics, expression, representation and criticism. Alt.*
Prerequisite: Philosophy 201.

PHL 350 (3) HERMENEUTICS

Treatment of the leading theories of literary interpretation and their importance and application in philosophy and theology. Credit in either philosophy or theology. Alt.*
Prerequisites: Philosophy 201 and either Bible 101 or 102.

PHL 351 (3) ASIAN PHILOSOPHIES AND RELIGIONS

Treatment of the leading ideas and philosophical developments of Asian philosophies and of the beliefs and practices of Asian religious traditions. Alt.+
Prerequisite: Philosophy 201.

PHL 410 (3) KNOWLEDGE AND LANGUAGE

Historical and recent issues in epistemology and language in selected British, American, and continental philosophers, including Post-Structuralism and Deconstruction. Alt.*

Prerequisite: Philosophy 201.

PHL 451 (3) RELIGION AND SCIENCE

A philosophical and historical examination and assessment of the interaction between scientific and religious ideas, focusing on cosmology and evolutionary thought in the last four centuries. Alt.+

Prerequisites: History 110, 111, and Philosophy 201.

PHL 461 (3) PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

A philosophical examination of the nature of religion, the existence of God, faith and reason, religious experience, evil, and religious language. Alt.*

Prerequisite: Philosophy 201.

PHL 490 (1-3) SPECIAL STUDIES IN PHILOSOPHY

An investigation of a topic in philosophy not otherwise covered in the curriculum. May be repeated to a total of six units.

Prerequisite: Consent of department chair.

Theology COURSES

THE 250 (3) FOUNDATIONS OF CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY

An introduction to Christian theology, to research methods and to theological bibliography; survey of contemporary theological trends.

Prerequisites: Philosophy 201 and either Bible 101 or 102.

THE 300 (3) RELIGIONS OF THE WEST

A study of non-Christian religions of the Western world, especially Judaism and Islam, and of important aspects of religion such as myth, ritual, belief, and law. Alt.*

Prerequisites: Bible 101, 102, Philosophy 201.

THE 306 (3) THE LIFE OF HOLINESS - GE

A study of the Biblical foundations of the holiness message, Wesleyan theological perspectives set in the context of the history of the Church, and the classic disciplines of spiritual formation.

Prerequisite: Bible 101 or 102.

THE 310 (3) WOMEN IN CHRISTIANITY - WS

A study of issues related to women in the Bible and Christianity, including women's spiritual biographies, the use of gender-inclusive language, the ordination of women into ministry, women in the Wesleyan/holiness tradition, and feminist and liberation theologies. Alt.+

THE 331 (3) CHRISTIAN ETHICS

A study of Christian theories of ethics and of the ethical implications of the Christian faith for issues of contemporary importance such as medical ethics, sexuality, war and peace, ecology, and economics. Alt.+

Prerequisites: Bible 101, 102, Philosophy 201.

THE 350 (3) HERMENEUTICS

Treatment of the leading theories of literary interpretation and their importance and application in philosophy and theology. Credit in either philosophy or theology. Alt.*

Prerequisites: Philosophy 201 and Bible 101 or 102.

THE 365 (3) THEOLOGY FOR COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

A study of contemporary theological perspectives on the nature of community in a variety of contexts (urban, rural, multicultural). The development of an ongoing method of theological reflection for public ministry and Christian communities of faith. Alt.*

Prerequisites: Bible 101, 102, Christian Ministries 150.

THE 481 (3) THEOLOGY I

Examination of the Christian doctrines of Jesus Christ as the sacrament and revelation of God the Creator, of creation and new creation in Christ, and of Christ as the divine-human source of salvation. Alt.+

Prerequisite: Theology 250.

THE 482 (3) THEOLOGY II

Examination of the Christian doctrines of the Holy Spirit, Christian life in the Spirit, the church, Christian ethics, divine providence, and eschatology. Alt.+

Prerequisites: Theology 250.

THE 490 (1-3) SPECIAL STUDIES IN THEOLOGY

An examination of a topic in theology not otherwise studied in the curriculum. May be repeated to a total of six units.

Prerequisite: Consent of department chair.

THE 497 (3) SENIOR SEMINAR

In-depth examination of issues and problems, academic and professional, pertinent to the discipline of religion. Required of all seniors majoring in Bible and Christian Ministries and in Philosophy and Theology.

Prerequisite: Senior standing.