

# Departments

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## Department of Philosophy and Religion

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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)