

**DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION**  
**Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Religion**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Department of Philosophy and Religion offers a combined major in Philosophy and Religion, which is intended to provide basic foundations regarding methodology and content in both the fields of Philosophy and Religious Studies. Beyond those basic foundations, majors can focus on either Religious Studies or Philosophy, or take further courses in both fields. Those focusing on Religious Studies learn more about methodology, various religious traditions, studying religious texts from a critical historical perspective, and religious thought in interaction with culture. Those focusing on Philosophy learn about concepts, arguments, and great thinkers in the areas of ethics, epistemology, aesthetics, and metaphysics, as well as the appreciation of worldviews in relation to the history of culture.

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The objectives in Philosophy are:

- 1) Analyze Key Concepts
- 2) Reconstruct Philosophical Arguments [Year A]
- 3) Summarize Great Philosophers
- 4) Appreciate Worldviews [Year B]
- 5) Discriminate Valid Deduction
- 6) Employ Classification and Induction [Year C].

The objectives in Religion are:

- 1) Comprehend World Religions
- 2) Examine Interreligious Interactions [Year A]
- 3) Differentiate Disciplinary Methods
- 4) Evaluate Concepts and Categories [Year B]
- 5) Explain Historical Criticism
- 6) Illustrate Religion-Culture Relationships [Year C].