

Winthrop University

DEPARTMENT OF

Philosophy and Religious Studies

The study of philosophy and religion lies at the very root of the modern university, forming part of the core of our attempts to understand ourselves and our world. These two disciplines are related in that they address human life's most basic issues and questions of meaning. Yet they differ in perspectives or the way they frame those questions and they each rely on a variety of methodologies. Our enthusiastic and learned faculty will guide you through a great variety of courses that practically offer you the opportunity to craft your own program.

Quick Facts

6 students in the major for each full-time faculty member

1:1 academic advising with a faculty member for each student

4 years or less to complete the degree



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Chair, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

Secretary of State John Kerry recently noted if he were going to college today he would major in religion because so many crucial issues have some connection to religion. Likewise, businesses of all sorts continually tell us they want to hire people who have been taught how to think and not simply what to think. A B.A. in philosophy and religion will provide you with the tools of a thoughtful person who is truly aware of the interconnectedness of the world. Whether you lean more toward philosophy or religion, you'll be connected to so many interests and prepared for so many possibilities no matter what your next step will be.



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Degree Programs

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Religion with concentration in Philosophy

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Religion with concentration in Religion

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Religion with concentration in Philosophy and Religion

Minor in Philosophy

Minor in Religion

Minor in Philosophy and Religion

"Majoring in philosophy and religion was **one of my best decisions** while studying at Winthrop University. I **gained many practical skills** while studying philosophy and religion. I learned much about the discipline, but more importantly, I **learned to question and examine my own beliefs and ways of thinking**. If you can read and understand Alfred North Whitehead, you can read and understand just about anything."

– Sarah Cohen, '14

Co-curricular experiences open to all Philosophy and Religion Studies majors

- Student Research and Conference Presentation
- Honors Program
- Complementary Minor Programs

Extra-curricular activities open to all Philosophy and Religion Studies majors

- Study Abroad
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Symposium Philosophy Club
- Philosophy Honor Society
- Religion Honor Society

Freshman Class Schedule

ACAD 101	Introduces first-year students to the concepts, resources, and skills necessary for successful higher learning and facilitates the student's adjustment to the learning academy.
WRIT 101	Introduces students to college-level, thesis-driven, research-based writing. Focus on planning, organizing, and developing persuasive essays.
PHIL 101	An introduction and overview of the major areas of philosophical inquiry.
RELG 101	An examination of the varying concepts of religion and the methods of studying religious behavior and belief.
MATH 150	A study of basic skills and applications necessary for critical thinking in a quantitative world.
PSYC 101	An introductory survey of the entire field of psychology.

“The professors each offer a unique perspective on how the world works; you won’t get the kind of thinking that goes on in this department anywhere else! And even better, the kinds of things you learn here will help YOU in many other places, honing your critical thinking in powerful ways.”

–Eric W. Hill '10, '15

Scholarship and Other Opportunities

Several Scholarships in the Humanities and Liberal Arts through the College of Arts and Sciences.

Best Senior Paper Award.

For More Information: www.winthrop.edu/cas/philrelg

Potential Careers

In Philosophy and Religious Studies

University Professor

Law

Teaching

Seminary

Careers in Ministry

Careers in Counseling



“I didn’t initially choose Philosophy and Religious Studies as my major, but it is a switch that I will never regret! Many of my friends have told me that if they’d discovered this major sooner...they would have changed majors too. The professors in the Philosophy and Religious Studies department represent a wide range of beliefs, providing a healthy, non-biased academic approach to studying philosophy and religion. My beliefs have been stretched, challenged, and strengthened under the teaching of the staff at Winthrop and the process has been rather enjoyable!”

–Waverly Baker '17

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