### Philosophy & Religious Studies MAJOR MAP

#### Possible Programs of Study:

**1ST YEAR**
- Get off on the right foot by taking PHIL 101 or RELG 101 along with basic General Ed courses.
- 2nd semester: at least one course in the major.

**2ND YEAR**
- Go deeper into the major. Get your language requirement if you did not do it in 1st year.
- Keep working at Gen Ed. Choose your minor if you haven’t already.
- Talk with your advisor about graduating early (after 3rd year or 1st half of 4th). Look into the dept. honor societies.

**3RD OR FINAL YEAR**
- Go even deeper into the major with several courses in your concentration.
- Try to meet all pre-reqs for senior capstone. Aim to be eligible for one of the dept. honor societies.
- Finish your Gen Ed requirements. Make sure minor and electives are on track.

**4TH OR FINAL YEAR**
- Apply for graduation early in 1st semester. Take the capstone course in fall; present your work at SOURCE in spring.
- Be sure all major, minor, electives, and Gen Ed requirements are met as well as cultural event credits.

#### CAREERS OF INTEREST
- Teaching at various levels
- Law
- Applied ethics
- Archives
- Cultural affairs
- Human rights
- Media and communications
- Medical ethics
- Politics and government
- Public and private research
- Public policy
- Faith-based leadership
- Human resources
- International development
- Family and labour relations
- Patient advocacy
- Social services

#### SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS
- Critical thinking
- Analytical/Problem-solving skills
- Develop convincing arguments
- Communicate complex ideas and write and speak at a superior level
- Listen and read carefully
- Intercultural literacy
- People skills

### RELEVANT EXPERIENCE
- Get involved in clubs or organizations. Attend Council of Student Leaders’ meetings. Volunteer with a group connected to your career interests.
- Get more involved in your organizations or student govt. Look for leadership opportunities.
- Explore internship possibilities for the coming summer or your 3rd year.
- Take a leadership position in your organization or student government. Take on an internship in something relevant to your career goals.
- Continue your involvement and leadership. Articulate your experience and skills when applying for grad school or jobs.

### COMMUNITY CONNECTION
- Volunteer on or off campus with a service organization.
- Get acquainted with other majors and minors in PHIL/RELG. Attend dept. events and meet others in our student work center.
- Continue volunteering in service orgs. Continue to connect to other students in the department.
- Become a leader in the department network of students or in your other services organizations.
- Use your experiences, connections, and LinkedIn network to apply for jobs or graduate school.

### GLOBAL THINKING
- Explore study-abroad opportunities and when they might fit best into your program. Go to the study abroad fair.
- Consider study abroad or short-term study abroad opportunities more concretely.
- Best time to study abroad
- Apply to schools for Philosophy or Religious Studies/Theology abroad. Consider teaching English abroad programs.

### LIFE AFTER GRADUATION
- Talk with your advisor about your career and life goals. Make sure the major is right for you. Visit Career Services.
- Continue discussing and more clearly defining goals. Use Career Services profiles to help determine your best options.
- Talk with your advisor about graduate or professional schools (even abroad).
- Finalize your plans for grad school, employment, full-time service programs. Get help from Career Services.