

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM**

Operating on the premises that all Christians are called and gifted by God to minister, and that Apostolic ministry is “for God, to people, in love,” the Religious Education Department of the College of Ministries explores the discipline of religion from an Apostolic perspective with emphases on the values of relationship with God and others. Building on a solid foundation of General Education Courses, the Religious Education Curriculum requires the successful completion of ninety additional quarter hours to earn a Bachelor of Science in Religious Education. While following the prescribed course of study, students will be encouraged to pursue their personal spiritual formation by exploring and developing their relationship with God during comprehensive study of the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. The Old and New Testaments will be examined using both biblical and systematic approaches to theology with attention given to Apostolic distinctives and their effective communication.

Since quality relationships enhance effective communication, intentionality is given in both the formal and informal curriculum to develop the students’ ability to relate to and lead others in love, both intra and cross-culturally. Further, since a breadth of education enhances effective communication and ministry, students not only fulfill the requirements for their major in *Biblical Literature* but complete two minors from their choice of *Science, Business, Education, English/Communications, History, Music, or Social Science*. All College of Ministries students are encouraged to be involved in extracurricular activities and ministry opportunities.

Approaching Religious Education emphasizing the values of a relationship with God and others, enhances Religious Education graduates’ ability to be “Empowered Christian Leaders.” Besides being equipped for effective ministry, they enjoy a solid educational foundation should they need to find secular employment or pursue graduate studies.

Learning Goals for the Religious Education Curriculum are:

1. For the graduate to demonstrate an appreciation of the value of Scripture by modeling its consistent application in their lives.
2. For the graduate to demonstrate an understanding of Scriptural teaching by skillfully analyzing and evaluating doctrines as to their Scriptural accuracy.
3. For the graduate to demonstrate skill in communicating Scripture through oral and written communication.
4. For the graduate to demonstrate skill in adapting Scriptural teaching to diverse cultural settings.
5. For the graduate to demonstrate skill in originating means and methods of effectively disseminating the teachings of Scripture.
6. For the graduate to demonstrate a vision for perpetual personal growth through the development of an ongoing personal growth plan.
7. For the graduate to demonstrate concern for others by seeking opportunities to mentor others for growth.

### ***Requirements for Bachelor of Science in Religious Education***

1. Complete all prescribed General Education courses.
2. Complete all required courses from the Religious Education Department.
3. Complete a minimum 36 hour Major in Biblical Literature.
4. Complete two minors of a minimum of 24 hours each from the list below.
5. Complete a minimum of 180 hours (The last 45 hours for the degree must be from courses taken from GLU unless contracted in advance with the College of Ministries.)

### **General Bachelor of Science in Religious Education Requirements (21 hours)**

Included in General Education Requirements:

REL 201	Apostolic Theology	5
REL 101	Philosophy of Religion	4
REL 201	Philosophy of Ethics	4

Additional Religious Education Requirements (8 hours):

REL 320	Pneumatology	4
REL 420	Hermeneutics	4

### **Required Major in Biblical Literature (Minimum of 36 hours, including General Education requirements)**

Biblical Literature Requirements Included in General Education Requirements (8 hours):

REL 101	Early Jewish History and Literature	4
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REL 102 Early Christian History and Literature 4

Additional Biblical Literature Limited Electives (Choice of a minimum of 28 hours, with a minimum of 8 hours in O.T. and 8 hours in N.T.)

REL 301 Pentateuch	4
REL 302 Historical Books	4
REL 303 The Synoptic Gospels	4
REL 304 Romans and Galatians	4
REL 311 Corinthians and Prison Epistles	4
REL 312 General Epistles	4
REL 320 Pneumatology	4
REL 400 John	4
REL 401 Thessalonians and Pastoral Epistles	4
REL 402 Hebrews and Revelation	4
REL 403 Wisdom and Poetic Literature	3
REL 411 Prophets	4

**Two General Education Minors Required (Minimum of 24 hours each, may include General Education requirements)**

The student may choose the two minors from the following list:

- i. Science
- ii. Business
- iii. Education
- iv. English/Communications
- v. History
- vi. Music
- vii. Social Science