

# Degree Path: B.A. in Religion & Philosophy

College of Bible and Church Ministries

22-23 Catalog

## Freshman Year

Fall Semester 15 hours  
GES 1122 Strategies for Student Success ∞  
ENG 1113 Composition and Rhetoric I ∞  
COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech ∞  
MTH 1113/1123 (Math option) ∞  
PED 1101-2291 (Activity Course option 1) ∞  
BIB/REL (Bible Core option) ∞

Spring Semester 15 hours  
ENG 1123 Composition and Rhetoric II ∞  
(prereq: ENG 1113)  
HIS 1113/1123 (American History option) ∞/◇  
PSY 1153 Introduction to Psychology ∞  
BIO 1113/PHY 1113 (Science option) ∞  
BIB/REL (Bible Core option) ∞

## Sophomore Year

Fall Semester 15 hours  
ENG 2273/2233 (English option) ∞/◇  
(ENG 2243, if preferred, is spring only)  
(prereq: ENG 1123)  
PED 2232 Wellness & Lifestyle ∞  
PED 1101-2291 (Activity Course option 2) ∞  
PHL 2233 Logic, Reason, and Persuasion ◇  
(Course offered online only)  
THE 2113 Intro to Theology & Apologetics ∞  
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 1)

Spring Semester 15 hours  
GOV 2213 National and State Government ∞  
BIB 2213 Bible Study ∞  
THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine & History ∞  
BIB/REL (Bible Core option) ∞  
BIB XXXX (Bible Elective option 1) ∞

## Junior Year

Fall Semester 15 hours  
BIB 3483 Hermeneutics ∞  
(prereq: BIB 2213)  
PHL 2223 Introduction to Philosophy \*\*  
(Odd years, if preferred, are summer only)  
REL 3113 Christianity in the Anc.- Mid. Ages ◇  
THE 3123 Systematic Theology I ◇  
BIB/REL (Bible Core option) ∞

Spring Semester 15 hours  
PHL 3113 History of Philosophy \*  
THE 3133 Systematic Theology II ◇  
REL 3123 Christianity from Ref. to PoMo Era ◇  
BIB XXXX (Bible Elective option 2) ∞  
THE XXXX (Theology Core option) ∞

## Senior Year

Fall Semester 15 hours  
REL 3153 Christian Ethics ∞  
PHL 3123 Philosophy of Religion \*  
THE 3113 Christian Apologetics \*  
THE 3363 World Religions ◇  
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 2)

Spring Semester 15 hours  
THE 4123 Cults, Occults, and Folk Religions ◇  
THE 4453 Contemporary Theology  
(Course only offered every three years)  
(As-needed-substitutions by coordinator)  
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 3)  
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 4)  
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 5)

### Please Note:

- This sample schedule is only a suggested path and does not reflect individual variation necessary due to course-offering alterations, change of major, retaking of courses, transfer credits, spring start, summer courses, or conditional acceptance.
- You should consult your department chair, program coordinator, course scheduler, and peer advisor regarding how your specific circumstance will affect your sequence of these courses for graduation completion.
  - ∞ every fall and spring semester
  - \* only that semester in odd years
  - \*\*\* to be taken *only* in specified semester
  - ◇ every year only fall/spring/summer (as listed)
  - \*\* only that semester in even years
  - ∞/◇ offering differs in order listed



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## OVERVIEW

A degree in Religion and Philosophy prepares students for a variety of vocational roles that require advanced studies in philosophy, apologetics, religion, and theology. It is an excellent degree for students who desire to attend graduate school. The analytical and communication skills that are integral to our program are among the most highly-valued soft skills in businesses and professional organizations.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our graduates have gone on to graduate studies at universities and graduate schools all over the world. They have also gone on to pursue careers in ministry, military/federal/ hospital chaplaincy, missions, education, law, and administration.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- A Senior Paper is required for this degree. The course THE 4150 Senior Paper is taken during the first semester of the senior year. The paper must be completed in a 3000 or 4000 level BIB, PHL, REL, or THE course. See the Department Chair for which courses qualify.
- Learn to read the Bible in its original languages and earn a minor in Biblical Languages by taking Greek 1 & 2, Hebrew 1 & 2, and Hermeneutics. There is enough room in our program for this or any other minor offered at SAGU, including business, education, music, digital media, marketing, psychology, coaching, and so forth.
- All graduates from our program are qualified to take the Assemblies of God Credentialing Exam. Our degree qualifies you to make application as a licensed minister.
- Our degree gives a special advantage to those preparing for further graduate studies and for employment in church and parachurch organizations, military and civilian chaplaincies, publishing houses, Bible software companies, denominational administration, missions organizations, and educational institutions.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

### GENERAL EDUCATION STUDIES 57 Hours

#### General Education: 14 hours

- COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech Communication
- ENG 1113 Composition and Rhetoric I
- ENG 1123 Composition and Rhetoric II
- GES 1122 Strategies for Student Success
- 3 hours from the following:
  - ENG 2233 American Literature through Civil War
  - ENG 2243 American Literature after the Civil War
  - ENG 2273 Introduction to Literature

### Social/Behavioral Sciences: 9 hours

- GOV 2213 National and State Government
- PSY 1153 Introduction to Psychology
- 3 hours from the following:
  - HIS 1113 American History I
  - HIS 1123 American History II

### Natural Science/Mathematics: 6 hours

- 3 hours from the following:
  - BIO 1113 Biological Science
  - PHY 1113 Physical Science
- 3 hours from the following:
  - MTH 1113 College Mathematics
  - MTH 1123 College Algebra

### Physical Education: 4 hours

- PED 2232 Wellness and Lifestyle
- 2 hours from activity courses without duplication:
  - PED 1101-PED 2291

### General Biblical Studies: 24 hours

- BIB 1223 The Church in Ministry and Mission
- BIB 2213 Bible Study
- REL 1133 Authentic Christianity
- REL 1153 New Testament Literature
- REL 1163 Old Testament Literature
- REL 3153 Christian Ethics
- THE 2113 Introduction to Theology and Apologetics
- THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine and History

### MAJOR STUDIES 48 Hours

#### Bible: 9 hours

- BIB 3483 Hermeneutics
- 6 hours from any BIB course

#### Philosophy: 15 hours

- PHL 2223 Introduction to Philosophy
- PHL 2233 Logic, Reason, and Persuasion
- PHL 3113 History of Philosophy
- PHL 3123 Philosophy of Religion
- THE 3113 Christian Apologetics

#### Religion: 15 hours

- REL 3113 Christianity in the Ancient and Middle Ages
- REL 3123 Christianity from the Reformation to Postmodern Era
- THE 3363 World Religions
- THE 4123 Cults, Occults, and Folk Religions
- THE 4453 Contemporary Theology

#### Theology: 9 hours

- THE 3123 Systematic Theology I
- THE 3133 Systematic Theology II
- 3 hours from any THE course

### MINOR STUDIES/GENERAL ELECTIVES 15 Hours

- 15 hours of student's choice

### TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 120 Hours



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