

# B.A. Religion/Philosophy | Major Map

## 2018-22 GRADUATE CAREER OUTCOMES

Based on information from 92% of graduates

**100%** Secured Employment

**100%** Admitted Into Graduate School or Professional Program

## POPULAR CAREERS

- **Education:** professor, researcher, campus pastor, dean of student life, student affairs administrator, multicultural programming administrator, campus minister
- **Law:** prosecutor, defense attorney, mediator, legal advocate, judge
- **Government:** politician, foreign service agent, city manager, law enforcement officer
- **Religious Affiliated Areas:** clergy, spiritual director, mission work, vocation such as monk or nun, hospital chaplain, music minister/cantor, religious camp coordinator
- **Communications & Arts:** journalist, editor, reporter, publisher, museum director
- **Social Services:** counselor, volunteer manager, grant writer, vocational trainer, rehabilitation counselor

## POPULAR EMPLOYERS

International relief & aid organizations, school districts, federal government agencies, colleges, monasteries, law firms, seminary schools, staffing agencies, museums, nursing homes, newspapers, shelters, churches, military, synagogues, mosques, youth organizations & camps

## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

### • Internships/Practicums/Field Experience

- Augustana Research Symposium
- Greenpeace
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Chaplaincy: Avera Health and Sanford Health
- Bioethics at Sanford Health
- Leading Bible/book studies at Touchmark All Saints Retirement Community

### • Service Learning

- LSS Mentoring Services
- Good Shepherd Services
- The Banquet
- Prison ministries

### • Example Research Topics

- Ecofeminist Theology: The Interconnections of Exploitation Between Women and the Environment
- Liberation Theology: The Place of Black Lives Matter in Christian Theology
- Biomedical Ethics

### • Study Away

- AU Faculty-Led: Dharma: Religion, Art, Sound & Literature in India
- AU Faculty-Led: The Cultural Heritage of Spain & Morocco
- AU Faculty-Led: From Luther to Lutefisk: 500+ Years of Religious Communication in Germany & Norway



## WHY STUDY RELIGION/PHILOSOPHY?

Religion/philosophy majors explore how the methods and concepts of philosophy assist us in the examination of theology. Many of our students never imagined they would become religion or philosophy majors, but they find themselves drawn in by the intellectual challenges posed by our faculty and curriculum. Do you ask hard questions about what you read? Take positions and support them? Wonder, explore, pursue and clarify thinking? Does your future vocation involve careful analysis? Our situation as a Christian university opens doors for questioning dogma, exploring competing explorations and learning from others. We offer opportunities to work closely with professors to research and expand your knowledge. Qualified students may apply for the religion honors program. The program encourages students to engage enduring questions at the intersections of other disciplines: medical humanities & society (minor); environmental studies (major and minor); and the visual arts.

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## FIRST YEAR

## MIDDLE YEAR~S°

## LAST YEAR

### EXCEL ACADEMICALLY

- Review SOPHIA and program requirements with your academic advisor.
- Review your degree audit report, and create a plan of study in Academic Planner.
- Enroll in RELI 110.
- Participate in FYS 112 to confirm your major, hear from upper-level students about signature experiences and chart a personalized plan for your engagement.
- Choose or confirm your major(s) or minor(s).
- Get involved with the Office of Faith & Spiritual Life and other organizations such as CRU, FCA, MSA and ASA.

- Explore minors or elective credits that interest you.
- Contact the Student Success Center to declare any second majors or minors.
- Engage in research in PHIL 300, and present your work at the annual research symposium.
- Study away with faculty-led trips.
- Begin completing required classes: RELI/PHIL 200, 241, 220 and PHIL 230 or 236.
- Gain experience in a field placement or internship.
- During your junior year, apply for the departmental honors track.

- Apply to graduate no later than Oct. 1, and review the degree audit provided by the Registrar's Office.
- Complete PHIL 400: Senior Thesis.
- Explore the opportunity of becoming affiliated with your denominational staff for certification/endorsement in ministry (Ex: SD Synod of the ELCA).
- Apply for the department's honor society, Theta Alpha Kappa.

### ENGAGE & APPLY YOUR LEARNING

- Access your Viking Central account.
- Participate in campus organizations such as Faith & Spiritual Life, Better Together, Muslim Student Association, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Augie Worship Night or Luther House of Study.
- Explore study-away opportunities at the study-away fairs.
- Create an account in Augie Opportunities.
- Engage in hands-on learning through the Augustana Chapel of Reconciliation.

- Attend the Sophomore retreat.
- Earn the Diversity Advocate Certificate.
- Engage in campus leadership, internships, service and relevant summer employment.
- Participate in the alumni mentor program.
- Consider elite scholarship opportunities, such as the Fulbright, Rhodes or Truman.
- Apply for Knight Internship Funds or other experiential scholarships.
- Apply for funds/grants with the Fund for Theological Education at fteleaders.org.
- Consider becoming affiliated with a regional church governing body for ministry.

- Take standardized exams (e.g., GRE, LSAT, MCAT), and share your application to graduate or professional schools with your advisor and CAP specialist for feedback.
- Attend the BIG (Business, Industry & Government) Career & Internship Fair.
- Continue to connect with alumni.
- Participate in mock interviews and networking events.
- Complete the career outcome survey to update us of your employment or enrollment in graduate school.
- Join the Augustana alumni community.

**CHART YOUR COURSE TODAY!**

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