

# Religion and Philosophy Major (BA)

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The religion and philosophy major at Lyon College offers students a broad range of courses rich in philosophical and theological thought. Because it combines rigor and clarity of thought and expression with concern for all aspects of the human condition, the study of religion and philosophy also provides a strong foundation for a range of professions.

All RPH majors will take the advanced seminar. They will either undertake in-depth research and complete a project on a topic in religion or philosophy or connect religious and philosophical insights to other academic disciplines. With the approval of RPH faculty, students in other disciplines may take this course and connect their specialized fields to theological or philosophical perspectives.

**Students can choose one of four possible tracks in religion and philosophy.**

**NOTE: To graduate with a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree from Lyon College, students must successfully complete a minimum of 120 semester credit hours comprised of our required Core curriculum (44-48 hours), the requirements of at least one major (credit hours vary per major), and a selection of our Liberal Arts electives. They must also earn at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average for all work taken at Lyon College and a 2.00 cumulative grade point average in their major, minor, and concentration.**

## Track One: General RPH major

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Item #	Title	Credits
	RPH Foundation Classes (Choose 4)	12
	General RPH Electives (21 credits)	21
RPH 470	Advanced Seminar: In-depth Study of Religion and Philosophy	3

## Track Two: RPH Major with a focus on religion

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Item #	Title	Credits
	RPH Foundation Classes (Choose 4)	12
	RPH: Religion Electives	21
RPH 470	Advanced Seminar: In-depth Study of Religion and Philosophy	3

## Track Three: RPH major with a focus on philosophy

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Item #	Title	Credits
	RPH Foundation Classes (Choose 4)	12
	RPH: Philosophy Electives	21
RPH 470	Advanced Seminar: In-depth Study of Religion and Philosophy	3

## Track Four: RPH major with a focus on ethics

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Item #	Title	Credits
	RPH Foundation Classes (Choose 4)	12
	RPH: Ethics Electives	21
RPH 470	Advanced Seminar: In-depth Study of Religion and Philosophy	3

## CORE CURRICULUM

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Item #	Title	Credits
	Core Curriculum Requirements (In addition to Major hours)	44-48
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>80-84</b>

## RPH Foundation Classes (Choose 4)

Regardless of which track they choose, all RPH majors are required to take four of the following eight courses:

Item #	Title	Credits
RPH 110	Old Testament	3
RPH 120	New Testament	3
RPH 130	Introduction to Christian Theology	3
RPH 140	Introduction to World Philosophies	3
RPH 150	World Religions	3
RPH 205	Introduction to Ethics	3
RPH 210	The Legacy of Ancient Greek Civilization in the Era of Globalization	3
RPH 306	Logic	3

## General RPH Electives (21 credits)

Select 7 religion and philosophy courses to fulfill this elective.

## RPH: Religion Electives

Select 7 courses from the following:

\* Students can also take HIS 329, 331, 354 or 355 in lieu of RPH 329, 331, 354 and 355, respectively.

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
RPH 205	Introduction to Ethics	3
RPH 320	Christian Ethics	3
RPH 325	Jesus and the Gospels	3
RPH 329	The Early Church	3
RPH 331	The Middle Ages	3
RPH 354	The Byzantine Empire	3
RPH 358	The Reformation	3
RPH 365	Topics in Religion	3
RPH 450	Independent Study	
RPH 460	RPH Practicum	

## **RPH: Philosophy Electives**

Select 7 courses from the following:

\* Students can also take POL 351 and 353 in lieu of RPH 351 and 353, respectively.

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
RPH 210	The Legacy of Ancient Greek Civilization in the Era of Globalization	3
RPH 306	Logic	3
RPH 335	Women's Issues	3
RPH 337	Plato's Dialogues	3
RPH 350	Business and Professional Ethics	3
RPH 351	Ancient Political Philosophy	3
RPH 353	Modern Political Philosophy	3
RPH 360	Introduction to Contemporary Critical Theory	3
RPH 362	Environmental Ethics	3
RPH 370	Topics in Philosophy	3
RPH 450	Independent Study	
RPH 460	RPH Practicum	

## **RPH: Ethics Electives**

Select 7 courses from the following:

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
RPH 205	Introduction to Ethics	3
RPH 306	Logic	3
RPH 320	Christian Ethics	3
RPH 335	Women's Issues	3
RPH 350	Business and Professional Ethics	3
RPH 362	Environmental Ethics	3
RPH 450	Independent Study	
RPH 460	RPH Practicum	