

THE 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.

Program: Religion and Philosophy

TRACK ONE: GENERAL RPH MAJOR

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
	Sub-Total Credits	36

TRACK TWO: RPH MAJOR WITH A FOCUS ON RELIGION

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
	Sub-Total Credits	36

TRACK THREE: RPH MAJOR WITH A FOCUS ON PHILOSOPHY

Item #	Title	Credits
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	RPH Foundation Classes (Choose 4)	12
	RPH: Philosophy Electives	21
RPH 470	Advanced Seminar: In-depth Study of Religion and Philosophy	3
	Sub-Total Credits	36

TRACK FOUR: RPH MAJOR WITH A FOCUS ON ETHICS

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
	Sub-Total Credits	36

CORE CURRICULUM

Item #	Title	Credits
	Core Curriculum Requirements	44 - 48
	Sub-Total Credits	44-48

	Total credits:	80-84
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CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

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
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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.

Item #	Title	Credits
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 399	Religion and Philosophy International Studies Course: Variable Topics	1
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.

Item #	Title	Credits
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:

Item #	Title	Credits
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	

Core Curriculum Requirements

Developmental requirements (up to 6 credits):

Taken in the first semester, if placed into it:

- ENG 001 College English

Taken in the first year, if placed into it:

- MTH 001 Intermediate Algebra

Proficiency requirements (15 credits):

Taken in the first two years, if not placed out of it:

- MTH 101 College Algebra or
- MTH 103 College Algebra w/Lab or
- MTH 105 Mathematics for Liberal Arts

Taken in the first year (depending on placement):

- ENG 101 English Composition I (taken immediately if placed into it or immediately following completion of ENG 001 with a grade of 'C' or better)
- ENG 102 English Composition II (taken immediately following successful completion of ENG 101 with a grade of 'C' or better)

Recommended but not required in the first year:

- First-year of a foreign language

Common Core requirements (13–14 credits):

Taken in the first year (or within one year of completing any pre-requisite coursework):

- COR 100 Year One
- COR 101 Year One OH ONE

Taken anytime in the first TWO years:

- ENG 105 World Literature
- POL 105 The American Experience

Taken anytime prior to graduation:

- HIS 110 World Civilization
- HIS 112 World Civilization II

Distribution requirements:

One fine arts course (3 credits)

Select from the following:

- ART 101 Introduction to Visual Arts
- ART 201, 202 World Art I and II
- MUS 105 Language of Music
- MUS 110 Music Theory
- THE 101 Introduction to Theatre

One social science course (3 credits)

Select from the following:

- ANT 101 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- ECO 101 Principles of Economics I
- PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology

One mathematics course (3–4 credits)

Select from the following:

- MTH 105 Mathematics for Liberal Arts
- MTH 110 Elementary Functions
- MTH 115 Discrete Mathematics or MTH 290 Foundations of Modern Mathematics
- ECO 208 Quantitative Methods in Business, Economics, and Decision Science
- MTH 210 Calculus I
- BUS 323 Statistical Applications to Business Decision Making
- PSY 235 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences

One lab science course (4 credits)

Select from the following:

- BIO 100, 100L Biology in Context
- BIO 110, 110L Principles of Biology I
- CHM 105, 105L Introduction to Chemistry
- CHM 110, 110L General Chemistry I
- PHY 210, 211 General Physics
- PHY 240, 241 Fundamentals of Physics
- SCI 100, 100L Physical Science for Liberal Arts

One religion/philosophy course (3 credits)

Select from the following:

- RPH 110 Old Testament
- RPH 120 New Testament
- RPH 130 Introduction to Christian Theology
- RPH 140 Introduction to World Philosophies
- RPH 150 World Religions
- RPH 205 Introduction to Ethics

Two physical education courses (0-2 credits)

Select from the following:

- PED courses with designations from 101 to 130
- OLP courses with designations from 120 to 130

NOTE: Only one activity (specified PED/OLP) course can be taken per semester. Additionally, only seven activity credits can be counted toward the graduation requirement.