

RELIGIOUS STUDIES and PHILOSOPHY Department

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Religious Studies

Chestnut Hill College offers minors in **Religious Studies**; **Religious Studies and Philosophy**; **Philosophy**; and **Peace and Justice Studies**, an interdisciplinary minor. A separate *Certificate in Religious Education* for teachers and religious educators in parishes or parochial schools is also available as a standalone program for non-matriculated students; students who complete a **Religious Studies Minor** earn the certificate automatically. Students who choose to pursue a minor in Religious Studies, Religious Studies and Philosophy, or Philosophy must complete an application form and confer with a Faculty Advisor. These forms may be obtained from Dr. Patrick McCauley, Room 370, Fournier Hall; those pursuing Peace and Justice Studies may obtain the form from Dr. Marie Conn, Room 206, St. Joseph Hall.

Core Religious Studies Requirement

An undergraduate student fulfills the Religious Studies requirement of the Core by successfully completing two Religious Studies courses. The first is a 100-Level Religious Studies course and the second course is any Religious Studies course at the 200-level, or an IDHP seminar with an indicated Religious Studies component. Students of all religious traditions and those who are unaffiliated with a particular tradition are welcome in any class. All courses seek to give students the opportunity to explore the nature of belief as they seek to find meaning in their lives. Students explore human history in its unfolding, the needs of the world's peoples, the tenets of Catholic Social Tradition, and the demands of moral decision-making. A welcoming environment is created where students feel safe to explore their own questions, admit to doubts, and develop the spiritual dimension of life. Courses fulfilling the 200-level requirement:

Religious Studies/Core Second Religious Studies Requirement:

RLST-206: World Religions

RLST-207: Contemporary Christian Living

RLST-208: What Catholics Believe

RLST-209: Old Testament Studies

RLST-210: New Testament Studies

RLST-211: Women in the Bible

RLST-216: Fundamental Moral Theology

RLST-217: Contemporary Moral Issues

RLST-218: Biomedical Moral Issues

RLST-219: A God Beyond All Names

RLST-220: Forgiveness and Reconciliation

RLST-222: Marriage and Family

RLST-226: The Meaning of Death and Dying

RLST-231: Liturgy and the Eucharist

RLST-234: Sacraments and Spirituality

RLST-235: Spirituality: A Life Journey

RLST-240: Introduction to Social Justice

RLST-241: Models and Mentors in Christian Tradition

RLST-242: Women in Society and Religion

RLST-244: Global Theology and the Cry for Justice

RLST-245: Christian Social Ethics

RLST-250: Heart of the City

RLST-257: Leadership for Justice

RLST-260: Spiritual Dimensions of Attention and Mindfulness

RLST-262: God and the Struggle for Civil Rights

Department Mission

The Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy embraces the Mission and Core Values of the College. Courses foster an attitude of concern for all people, which, in turn, encourages students to become involved with service-oriented initiatives, to address issues of social justice, and to work towards systemic change.

Religious Studies courses provide an opportunity for students to examine the nature of religious experience and belief. This exploration occurs within a theological framework designed to enable students to understand and articulate the central elements of the Judeo-Christian faith tradition. At the same time, faculty promote serious and critical conversation with students between this faith tradition and the questions and concerns arising from their lived experience and the needs of the world today. Students are also encouraged to investigate other religious traditions that provide a spiritual depth to the reality of the human experience.

Honor Societies

Theta Alpha Kappa, the National Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology, was established in 1976 for the purpose of recognizing the academic achievements of religion and theology students and the academic excellence of scholars in these fields. Induction into *Theta Alpha Kappa* requires nomination by the local Alpha Nu chapter, a GPA of at least 3.50 in RLST-Religious Studies courses, and a Career GPA of at least 3.00. Eligible students must be approved by the Department.

Minor in Religious Studies with Certificate in Religious Education

The Minor in Religious Studies/*Certificate in Religious Education* provides students a cross-section of theological topics intended to deepen their theological literacy and scholarship. An *Independent Study* may be available with appropriate permissions. Students must earn a grade of C- (1.70) or better to successfully complete the requirements for the Minor. Courses are 3 credits unless indicated and may not be offered every semester.

Requirements for the Minor in Religious Studies

100-Level Religious Studies Course (Fulfills First Core Religious Studies Requirement)

Five Religious Studies Electives (Fulfills Second Core Religious Studies Requirement)

Religious Studies Electives:

RLST-206: World Religions	RLST-234: Sacraments and Spirituality
RLST-207: Contemporary Christian Living	RLST-235: Spirituality: A Life Journey
RLST-208: What Catholics Believe	RLST-240: Introduction to Social Justice
RLST-209: Old Testament Studies	RLST-241: Models and Mentors in Christian Tradition
RLST-210: New Testament Studies	RLST-242: Women in Society and Religion
RLST-211: Women in the Bible	RLST-244: Global Theology and the Cry for Justice
RLST-216: Fundamental Moral Theology	RLST-245: Christian Social Ethics
RLST-217: Contemporary Moral Issues	RLST-250: Heart of the City
RLST-218: Biomedical Moral Issues	RLST-257: Leadership for Justice
RLST-219: A God Beyond All Names	RLST-260: Spiritual Dimensions of Attention and Mindfulness
RLST-220: Forgiveness and Reconciliation	RLST-262: God and the Struggle for Civil Rights
RLST-222: Marriage and Family	RLST-310: Faces of Heroines in Western Religion
RLST-226: The Meaning of Death and Dying	RLST-315: Philosophy & Religion in the Eastern World
RLST-231: Liturgy and the Eucharist	RLST-319: Apocalyptic Literature

Certificate in Religious Studies (Non-matriculated students)

The *Certificate in Religious Studies*, designed for teachers and religious educators in parishes or parochial schools, in addition to being issued to students completing the Minor in Religious Studies, is also available to any non-matriculated students wishing to earn the Certificate for personal or professional reasons. Please contact Dr. Patrick McCauley, Room 370, Fournier Hall. Telephone: 215.753.3657. Email: mccauleyp@chc.edu.

Non-matriculated students should contact the Office of the Registrar for registration assistance. Phone: 215.248.7005. Fax: 215.242.7714. Email: registrar@chc.edu. Students must earn a grade of C- (1.70) or better in courses required to successfully complete the requirements for the Certificate. An *Independent Study (RLST-490)* may be available with appropriate permissions. Courses are 3 credits unless indicated and may not be offered every semester.

Requirements for the Certificate in Religious Education for Non-Matriculated Students

100-Level Religious Studies Course

Five Religious Studies Electives

Religious Studies Electives:

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RLST-207: Contemporary Christian Living	RLST-235: Spirituality: A Life Journey
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RLST-231: Liturgy and the Eucharist	

Peace and Justice

Minor in Peace and Justice Studies

The goal of this interdisciplinary Peace and Justice Studies Minor is to ground students in issues of peace and justice through increased knowledge in areas such as non-violent social change, conflict resolution, and economic justice. Courses are chosen in consultation with a Faculty Advisor and at least one of the courses must have a service learning component. For information and assistance, please contact Dr. Marie Conn, Room 206, St. Joseph Hall. Telephone: 215.248.7044. Email: mconn@chc.edu.

Students must earn a grade of C- (1.70) or better in courses required to successfully complete the requirements for the Minor. Courses are 3 credits unless indicated and may not be offered every semester.

Requirements for the Minor in Peace and Justice Studies

RLST-240: Introduction to Social Justice (Fulfills Second Core Religious Studies Requirement)

RLST-245: Christian Social Ethics

Four Peace and Justice Electives (12 credits)

Peace and Justice Electives:

ARTH-201: Hist Survey/Women Artists (Fulfills Core Arts Req)
ARTH-280: The Art of Black Africa (Fulfills Core Arts Requirement)
BUSN-102: Business Ethics (Fulfills Core Ethics Requirement)
COMM-275: Persuasive Methods
CRJU-210: Gender and the Law
CRJU-325: Restorative Justice
ENGL-251: African American Writers (Fulfills Core Literature Req)
HIST-231: Hist of Am Foreign Relations (Fulfills Core History Req)
HIST-247: Af Americans/Age of Slavery (Fulfills Core History Req)
HIST-248: Af Americans/Emancipation (Fulfills Core History Req)
HIST-322: Genocide (Writing Intensive; Fulfills Core History Req)
HIST-330: Women/Activism (Writing Intensive; Fulfills Core Hist Req)
HIST-332: Cities and Suburbs (Fulfills Core History Requirement)
HSVC-356: Social Welfare Policy

MUSC-107: Native Peoples of North Am (Fulfills Core Arts Req)
PSYC-109: Psychology of Women (Fulfills Core Social Sciences Req)
RLST-206: World Religions
RLST-216: Fundamental Moral Theology
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RLST-244: Global Theology/The Cry for Justice
RLST-257: Leadership for Justice
RLST-262: God and the Struggle for Civil Rights
SOCI-103: Social Problems (Fulfills Core Social Sciences Requirement)
SOCI-104: Major Global Problems (Fulfills Core Social Sciences Req)
SOCI-126: Gender and Society (Fulfills Core Social Sciences Req)
SPAN-231: Intro/ Hisp Culture I (Fulfills Core Foreign Lang Req)

Philosophy

The study of Philosophy invites students to an intensely personal adventure: the pursuit of “the examined life.” By seeking acquaintance with great minds expressed in disciplined argument and in great literature, the Philosophy curriculum stimulates creativity and encourages the student to develop a responsible, thoughtful worldview and a personal value system that can meet the challenges of life in the twenty-first century. For assistance, please contact Dr. Patrick McCauley, Room 370, Fournier Hall. Telephone: 215.753.3657. Email: mccauleyp@chc.edu.

General Course Options

Philosophy courses are open to students in any major; students are encouraged to consult with a Faculty Advisor to correlate their choice of course(s) with their Major. Check the *Course Descriptions* beginning on page 233 for any Prerequisites. Courses are 3 credits unless indicated.

Philosophy:

PHIL-108: Introduction to Philosophy: World Views
PHIL-109: Philosophical Thinking
PHIL-120: 19th and 20th Century Philosophers
PHIL-124: Introduction to American Philosophy
PHIL-128: Introduction to Symbolic Logic
PHIL-131: The Philosophy of Science and Religion
PHIL-201: Existence

PHIL-203: Philosophy and Literature
PHIL-207: History and Philosophy of Science
PHIL-209: History/Ancient/Medieval Philosophy
PHIL-222: Introduction to Philosophy Ethics
PHIL-224: Intro/Ethics and the Environment (Writing Intensive)
PHIL-315: Philosophy and Religion in the Eastern World

Minor in Philosophy

Students who minor in Philosophy work under the guidance of a member of the Department. For assistance, please contact Dr. Patrick McCauley, Room 370, Fournier Hall. Telephone: 215.753.3657. Email: mccauleyp@chc.edu.

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Requirements for the Minor in Philosophy

ETHS-201: Ethics

Five Philosophy Electives

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Minor in Religious Studies and Philosophy

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Requirements for the Minor in Religious Studies and Philosophy

100-Level Religious Studies Course (*Fulfills First Core Religious Studies Requirement*)

ETHS-201: Ethics

One Philosophy Elective

Three additional Religious Studies/Philosophy Electives (*RLST courses fulfill the Second Core Religious Studies Requirement*)

Philosophy Electives:

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PHIL-201: Existence

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*Cross-listed course; choose PHIL or RLST section