

Andrews University

Department of Religion & Biblical Languages



2019-2020 Student Handbook

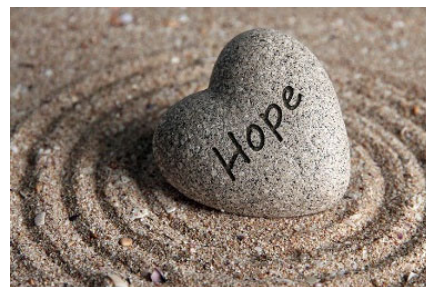
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Letter from Chair

“MESSENGERS OF HOPE”



He came into my office, slumped shoulders, head down, voice weak and weary, “Prof, I just don’t think I can make it through this mess... there’s no hope.” More than anything, he needed hope. Hope mingled with compassion. He longed for a light before the end of the tunnel. He needed hope. Biblical hope is not wishful thinking. Biblical hope is grounded in the reality of Jesus Christ and the triune love of God.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.” – 1 Peter 1:3-4 (NASB)

Messengers of Hope in a Hopeless World

The world around us is broken, dysfunctional, fragmented and polarized. In the midst of the rude rhetoric and antagonizing actions all around us, there are many who are longing for hope. But how will they hear if you don’t proclaim the goodness of God? And how will they know if you don’t live it? And how can they hope again unless we find joy in Jesus each day? Hope is a verb: an active, creative force making an internal and eternal difference.

Will you be a messenger of hope?

* a pastor or chaplain

* a Bible teacher, missionary, or committed lay leader

* a doctor, lawyer, teacher, graphics designer, engineer... digging into scripture, sharing God’s love.

If God is calling you, we’d like to support and equip you on that journey.

If you desire to be a messenger of hope the Department of Religion and Biblical Languages offers two main pathways:

- **The Theology Major** (seminary track) is the pathway of choice for those called into pastoral ministry. This major prepares graduates to work as pastors and meets all the requirements for entrance into the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. This major prepares those who are planning to be pastors, campus chaplains, hospital chaplains, or Bible teachers. The theology major fully aligns with the seminary M.Div. program.
- **The Religion Major** is primarily a dual degree focus. This major is ideal for those who are preparing for another profession such as medicine, social work, counseling, business, music, dentistry, and desire to become spiritually and theologically equipped for lay ministry. For example, religion and pre-med or religion and social work are very desirable combinations. A religion major is a good choice also for a transfer or non-traditional student heading into ministry. If planned correctly, the religion major will fulfill all or nearly of the seminary prerequisites. The religion major has reduced credits so that it can be combined with another major. The religion major may be an excellent way to pursue your mission.

The Department of Religion also offers three minors: 1) Religion, 2) Biblical Languages and 3) Missions. The Religion and Biblical Languages minors provide rich biblical scholarship. The missions minor provides a pathway to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to our broken world.

May God bless you as you continue to be a messenger of hope!

Glenn Russell, chair

Bachelor of Arts in Theology Degree Plan

Major Courses (65)

- ___ **RELB 111, Intro to the Old Testament (3)**
- ___ **RELB 112, Intro to the New Testament (3)**
- ___ RELB 210, Jesus in His Time & Ours (3)
- ___ **RELB 216/416, Law and Writings or Adv. (3)**
- ___ RELB 274/474, Prophetic Writings or Adv. (3)
- ___ RELB 245, Hermeneutics (3)
- ___ RELB 335, Acts and Epistles (3)
- ___ **RELB 406, Studies in Daniel & Revelation (3)**

- ___ RELT 295, Intro to Theo. Res. (or HONS 398H) (1)
- ___ **RELT 325, Theology I (3)**
- ___ **RELT 326, Theology II (3)**
- ___ RELT 340, Religion and Ethics (3)
- ___ RELT 415 Topics in Theology (or RELT420) (3)

- ___ **RELH 316, Hist. of the Christian Ch. I (3)**
- ___ **RELH 317, Hist. of the Christian Ch. II (3)**
- ___ **RELH 400, SDA Hist. & Prophetic Heritage (4)**
- ___ RELT 100 Challenge Exam

- ___ RELP 105, Introduction to Pastoral Service (1)
- ___ RELP 200, Religion Forum (Every Semester) (0)
- ___ RELG 225, Found. Of Miss. (or RELP 335) (3)
- ___ **RELP 240, Personal Witnessing (2)**
- ___ **RELP 330, Homiletics (2)**
- ___ RELP 350, Evangelism (3)
- ___ RELP 480, Practicum Capstone (1)
- ___ **RELP 485, Pastoral Ministry (3)**

- ___ RELT 315, Discipleship (or 115/250/440) (3)

Cognates (18)

- ___ **BIBL 211, Greek I (3)**
- ___ **BIBL 212, Greek II (3)**
- ___ **BIBL 313, Greek III (3)**
- ___ **BIBL 341, Hebrew I (3)**
- ___ **BIBL 342, Hebrew II (3)**
- ___ PYSC 101 or 180 (3)

Bold classes are seminary prerequisites.

Year 1

Fall Semester (15)

- PSYC 101, Intro to Psyc (3)
- ENGL 115, College Writ. I (3)
- BIBL 341, Hebrew I (3)
- RELB 111, Intro to OT (3)
- RELT 105/295 (2)
- HLED 120, Fit for Life (1)

Spring Semester (16)

- MATH 145, Math (3)
- A/H Course (3)
- ENGL 215, College Writ II (3)
- BIBL 342, Hebrew II (3)
- COMM 104, Comm Skills (3)
- Fitness Course (1)

Year 2

Fall Semester (16)

- BIBL 211, Greek I (3)
- HIST 110, Worldviews (3)
- RELB 274, Law & Writ (3)
- RELB 245, Hermeneutics (3)
- Science Course (4)

Spring Semester (17)

- BIBL 212, Greek II (3)
- RELB 112, Intro to NT (3)
- RELP 330, Homiletics (2)
- RELB 474, Prophetic Wr. (3)
- RELB 335, Acts & Epist. (3)
- RELG 225, F. of Missions (3)

The summer after year 2 is field school. Students will take RELP 350 and RELP 240. It is recommended that 11 additional credits be added to shave off the final semester and potentially receive APS; BIBL 313 can be taken online.

Year 3

Fall Semester (16)

- RELB 406, Studies in D&R (3)
- RELH 400, SDA History (4)
- RELT 325, Theology I (3)
- RELB 210, Jesus (3)
- RELH 316, History of Chr. (3)

Spring Semester (15)

- RELT 326, Theology II (3)
- RELP 485, Pastoral Min. (3)
- RELH 317, History of Chr. (3)
- RELT 340, Relg. & Ethics (3)
- RELT 315, Christian Discipleship (3)

Year 4

A student would need to complete RELT 415 and RELP 480 in his or her senior year. At the time of the printing of this handbook, it is expected that the ACE curriculum will have substantially changed for the 2020-2021 school year. To better meet the needs of our students, we have eliminated the courses that are uncertain. We plan to transition students starting in 2019 to the 2020 bulletin, depending on the ACE curriculum. However, if a student does not transition or if the ACE requirements are different than expected, a student would need to complete the requirements prior to graduation in this year.

RELP 200 must be registered for every semester. RELP 350 is generally offered during the summer.

Bachelor of Arts in Religion Degree Plan (Distance & On-Campus)

Major Courses (41-43)

- ___ RELB 111, Intro to the Old Testament (3)
- ___ RELB 112, Intro to the New Testament (3)
- ___ RELB 210, Jesus in His Time & Ours (3)
- ___ RELB 406, Stud. D&R (Online: 304 or **305**) (3)
- ___ RELB 216, **274**, or 335 (3)

- ___ RELH 400, SDA Hist. & Proph. Heritage (3-4)
- ___ RELT 325, Theology I (3)
- ___ RELT 326, Theology II (3)
- ___ RELT 250, Personal Spirituality & Faith (3) *or*
- ___ RELT 315, Christian Discipleship (3)
- ___ RELT 340, Religion & Ethics (3)

- ___ RELP 200, Religion Forum (Every Semester) (0)
- ___ RELP 240, Personal Witnessing (2-3)
- ___ Any RELP/G course (3)
- ___ Credits from RELH, RELP, RELT, or RELB (6)
- ___ RELT 100 Challenge Exam

Bold classes are seminary prerequisites.

On-campus students must do intermediate lang.

Secondary Certification Option (33-34)

- ___ RELB 111, Intro to the Old Testament (3)
- ___ RELB 112, Intro to the New Testament (3)
- ___ RELB 245, Hermeneutics (3)
- ___ RELB 210, Jesus in His Time and Ours (3)
- ___ RELB 406, Studies in Daniel & Revelation (3)
- ___ RELT 100, God and Human Life (3)
- ___ RELT 326, Theology II (3)
- ___ RELH 400, SDA Hist. & Prophetic Heritage (3)

Choose one course from the following:

- ___ RELB 216, Law & Writings (3)
- ___ RELB 274, Prophetic Writings (3)
- ___ RELB 335, Acts and Epistles (3)

Choose two courses from the following:

- ___ RELT 250, Personal Spirituality and Faith (3)
- ___ RELT 340, Religion & Ethics (3)
- ___ RELP 335, Foundations of Youth Ministry (3)
- ___ RELT 440, Fund. of Spirit. & Eth. in Health. (3)

For advising and additional secondary education requirements, please contact the Department of Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum.

Year 1

Fall Semester (16)

- PSYC 101, Intro to Psyc (3)
- ENGL 115, College Writ. I (3)
- COMM 104, Comm Skills (3)
- BIBL 341, Greek I (3)*
- RELB 111, Intro to OT (3)
- HLED 120, Fit for Life (1)

Spring Semester (16)

- MATH 145, Math (3)
- A/H Course (3)
- Science Course (4)
- ENGL 215, College Writ II (3)
- BIBL 342, Greek II (3)*

*Or Hebrew/Modern Languages to Intermediate Level.

Year 2

Fall Semester (16)

- HIST 110, Worldviews (3)
- BIBL, Greek III (3)*
- RELH 400, SDA History (4)
- RELB 210, Jesus (3)
- RELH 316, Hist. of Chr. (3)

Spring Semester (16)

- RELB 112, Intro to NT (3)
- RELH 317, Hist. of Chr. (3)
- RELP 330, Homiletics (2)*
- RELP 485, Pastoral Min. (3)
- Second Major (5)

*Homiletics is not required but recommended.

Year 3

Fall Semester (16)

- RELB 406, Studies in D&R (3)
- RELB 274, Law & Writ (3)
- Second Major (4)
- RELT 325, Theology I (3)
- Fitness Course (1)
- RELP 240, Personal Witnessing (2)

Spring Semester (16)

- RELT 326, Theology II (3)
- RELT 250, PSF (3)
- RELT 340, Religion and Ethics (3)
- Second Major (7)

Year 4

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RELP 200 must be registered for every semester. Please adjust your schedule for your second major as needed.

Faculty



From Left to Right, Top to Bottom:

| | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--|
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Fall 2019 Course Schedule

| Course | CRN | Course Name | Instructor | CR | Time | Days |
|----------|-----|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----|-------------|-------|
| BIBL 211 | | Greek I | Munoz | 3 | 8:30-9:20 | MTWTF |
| BIBL 341 | | Hebrew I | Wells | 3 | 8:30-9:20 | MTWTF |
| RELB 111 | | Intro to the Old Testament | Wells | 3 | 11:30-12:20 | MWF |
| RELB 210 | | Jesus in His Time and Ours | Munoz | 3 | 10:00-11:15 | TR |
| RELB 210 | | Jesus in His Time and Ours | Palmer | 3 | 12:30-1:45 | TR |
| RELB 210 | | Jesus in His Time and Ours | Palmer | 3 | 8:30-9:45 | TR |
| RELB 216 | | Law and Writings Old Testament | Wells | 3 | 2:00-3:15 | MW |
| RELB 235 | | Apocalyptic and Biblical Prophecy | Gallos/Wells | 3 | 12:30-1:45 | TR |
| RELB 245 | | Hermeneutics | Munoz | 3 | 3:30-4:45 | TR |
| RELB 406 | | Studies in Daniel and Revelation | Gallos/Wells | 3 | 12:30-1:45 | TR |
| RELB 416 | | Advanced Studies in Law & Writ. | Wells | 3 | 2:00-3:15 | TR |
| RELG 350 | | World Religions | Russell | 3 | 9:30-10:20 | MWF |
| RELH 316 | | History of the Christian Church | Markovic | 3 | 12:30-1:45 | MW |
| RELH 400 | | SDA History and Prophetic Herit. | Gallos | 3-4 | 10:00-11:15 | TR |
| RELP 105 | | Intro to Pastoral Service | Russell | 1 | 10:00-11:15 | TR |
| RELP 200 | | Religion Forum | Zork | 3 | 11:30-12:20 | T |
| RELP 200 | | Religion Forum | Palmer | 3 | 11:30-12:20 | T |
| RELP 335 | | Foundations of Youth Ministry | Palmer | 3 | 2:00-3:15 | TR |
| RELT 100 | | Foundations of Missions | Russell | 3 | 10:30-11:20 | MWF |
| RELT 100 | | God and Human Life | Palmer | 3 | 10:00-11:15 | TR |
| RELT 100 | | God and Human Life | Zork | 3 | 11:30-12:20 | MWF |
| RELT 115 | | Intro to Christian Discipleship | Zork | 3 | 2:00-3:15 | MW |
| RELT 225 | | Doctrines of Adventist Faith | Munoz | 3 | 9:30-10:20 | MWF |
| RELT 250 | | Personal Spirituality and Faith | Zork | 3 | 10:30-11:20 | MWF |
| RELT 295 | | Intro to Theological Research | Wells | 1 | 10:00-11:15 | TR |
| RELT 325 | | Theology I | Sciarabba | 3 | 9:30-10:20 | MWF |
| RELT 340 | | Religion and Ethics | Sciarabba | 3 | 10:30-11:20 | MWF |
| RELT 440 | | Fundamentals of Spirituality | Zork | 3 | 6:30-8:00 | TR |



Spring 2020 Course Schedule

| Course | CRN | Course Name | Instructor | CR | Time | Days |
|----------|-----|------------------------------------|------------|----|-------------|-------|
| BIBL 212 | | Greek II | Munoz | 3 | 8:30-9:20 | MTWRF |
| BIBL 342 | | Hebrew II | Wells | 3 | 8:30-9:20 | MTWRF |
| RELB 112 | | Intro to New Testament | Gallos | 3 | 12:30-1:45 | MW |
| RELB 210 | | Jesus in His Time and Ours | Gallos | 3 | 10:30-11:20 | MWF |
| RELB 210 | | Jesus in His Time and Ours | Munoz | 3 | 3:30-4:45 | TR |
| RELB 210 | | Jesus in His Time and Ours | Munoz | 3 | 9:30-10:20 | MWF |
| RELB 274 | | Prophetic Writings | Wells | 3 | 2:00-3:15 | MW |
| RELB 335 | | Acts and the Epistles | Munoz | 3 | 10:00-11:15 | TR |
| RELB 474 | | Advanced Studies in OT Prophets | Wells | 3 | 2:00-3:15 | MW |
| RELH 317 | | History of the Christian Church II | Markovic | 3 | 12:30-1:45 | MW |
| RELP 200 | | Religion Forum | Zork | 0 | 11:30-12:20 | T |
| RELP 200 | | Religion Forum | Palmer | 0 | 11:30-12:20 | T |
| RELP 325 | | Preparation for Mission Service | Russell | 2 | Arranged | Arr |
| RELP 330 | | Homiletics | Palmer | 2 | 12:30-1:45 | TR |
| RELP 480 | | Pastoral Practicum | Palmer | 1 | 3:30-4:30 | R |
| RELP 485 | | Pastoral Ministry | Palmer | 3 | 10:00-11:15 | TR |
| RELT 100 | | God and Human Life | Palmer | 3 | 8:30-9:45 | TR |
| RELT 100 | | God and Human Life | Gallos | 3 | 9:30-10:20 | MWF |
| RELT 100 | | God and Human Life | Zork | 3 | 11:30-12:20 | MWF |
| RELT 225 | | Doctrines of Adventist Faith | Sciarabba | 3 | 9:30-10:20 | MWF |
| RELT 250 | | Personal Spirituality and Faith | Zork | 3 | 11:30-11:20 | MWF |
| RELT 250 | | Personal Spirituality and Faith | Wells | 3 | 10:30-11:20 | MWF |
| RELT 315 | | Christian Discipleship | Zork | 3 | 2:00-3:15 | MW |
| RELT 326 | | Theology II | Sciarabba | 3 | 9:30-10:20 | MWF |
| RELT 340 | | Religion and Ethics | Sciarabba | 3 | 10:30-11:20 | MWF |
| RELT 385 | | Bioethics | Wells | 3 | 11:30-12:20 | MWF |
| RELT 440 | | Spirit. & Ethics in Healthcare | Staff | 3 | 6:30-8:00 | TR |



Certificates and Minors

Christian Discipleship Certificate (18 Credits)

RELT 115, Intro to Christian Discipleship Credits (3)

Choose one course from each of the following sets:

RELB 111, Intro to the Old Testament (3)

RELB 112, Intro to the New Testament (3)

RELT 250, Personal Spirituality (3)

RELB 210, Jesus in His Time and Ours (3)

RELT 100, God and Human Life (3)

RELT 225, Doctrines of the Adventist Faith (3)

RELG 225, Foundations of Missions Credits (3)

RELP 325, Prep. For Mission Service Credits (3)

RELP 240, Personal Witnessing Credits (3)

RELP 350, Evangelism Credits (3)

The certificate additionally requires a practical ministry component.

Mission & Global Awareness Cert. (18 Credits)

RELG 225, Foundations of Missions (3) or
RELP 325, Preparation for Mission Service (2)

RELP 240, Personal Witnessing (3)

RELT 250, Personal Spirituality and Faith (3)

ANTH 200, Cultural Anthropology (3)

RELG 350, World Religions (3)

Choose Remaining Credits From:

EDTE 165, EDTE 175, BSAD 365, BSAD 450, ENGL 465, FDNT 469, SPAN 275, FREN 275, RELP 350, SOCI 160.

Spanish Ministry Certificate Online (18 Credits)

RELB 111, Intro to the Old Testament Credits (3)

RELB 112, Intro to the New Testament Credits (3)

RELB 210, Jesus in His Time and Ours Credits (3)

RELT 225, Doctrines of the Adventist Faith (3)

RELB 245, Hermeneutics (3)

RELP 240, Personal Witnessing (3)

The certificate also requires a practical ministry component with mentored learning.

Biblical Languages Minor (18 Credits)

BIBL 211, Greek I (3)

BIBL 212, Greek II (3)

BIBL 313, Greek III (3)

BIBL 341, Hebrew I (3)

BIBL 342, Hebrew II (3)

BIBL 495, Independent Study (3)

Missions Minor (20 Credits)

RELG 225, Foundations of Missions (3) or

RELP 325, Preparation for Mission Service (2)

RELP 240, Personal Witnessing (3)

RELT 250, Personal Spirituality and Faith (3)

ANTH 200, Cultural Anthropology (3)

RELG 350, World Religions (3)

Choose Remaining Credits From:

BSAD 365, BSAD 450, EDTE 165, ENGL 465, FDNT 469, FREN 275, GEOG 260, RELP 350, SOCI 431, SPAN 275

Religion Minor (20 Credits)

15 credits from RELB, RELT, RELG, and RELP.

5 credits from any department courses.

6 upper-division (300+) credits overall from above.



Andrews Core Experience Prerequisites

| General Education Package (ACE) |
|---|
| Religion (12 Credits) God and Human Life, RELT 100 (3) RELT, RELP, RELG, or RELB (9) |
| Language/Communication (13) ENGL 115, College Writing I (3) ENGL 215, College Writing II (3) COMM 104, Communication Skills (3) BA Degrees: Language to Intermediate Level (4) |
| History (6) HIST 110, Worldviews, Cultures, and Gods (3) HIST 117, Civilizations and Ideas I (3) HIST 118, Civilizations and Ideas II (3) HIST 204, American Experience I (3) HIST 205, American Experience II (3) |
| Fine Arts/Humanities (6) (From 2 Categories) ARTH 220, Language of Art (3) PHTO 210, History of Photography (3) A Studio Art Course (3) MUHL 214, Enjoyment of Music (3) MUHL 258, American and World Music (3) One year of Ensemble/Applied Music (3) Any 200-level literature course (3) PHIL 224, Introduction to Philosophy (3) |
| Life/Physical Sciences (8) (From Each Category) BIOL 100, Human Biology (4) BIOL 110, Principles of Biology (4) BIOL 208, Principles of Environmental Science (4) BIOL 330, History of Earth and Life (4) FDNT 230/240, Nutrition/Nutrition Lab (4) HORT 150, iGrow (4) CHEM 100, Consumer Chemistry (4) CHEM 110, Intro to Inorg. & Org. Chemistry (4) PHYS 110, Astronomy (4) PHYS 115, Mythbusting (4) PHYS 225, Sound and Waves (4) |
| Mathematics (3-4) MATH 145, 165, 166, 168, 191, or 195 |
| Service (2) BHSC 100 or BHSC 300 |
| Social Sciences (6) (From each Category) Cat. 1: ANTH 200, ECON 225, GEOG 110, PLSC 104, PSYC 101, or SOCI 119 Cat. 2: BHSC 220, BHSC 235, FNCE 206, PLSC 237, PSYC 180, or FMST 201 |
| Fitness Education (4) HLED 120 (1) and (3) FTES Courses |

Seminary

| Seminary Prerequisite Package |
|---|
| Pastoral Ministry & Church Policy (2 Semester Credits) <i>REL P 485</i> |
| Biblical Preaching (2 Semester Credits) <i>REL P 330</i> |
| Personal Evangelistic Ministry (2 Semester Credits) <i>REL P 240</i> |
| Church History to 1500; Church History 1500-Present (4 Semester Credits) <i>REL H 316, 317</i> Adventist Heritage (4 Semester Credits) <i>REL H 400</i> |
| Introduction to the New Testament (2 Semester Credits) <i>REL B 111</i> Revelation (2 Semester Credits) <i>In-Progress—No Equivalency Yet</i> Survey of the Old Testament (2 Semester Credits) <i>REL B 112</i> Pentateuch (3 Semester Credits) <i>REL B 274/474</i> |
| Christian Theology I (3 Semester Credits) <i>REL T 325</i> |
| Christian Theology II (3 Semester Credits) <i>REL T 326</i> |
| Intermediate Greek Proficiency Test Intermediate Hebrew Proficiency Test Basic Bible Proficiency Test Church Policy Exam |

Academic Policies, Graduation Information, and Other Information

Bulletin Predominance

This handbook is designed to supplement the bulletin. It is the responsibility of the student to review and understand the Andrews University Academic Bulletin. If any errors, vacancies, or other discrepancies are found, the bulletin has predominance.

Graduation Requirements

- Minimum grade of “C-” for all major classes and cognates.
- Minimum overall GPA of 2.25 and major GPA of 2.50.
- Complete all required courses.
- Complete 30 upper-division semester credits.
- A minimum of 50% of credits must be done at Andrews University or 30 of the last 36 credits.
- A minimum of 1/3 of credits for a major and 3 credits for a minor must be earned on campus (both overall and for upper-division credits.)
- A maximum 25% of classes is allowed to overlap between majors and second majors or minors.
- Graduation application submitted. Please consult with the Office of Academic Records to determine the due date for the application.

Acceptance to Program

Students are accepted into the Theology program after their first year in residence; this does not apply to transfer students currently although this is currently under review. Students, please see your academic advisor, the department chair, or the administrative coordinator for more information.

Academic Probation

Academic Probation is applied to a student when the cumulative Andrews University GPA falls below 2.0, the semester GPA falls below 1.75, or there is a combination of 3 or more withdrawals, incompletes, or grades lower than a C in one semester. Students on academic probation will need to make an appointment with Student Success to set up an academic plan.

Class Standing (Based on Credits)

Freshman: 0-24

Sophomore: 25-56

Junior: 57-86

Senior: 87+

Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

Many students go on to earn the Master of Divinity degree at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. Please consult the seminary in regards to their requirements, as some classes—particularly Biblical Literacy, Church Policy, and Biblical Languages—can be tested out of. Additionally, please check the prerequisites as listed on page 9. Contact the Seminary at mdiv@andrews.edu for more information.

Other Academic Policies

- RELT 105 and RELT 295 are required first-year courses for Theology majors.
- Please see the departmental chair regarding testing out of RELT 100, God and Human Life. Students not passing the test must register for RELT 100.
- Take the Math Placement Test as soon as possible; students who do not achieve a passing score must register for remedial math courses as soon as possible.
- Transfer students and those changing their bulletin year should consult their advisors to determine the best way to finish their degrees.

Religion Practicum

Students in the **Religion Program** should work with Professor Zork in regards to their practicum requirements where they do 25 hours of service a semester with a report plus professional assembly requirements.

Andrews Ministerial Association

AMA is the club for all Theology and Religion majors. This club serves as the central, professional club for all majors in the department and allows for professional development as well as spiritual growth and connectivity among students in the department. Yearly events include retreats, community work, evangelistic opportunities, and game nights. A \$40 fee is charged to each account every year.

Theta Alpha Kappa

Theta Alpha Kappa is the national honor society for Theology and Religion students. Requirements include a 3.50 GPA in the major and an overall GPA of 3.00. This organization is for students who have shown exceptional academic ability by reaching certain standards within these academic areas. Opportunities for scholarships, publication, and public presentations are available through TAK.

Study Tours

The Department of Religion and Biblical Languages offers tours alternating every summer. Courses giving academic credits are offered for each tour. These tours are not exclusive to Religion or Theology majors, but are open to anyone interested in expanding their biblical understanding of the world. Study tours typically go to Europe and to the Bible Lands.

Field School

RELP 350, Evangelism, is offered every other summer in the form of a field school. Please confirm with Dr. Palmer the schedule for upcoming field schools. Previous trips have included both Wisconsin and Honduras.

Lebanon Mission Trip

Additionally, the Lebanon mission trip is offered in the spring of each year. This cross-cultural mission experience provides many learning opportunities as well as the development of skills and understandings for both ministry and missions. The Lebanon mission trip has been a spiritual highlight for many students over the years. For more information, please contact glenn@andrews.edu.

Theology Practicum Program

FRESHMAN YEAR

- NAD Core Qualities: Character and Relationship
- Required Course: RELP 105: Intro. to Pastoral Service (Fall)
- Pre-Theology Status for both semesters
- 25 hours of ministry involvement in a church each semester
- Report Due Dates: Fall - November 20 & Spring - March 1
- Application for acceptance as Theology Major due March 15
- Talk to Dr. Palmer throughout your time for information on the Barnabas Internship and In-Depth.

SOPHOMORE YEAR

- NAD Core Qualities: Scholarship and Worship
- Required Courses: RELP 240: Personal Witnessing (Fall); RELB 245: Biblical Hermeneutics (Fall); RELP 330: Homiletics (Spring)
- Begins the B.A. in Theology major
- 25 hours of ministry involvement in a church each semester
- Report Due Dates: Fall - November 20 & Spring - April 20

JUNIOR YEAR

- NAD Core Quality: Evangelism
- Required Courses: RELP 350: Evangelism (Spring/Summer); RELP 335: Foundations of Youth Ministry [optional] (Spring)
- 25 hours of ministry involvement in a church each semester
- Report Due Dates: Fall - November 20 & Spring - April 20

SENIOR YEAR

- NAD Core Qualities: Leadership and Management
- Required Courses: RELP 485: Pastoral Ministry (Fall); RELP 480: Practicum Capstone (Spring)
- 25 hours of ministry involvement in a church for Fall semester
- Report Due Date: Fall - October 15
- Practicum Portfolio Review
- 1 Credit earned upon completion of all requirements (Fall)
- Pastoral Candidate Recommendation Ceremony (Spring)

Department in the News



This following article originally appeared in the Michigan Memo and was written by Alma Galindo.

Many times, we hear the same thing over and over again: within Christianity, as a whole, it appears that the youth are leaving the church, and for the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, it is no different. Time and time again, we see our young people leaving the church, but as much as we may try to keep them, by getting them involved in the local church as much as possible with Sabbath School, Pathfinders, and/or AY, they always seem to leave. It's a problem that many local churches cannot seem to solve: how can we prevent our young people from leaving the church? But what if the answer was not that difficult? What if the solution was simply Jesus? Now, I know this sounds kind of cliché, but I am serious. This past month, February 15-17, CAMPUS, the Center for Adventist Ministry to Public University Students, organized their annual Winter Retreat at Camp Au Sable for public university students and young professionals. This year's theme came from Hebrews 2:9 and the focus of this retreat was to know who is Jesus presented by our guest speaker, Dr. Erhard Gallos. The weekend was filled with many activities, but above all, students and young professionals had the opportunity to really dive deep into the first few chapters of Hebrews. If only time was not a restraint, I assure you that we would all still be there today studying the rest of the book of Hebrews. We started off Friday night with an introduction of the book of Hebrews by Dr. Gallos, where we really just discussed the background of the book to start off the weekend. We continued reading and dissecting the book of Hebrews all-day Saturday. While it may seem difficult to get our young people involved in the church, this weekend was proof that all young people really need is to know who Jesus is. The lack of knowledge of who Jesus really is and what his sacrifice really means is all that we all need to really understand to fully accept the love and sacrifice that God made in giving his only begotten son to save our lives.

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- BIOL 100—Human Biology | Marlene Murray
- RELG 350—World Religions | Glenn Russell
- RELT 250—Personal Spirituality and Faith | Glenn Russell
- RELG 360—Topics: Biblical Backgrounds | Ruben Munoz
- RELB 210—Jesus in His Time and Ours | Ruben Munoz

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"This mission trip gives me the opportunity to keep serving."

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