

Andrews  University
Department of Religion & Biblical Languages



2020-2021 Student Handbook

Why Study Theology and Religion?

Studying Theology and Religion gives you the opportunity to minister around the world, have a deeper understanding of God, and become well versed in the study of the Bible. You will learn about the history of Christianity, the Seventh-day Adventist church, and the foundations of our faith. Join us today by applying to www.andrews.edu/apply. If you are a current student, contact majorchange@andrews.edu if you want to change your major!

What Jobs Does Theology Offer?

Theology opens many doors for you including pastoring, pastoral counseling, conference administration, mission work, chaplaincy, student ministry, and more.

Does It Pay to Be a Pastor?

First, the biggest reward is living with Christ and those we led to him through all eternity. The value of touching lives is inestimable. However, we do need to be able to eat and pay the bills! Although conference rates vary slightly, most pastors start around \$47,000 (M.Div.). This rate increases in areas with higher costs of living and changes each year with inflation. Furthermore, conference employees currently receive a 65% tuition and fee discount for their children attending Adventist universities, travel allowances, health insurance, and other benefits.

How Do I Apply?

Go to andrews.edu/apply. The system will guide you through the process asking for various pieces of information and paperwork that is relevant to the admissions process. If you have any problems, contact undergrad@andrews.edu or the department with the information below.

Contact Info

Email: religion@andrews.edu | Website: www.andrews.edu/religion | Phone: (269) 240-8502

Bachelor of Arts in Theology Degree—83 Credits

Biblical History Cluster (24)

- RELB 210, Jesus in His Time & Ours (3)
- RELB 274/474, Prophetic Writings or Adv. (3)
- RELB 245, Hermeneutics (3)
- RELB 335, Acts and Epistles (3)

Seminary Prerequisites

- RELB 111, Intro to the Old Testament (3)
- RELB 112, Intro to the New Testament (3)
- RELB 216/416, Law and Writings or Adv. (3)
- RELB 406, Studies in Daniel & Revelation (3)

Systematic Theology & Ethics Cluster (10)

- RELT 295, Intro to Theo. Res/(HONS 398H) (1)
- RELT 100, God and Human Life (Exam)
- RELT 340, Religion and Ethics (3)

Seminary Prerequisites

- RELT 325, Theology I (3)
- RELT 326, Theology II (3)

Church History Cluster (10)

Seminary Prerequisites

- 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)

Practical Theology & Discipleship Cluster (18)

- RELP 105, Introduction to Pastoral Service (1)
- RELP 200, Religion Forum (Every Semester) (0)
- RELP 301, Marriage and Family Ministry (3)
- RELP 350, Evangelism (3)
- RELP 480, Practicum Capstone (1)
- RELT 315, Discipleship (or 115/250/440) (3)

Seminary Prerequisites

- RELP 240, Personal Witnessing (2)
- RELP 330, Homiletics (2)
- RELP 485, Pastoral Ministry (3)

Missions Cluster (6)

- RELG 350, World Religions (3)
- RELG 225, Foundations of Missions (3) *or*
- RELP 335, Foundations of Youth Ministry (3)

Biblical Languages Cluster (15)

- 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)

Year 1

Fall Semester (16)

- BIBL 211 (3)
- RELB 111 (3)
- RELT 295 (1)
- ACE—ENGL 115 (3)
- ACE—MATH 145 (3)
- ACE—COMM 104 (3)

Spring Semester (16)

- BIBL 212 (3)
- ACE—History (3)
- ACE—Social Science (3)
- ACE—ENGL 215 (3)
- ACE—HLED 135 (3)
- RELP 105 (1)

Year 2

Fall Semester (16)

- BIBL 313 (3)
- RELB 245 (3)
- ACE—A/H (3)
- ACE—A/H (3)
- ACE—Science (4)

Spring Semester (16)

- RELB 112 (3)
- RELP 330 (2)
- RELG 225 (3)
- RELB 210 (3)
- RELT 315 (3)
- Elective (2)

Year 3

Fall Semester (16)

- BIBL 341 (3)
- RELH 400 (4)
- RELT 325 (3)
- RELH 316 (3)
- RELB 216 (3)

Spring Semester (15)

- RELT 326 (3)
- RELH 317 (3)
- BIBL 342 (3)
- RELB 335 (3)
- RELP 301 (3)

Summer Semester (5)

- RELP 240 (2) & RELP 350 (3)

Year 4

Fall Semester (16)

- RELG 350 (3)
- RELT 340 (3)
- RELB 406 (3)
- Electives (7)

Spring Semester (16)

- RELB 474 (3)
- RELP 485 (3)
- RELP 480 (1)
- Electives (9)

Bachelor of Arts in Religion Degree—41 Credits

Biblical History Cluster (15)

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

Seminary Prerequisites

RELB 111, Intro to the Old Testament (3)

RELB 112, Intro to the New Testament (3)

RELB 216, Law and Writings (3)

Or 274/335—Not Prerequisites

RELB 406, Studies in Daniel and Revelation (3)

Theology & Church History Cluster (15)

RELT 100, God and Human Life (Exam)

RELT 250, Personal Spirituality & Faith (3) *or*

RELT 315, Christian Discipleship (3)

RELT 340, Religion & Ethics (3)

Seminary Prerequisites

RELT 325, Theology I (3)

RELT 326, Theology II (3)

RELH 400, SDA Hist. & Proph. Heritage (3-4)¹

1-The Department recommends four credits per seminary prerequisites.

Practical Theology and Electives Cluster (11)

RELP 200, Religion Forum (Every Semester) (0)

Seminary Prerequisites

RELP 240, Personal Witnessing (2)

Any RELP/RELG course (3)²

Credits from RELH, RELP, RELT, or RELB (6)²

2-The department recommends RELP 485, RELP 330, RELH 316, and RELH 317 to meet seminary prerequisite standards.

Secondary Certification Specialized Options

The following adjustments are made from the clusters above for secondary education students.

Biblical History Cluster

Add RELB 245, Hermeneutics

All Other Clusters Take the Following Courses in Place of Those Listed.

RELT 100, God and Human Life (3)

RELT 326, Theology II (3)

RELH 400, SDA Hist. & Prophetic Heritage (3)

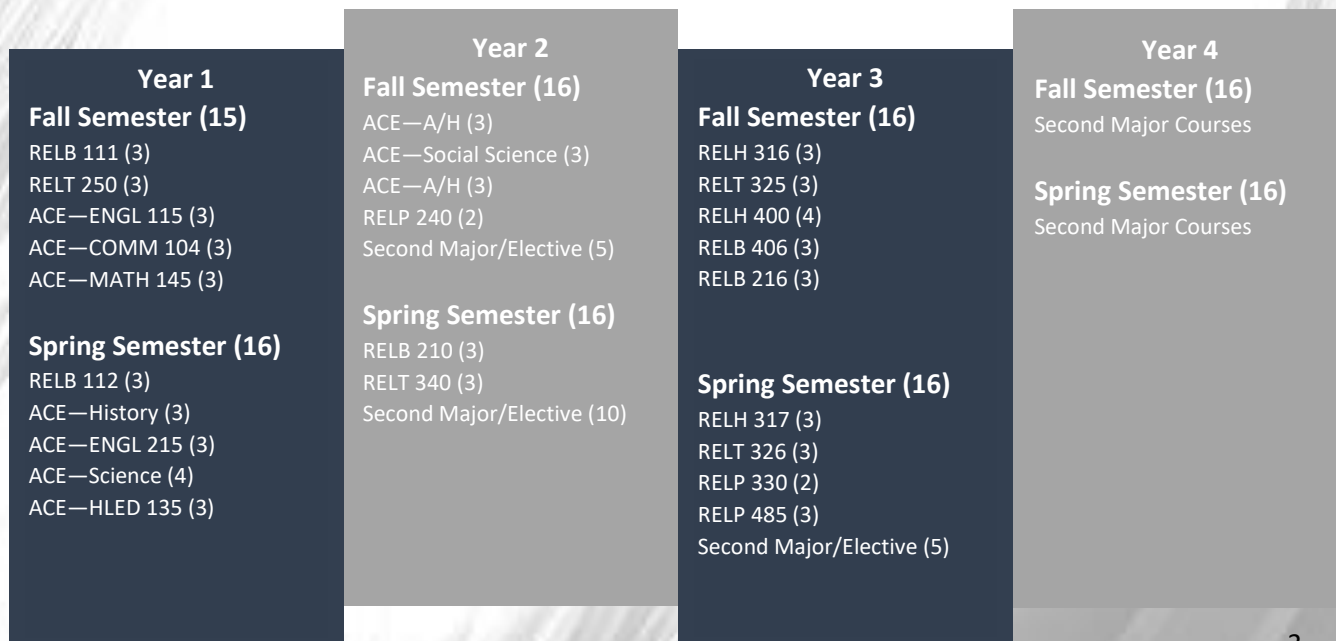
Choose Two:

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)



Graduation Requirements

Staying on track for your graduation is important, and we are here to help you. Students must achieve all of the following in order to graduate.

- ✓ Apply for graduation on time. This is the 3rd Thursday of September for December & May graduations and the 3rd Thursday of May for August. Applications are online.
- ✓ Successfully complete all major/minor classes and cognate classes. A grade below a C- does not count towards these requirements. Successfully complete all ACE/GE course requirements.
- ✓ Successfully complete a minimum of 124 semester credits.
- ✓ Successfully complete a minimum of 30 semester credits in courses numbered 300 and above.
- ✓ 30 of the last 60 credits must be earned on-campus. (This rule has changed recently; check your bulletin for specifics.)
- ✓ 1/3 of major credits and at least 3 credits for a minor must be earned on campus.
- ✓ On overall GPA of 2.00 is required in all credits and in credits earned at Andrews University; major GPA must be 2.50; and minor GPA must be at least 2.00.
- ✓ Students seeking a second baccalaureate degree need only to complete 30 credits in residence, meet all major required classes (not ACE), and complete a minimum of a three-credit religion course which is done in the major.

ACE (General Education) Package and Credit for Prior Learning

<p>Math (3) MATH 145 (or higher) CLEP test-out option available.</p>	<p>Religion (12) Students in the Religion, BA or the Theology, BA programs automatically fulfill the ACE requirements through major courses.</p>	<p>Writing (6) ENGL 115 ENGL 215</p>	<p>Communication (3) COMM 104</p>
<p>History (3) HIST 110 CLEP test-out option available.</p>	<p>Wellness (3) HLED 135</p>	<p>Social Science (3) ANTH 200, BHSC 225, ECON 208, GBST 101, PLSC 104, PSYC 101, or SOCI 119. CLEP/DSST test-out options available.</p>	<p>Science (4) BIOL 100, BIOL 110, CHEM 100, or PHYS 110. CLEP/DSST test-out options available.</p>
<p>Arts/Humanities (6) Take one or two of the following theory courses: ARTH 220, MUHL 214, MUHL 250, PHIL 224, or ENGL 255. CLEP/DSST test-out options available.</p> <p>If you prefer, you can take an applied art course in place of one the theory classes listed above.</p>		<p><i>Statement of Bulletin Predominance</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	

Faculty and Staff

	<p>Erhard Gallos, Ph.D. Adventist History New Testament (269) 471-3186 gallos@andrews.edu</p>	<p>David Mann, M.Div. Administrative Coordinator (269) 471-3177 mannd@andrews.edu</p>	
	<p>Ruben Munoz, Ph.D. Hispanic Ministries New Testament (269) 471-3185 rmunoz@andrews.edu</p>	<p>Rodney Palmer, D.Min. Practicum Director Practical Theology (269) 471-3178 palmerr@andrews.edu</p>	
	<p>Glenn Russell, D.Min. Department Chair Missions (269) 471-3188 glenn@andrews.edu</p>	<p>Davide Sciarabba, M.A. Systematic Theology Ethics (269) 471-3187 sciarabb@andrews.edu</p>	
	<p>Rahel Wells, Ph.D. Old Testament (269) 471-3184 rschafer@andrews.edu</p>	<p>Susan Zork, M.A. Discipleship Spiritual Development (269) 471-3867 zork@andrews.edu</p>	

Affording Andrews University

Andrews Partnership Scholarship \$12,000*
Working 15 Hours/Week During School Year \$4,500*
Baranabas Summer Internship \$5,000*
Government Grants, Loans, and Other Sources
Total Tuition/Fees: \$39,848

<u>Estimated Costs for Undergraduate</u>			
	<u>Per Credit</u>	<u>Per Semester</u>	<u>Per Year</u>
Full-Time Tuition			
12-16 credit hours		\$14,904	\$29,808
under 12 credit hours	\$1,242		
over 16 credit hours	\$1,012		
Residence Halls (double occupancy - Lamson, Meier, Burman)		\$2,520	\$5,040
Food (minimum)		\$1,900	\$3,800
General Fee		\$600	\$1,200
TOTAL		\$19,924	\$39,848
Co-Curricular Fee*		up to \$470	up to \$940
Books		\$550	\$1,100
Residence Hall (double occupancy - Damazo Hall)		\$2,520	\$5,040
Residence Hall (single occupancy - Lamson, Meier, Burman)		\$3,775	\$7,550

Covering Other Costs

Books and Supplies

- ✓ The university estimates \$1,100 per year for books. However, this amount can be considerably less if you buy used books or rent through second-hand sellers. For example, a number of the books we utilize in our department sell for a penny plus shipping and handling (usually \$2.99).

Residence Hall and Meal Costs

- ✓ Students under the age of 22 can opt out of living in the dorm if they live with a family member or if they live with a faculty/staff member.
- ✓ Students over 22 and older can live anywhere they prefer.

Other Financial Options

- ✓ Make sure to fill out your FAFSA before the deadline each year.
- ✓ Internship opportunities are limited; students can also receive matching scholarships by working in literature evangelism organizations or summer camps.
- ✓ Visit www.andrews.edu/hr for student employment opportunities. Additionally, check for jobs in the community.
- ✓ APS is variable depending on your high school GPA/transfer GPA and ACT/SAT scores. Additionally, students may achieve a full-ride for their tuition if they achieve a high ACT/SAT score. They may also qualify for a \$2,000 bonus APS if they do not meet the full-ride standard but still achieve a high score. For more information on this, please visit <https://bit.ly/2GVlhY2>.

*All figures are estimates. Various factors will determine final amounts.

Experience Missions and Personal Witnessing

Mission Trips and Mission Service

Dr. Glenn Russell conducts two mission trips a year for students. One over Spring Break to Lebanon and one over Christmas to Honduras. We would love to have you join us! For more info, contact glenn@andrews.edu.

Have you considered giving a year of your life to the Lord in student missions? If so, contact glenn@andrews.edu for more information.



Spanish Ministry Certificate

Would you like to minister to those in Hispanic Communities both in the US and abroad?

Take several courses designed to enhance your understanding of ministry and biblical studies! For more information visit <https://bit.ly/31AfmIX>. This certificate is offered exclusively online.

Other certificates in our department are available online visit our webpage!



Summer Ministry Opportunities

Barnabas Internship—You can intern as a Bible worker over the summer. Andrews matches \$2,500 of your wages for your tuition. Contact palmerr@andrews.edu.

Summer Camp—Love working with children? Summer camp is a great choice for you! Andrews pays a maximum \$2,600 matching scholarship based on \$200/week for Adventist summer camps.

Literature Evangelism—Love meeting new people door-to-door? Magabook and HHES income is matched 50% up to \$2,700.



Life in the Department



Annual Retreat

Every year, we have a fall Retreat that students attend. Last year, we went to the Adventist Historical Village. This year it will be September 12. If you have ideas for the retreat, please email religion@andrews.edu.

Andrews Ministerial Association

The AMA is the official student club of the department. They plan events, ministry opportunities, and support projects for students. The fee is \$40/year. AMA has a Spring Retreat.

Theta Alpha Kappa

For info on honors, email rschafer@andrews.edu.

Practical Experience for Religion Majors

We want our religion majors to also be engaged in personal ministry. For religion majors, you can choose from a variety of activities and report each semester your progress to Susan Zork. Also, you must attend at least 80% of forums in the department each semester. We monitor all of this by having you register for RELP 200-002 which is a 0-credit class each semester. Reports through Learning Hub at the end of each semester.

Another vital part of the spiritual discipleship is taking either RELT 315, Christian Discipleship or RELT 250, Personal Spirituality and Faith. These classes will enhance your relationship with both God and others.



Practical Experience in the Department

The Department of Religion and Biblical Languages is fully committed to providing our students with a holistic ministry model, which will enable them to contribute to the development of family, community and church, through training in both the theoretical knowledge and the practical application of a sound, Bible-based Christianity.

The completion of the practicum program is compulsory for all theology majors, as this is the avenue through which students will practice and assimilate the seven core qualities which form the foundation of the pastoral profession, as outlined by the Ministerial Association of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists.



<h1>1</h1> <h3>BARNABAS INTERNSHIP</h3> <p>Matching funds are available for students who work for a local church during the summer.</p>	<h1>2</h1> <h3>InDEPTH</h3> <p>The program provides preaching opportunities for students in area churches.</p>
<h1>3</h1> <h3>RELIGION FORUM</h3> <p>For each semester, in addition to attending a weekly worship service, students complete 25 hours of ministry involvement in a local church.</p>	<h1>4</h1> <h3>FIELD SCHOOL</h3> <p>Every other year, Theology majors participate in an evangelistic series as part of the requirement for RELP 350. Religion majors can also attend.</p>





Field School of Evangelism 2021 Manchester, Jamaica

SCHEDULE:

May 4 - 8
May 9 - 18

Pre-Campaign & Classes
Evangelistic Series

Mandeville, Jamaica
Mandeville, Jamaica

CLASSES:

RELP 350
RELP 240

Evangelism
Personal Witnessing

Dr. Rodney Palmer
Dr. Rodney Palmer

Andrews University
Department of Religion & Biblical Languages



**Seventh-day
Adventist Church**
Central Jamaica Conference

“The teachers are all unique and true to themselves while still presenting the image of Christ in their teaching.”

Keegan Fossmeyer



“The department is a warm, inviting environment where I have learned to grow both academically and spiritually.”

Frentzen Pakpahan

“It is more than just caring professors and friends, it is like a family that have walked with me every step of the way.”

Luis Gomez

