



# STUDENT HANDBOOK

2026 - 2027

Andrews  University  
Department of Religion & Biblical Languages

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# CHAIR'S MESSAGE

## DR. RODNEY PALMER

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Students come to the study of religion from many different paths. Some are preparing for pastoral ministry or chaplaincy. Others seek a deeper understanding of Scripture, a stronger foundation for their faith, or greater clarity about God's calling in their lives. Whatever brings you here, the Department of Religion and Biblical Languages invites you into a community devoted to learning, service, and spiritual growth.

At its heart, the study of religion is the study of God's self-revelation in Scripture and His work in human history. Through engagement with the Bible, theology, church history, and biblical languages, students learn to read carefully, think deeply, and respond faithfully to God's call. Our aim is not simply to increase knowledge, but to cultivate wisdom, character, and a lifelong commitment to following Christ.

We live in a world marked by profound opportunities and significant challenges. The church needs leaders and disciples who can engage complex questions with conviction and humility, communicate the gospel with clarity, and serve others with compassion. These qualities are developed through rigorous study, meaningful relationships, and practical experiences in ministry and service. For this reason, we encourage students to connect what they learn in the classroom with active participation in the life and mission of the church.

As a global Seventh-day Adventist institution, Andrews University offers a unique environment in which students encounter diverse cultures, perspectives, and experiences while remaining rooted in a shared commitment to Scripture and the mission of God. This combination of faith, scholarship, and global engagement prepares graduates to serve effectively in an increasingly interconnected world. My hope is that your time in this department will do more than help you earn a degree. I hope it will deepen your love for God and His Word, sharpen your sense of calling, and inspire a life of faithful service. Education reaches its highest purpose when it prepares us not only for a vocation, but also for participation in God's redemptive work in the world. We are honored to accompany you on that journey.

# OUR FACULTY & STAFF

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Dr. Erhard Gallos is an associate professor of Religion at Andrews University. He pastored in Germany for six years before coming to Andrews University. He joined the faculty in 2008 and teaches New Testament courses, Greek, Ethics, Hermeneutics, and SDA Heritage and the Gift of Prophecy. His focus of intense study has been in the book of Hebrews and his PhD dissertation was on the Sabbath-rest of Hebrews 4. In addition to being a passionate teacher and student of God's word, Erhard loves spending time with his wife, Irmgard and adult twin daughters, Dorothea and Christiane. In early 2020, Erhard Gallos wrote the Teachers Edition of the Adult Sabbath School for 2022. Recently, he finished the commentary on the Epistle of James for the Andrews Bible Commentary.



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Dr. Rubén Muñoz-Larrondo is a professor of Biblical Studies who teaches New Testament, Greek classes and specializes in biblical hermeneutics. He served as a district Pastor for ten years before receiving his PhD from Vanderbilt University. Pastor Muñoz-Larrondo is the program Director for the online Spanish Ministry Certificate and General Editor of the series of textbooks, of which three have already been published by the Department of Religion. In addition, he has published a book on the Acts of the Apostles, and has written book-chapters in commentaries, and has presented numerous scholarly papers. He is currently editing the next Spanish Series textbooks, including his Handbook of Hermeneutics and Exegesis. He loves to organize, teach, and travel on the Bible Lands Study Tour, which provides students the opportunity to learn at biblical sites. He is happily married to Angelica and they are proud parents of three AU alumni, Paulina, Rubén Andrés and Constanza.



## Davide Sciarabba

### Education:

**PhD, Andrews University**  
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Dr. Davide Sciarabba is an Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology and Ethics in the Department of Religion at Andrews University, as well as an ordained minister. His doctoral dissertation explores the concept of faith in the life of the believer as an active response to God's salvific action. Dr. Sciarabba's current research focuses on the use and interpretation of Scripture in Christian ethics, the ethics of discernment in Christian life, and the theological relationship between grace and faith. Additionally, his work examines Pauline sports metaphors in relation to the transmission of Christian values, the theology and ethics of work, and the theological-ethical relationship between the heavenly and earthly sanctuaries. He has authored numerous academic articles and co-edited three books. Prior to his appointment at Andrews University, he served the church in various capacities—including chaplain, professor, youth pastor, and senior pastor—at the Istituto Universitario Avventista Villa Aurora in Florence, Italy; the Adventist University of France; and the Campus Adventista de Sagunto in Spain. He is married to Dr. Sonia Badenas, and they have two children, Flavia and Marco.



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Dr. A. Rahel Wells is passionate about God's Word and God's world, and seeks to combine these areas in teaching, scholarship, and ministry. Her current research focus areas include God's care for animals and the earth, metaphor in the Old Testament, composition of the Torah, bioethics, and the book of Deuteronomy. Along with various conference presentations on these topics, her recent publications include several journal articles and book chapters and three book projects in progress (including commentaries on Deuteronomy and Habakkuk for the new SDA International Bible Commentary). She wrote the commentary on the book of Esther for the Andrews Bible Commentary, and one of the most recent books she has co-edited and contributed to, *Rethinking the Composition of the Pentateuch*, was published in 2026 by Hendrickson. Rahel loves to foster student research and collaborative conference presentations. She is also an active elder and youth leader at her church and the recent past president of the Adventist Theological Society. She is married to Bill Wells, and they love doing youth and young adult ministry together, as well as backpacking, cross-country skiing, and climbing mountains, especially with their daughter, Rachel.



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# BA THEOLOGY DEGREE PLAN

Major Courses- 74 credits + 15 credits cognate

## Biblical Studies - 24

|                          |          |                                         |   |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELB 111 | Intro to the Old Testament              | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELB 112 | Intro to the New Testament              | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELB 210 | Jesus in His Time & Ours                | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELB 245 | Hermeneutics                            | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELB 440 | Acts and Epistles                       | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELB 406 | Advanced Studies in Daniel & Revelation | 3 |

### Choose one of the following courses:

|                          |              |                                                |   |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELB 274/474 | Prophetic Writings or Adv. Prophetic Writings+ | 3 |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------|---|

### Choose one of the following courses:

|                          |              |                                            |   |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELB 216/416 | Law and Writings or Adv. Law and Writings+ | 3 |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------|---|

*Either Law and Writings or Prophetic Writings must be 400 level*

## Systematic Theology/Ethics - 10

|                          |          |                                     |   |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELT 325 | Theology I                          | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELT 326 | Theology II                         | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELT 340 | Religion & Ethics in Modern Society | 3 |

### Choose one of the following courses:

|                          |           |                                      |   |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELT 295  | Introduction to Theological Research | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | HONS 398H | Research Pro-Seminar                 | 1 |

## Religious History - 10

|                          |          |                                    |   |
|--------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELH 316 | History of the Christian Church I  | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELH 317 | History of the Christian Church II | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELH 400 | SDA History & Prophetic Heritage   | 4 |

### YEAR 1

#### Fall Semester (14)

BIBL 211 Greek I (3)  
RELB 111 Old Test. (3)  
RELP 105 Pastor. Ser (1)  
RELP 200 Rel. Forum (0)  
RELT 100 GHL (3)  
RELT 295 Theo Res (1)  
ACE- ENGL 115/117(3)

#### Spring Semester (15)

BIBL 212 Greek II (3)  
RELB 112 Intro N. T. (3)  
RELP 200 Rel. Forum (0)  
ACE- MATH (3)  
ACE- ENGL 215 (3)  
ACE- HLED 135 (3)

### YEAR 2

#### Fall Semester (15)

BIBL 313 Greek III (3)  
RELB 245 Herm. (3)  
RELG 225 Missions (3)  
RELP 200 Rel. Forum (0)  
ACE- Arts & Human. (3)  
ACE- HIST 110 (3)

#### Spring Semester (13)

RELB 210 Jesus HTO (3)  
RELP 200 Rel. Forum (0)  
RELP 330 Homiletics (3)  
ACE- Science (4)  
ACE- Social Science (3)

## Practical Studies - 21

|                          |          |                                |   |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELP 105 | Intro to Pastoral Service      | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELP 200 | Forum (taken every semester)   | 0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELP 240 | Personal Witnessing            | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELP 330 | Homiletics Intro to Preaching  | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELP 403 | Marriage & Family Ministry     | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELP 434 | Foundations of Youth Ministry* | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELP 450 | Evangelism                     | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELP 480 | Practicum Capstone             | 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELP 485 | Pastoral Ministry              | 3 |

## Discipleship - 3

|                          |          |                         |   |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELT 441 | Christian Discipleship* | 3 |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------------------|---|

## Missions - 3

|                          |          |                         |   |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELG 225 | Foundations of Missions | 3 |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------------------|---|

## Cognates - 15

|                          |          |           |   |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | BIBL 211 | Greek I   | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | BIBL 212 | Greek II  | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | BIBL 313 | Greek III | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | BIBL 341 | Hebrew I  | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | BIBL 342 | Hebrew II | 3 |

## Major Elective - 3

|                          |          |                    |   |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RELT 100 | God and Human Life | 3 |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------------|---|

\* Take class at the Seminary

+ See Academic Advisor

### YEAR 3

#### Fall Semester (16)

BIBL 341 Hebrew I (3)  
RELH 400 SDA History (4)  
RELP 200 Rel. Forum (0)  
RELT 325 Theology I (3)  
RELH 316 Hist Church I (3)  
RELB 216/RELB 416 Law & Writ. (3)+

#### Spring Semester (15)

BIBL 342 Hebrew II (3)  
RELH 317 Hist Chur II (3)  
RELP 200 Rel. Forum (0)  
RELT 326 Theology II (3)  
ACE- Arts & Human. (3)  
ACE- COMM 104 (3)

### YEAR 4

#### Fall Semester (14)

RELB 406 Ad. Stu. D&R (3)  
RELP 200 Rel. Forum (0)  
RELP 403 Mar & Fam (3)  
RELP 434 Youth Min (3)\*  
RELP 480 Pract. Cap. (2)  
RELT 340 Rel & Ethics (3)

#### Spring Semester (12)

RELB 274/474 Proph. Writ. (3)+  
RELB 440 Acts & Epist. (3)  
RELP 200 Rel. Forum (0)  
RELP 485 Pastoral Min. (3)  
RELT 441 Chris Dis (3)\*

Students will complete Field School by the end of their Junior year. Students will register for 6 credits: RELP 240 Personal Witnessing (3) and RELP 450 Evangelism (3) during Field School.



# BA RELIGION DEGREE PLAN

Major Courses- 41 credits

| Biblical Studies - 15                |          |                                          |   |
|--------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/>             | RELB 111 | Intro to the Old Testament               | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>             | RELB 112 | Intro to the New Testament               | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>             | RELB 210 | Jesus in His Time & Ours                 | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>             | RELB 406 | Advanced Studies in Daniel & Revelation  | 3 |
| Choose one of the following courses: |          |                                          |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>             | RELB 216 | Law and Writings (seminary prerequisite) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>             | RELB 274 | Prophetic Writings                       | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>             | RELB 440 | Acts and Epistles                        | 3 |

| Theological Studies - 15-16          |          |                                              |     |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------|-----|
| <input type="checkbox"/>             | RELH 400 | SDA History & Prophetic Heritage (3 credits) | 3-4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>             | RELT 325 | Theology I                                   | 3   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>             | RELT 326 | Theology II                                  | 3   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>             | RELT 340 | Religion & Ethics in Modern Society          | 3   |
| Choose one of the following courses: |          |                                              |     |
| <input type="checkbox"/>             | RELT 250 | Personal Spirituality & Faith                | 3   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>             | RELT 441 | Christian Discipleship                       | 3   |

| Practical Studies - 5-6                               |                      |                                       |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|
| <input type="checkbox"/>                              | RELP 200-002         | Religion Forum (taken every Semester) | 0   |
| Choose 5-6 credits from the following courses:        |                      |                                       |     |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                              | RELP 240             | Personal Witnessing                   | 2-3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                              | Any RELP/RELG course |                                       | 3   |
| Major Elective - 3                                    |                      |                                       |     |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                              | RELT 100             | God and Human Life                    | 3   |
| Electives - 3                                         |                      |                                       |     |
| Choose 3 credits from RELB, RELG, RELH, RELP, or RELT |                      |                                       |     |

The **Religion Major** is designed as a two-major degree. Religion majors generally have a second major: their career or employment path. The Religion Major provides biblical depth and spiritual enrichment.

Therefore, each year Religion majors will combine their religion requirements and their second major requirements. Additionally, they will need to complete the ACE requirements for general education.

The Religion Major does not fulfill all Seminary prerequisites. Students planning to attend Seminary should take a Theology major.

- Freshman= 100 or 200 level courses
- Sophomore= 200 or 300 level courses
- Junior= 300 or 400 level courses
- Senior= remaining courses

## NEW ONLINE CERTIFICATES

### Christian Ministry Certificate 1

- RELB 111 Intro to the Old Testament
- RELB 112 Intro to the New Testament
- RELB 210 Jesus in His Time & Ours
- RELB 216 Law & Writing of the Old Testament
- RELH 316 History of the Christian Church I
- RELP 240 Personal Witnessing

### Christian Ministry Certificate 2

- RELB 274 Prophetic Writings of the Old Testament
- RELB 440 Acts and Epistles
- RELG 350 World Religions
- RELP 330 Homiletics
- RELT 325 Theology I
- RELT 340 Religion & Ethics in Modern Society

### Christian Ministry Certificate 3

- RELB 406 Advanced Studies in Daniel and Revelation
- RELH 317 History of the Christian Church II
- RELH 400 SDA History & Prophetic Heritage
- RELP 485 Pastoral Ministry
- RELT 326 Theology II



# CERTIFICATES AND MINORS

## 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)
- ▣ 3 Credits of BIBL 495- Independent Study (1-3)

## Missions Minor (20 Credits)

- ▣ RELG 225 - Foundations of Missions (3)
- ▣ RELG 350 - World Religions (3)
- ▣ RELP 240 - Personal Witnessing (2,3)
- ▣ RELT 250 - Personal Spirituality & Faith (3)

Choose one of the following courses:

- ▣ ANTH 124 - Intro to Anthropology Credits: 3
- ▣ ANTH 200 - Cultural Anthropology Credits: 3

Choose the remaining credits from the following courses:

- ▣ BSAD 365 - Inter. Environment of Business (3)
- ▣ BSAD 450 - Multicultural Business Relations (3)
- ▣ EDTE 165 - Introduction to Teaching (4)
- ▣ ENGL 465 - TESOL Methods (2)
- ▣ FDNT 469 - International Nutrition (2,3)
- ▣ FREN 275 - Intermediate French (4)
- ▣ GEOG 260 - Cultural Geography (3)
- ▣ RELP 450 - Evangelism (3)
- ▣ SOCI 431 - Needs Assess & Capacity Mapping (3)
- ▣ SPAN 275 - Intermediate Spanish (4)

## Religion Minor (20 Credits)

- ▣ 15 credits from RELB, RELG, RELP, and RELT.
- ▣ 5 credits from any course in the department *subject to consultation with your academic advisor.*
- ▣ 6 of the 20 credits must be from upper-division classes.

## Certificate in Ministry, Spanish (18 Credits)

- ▣ RELB 111 - Intro to the Old Testament (3)
- ▣ RELB 112 - Intro to the New Testament (3)
- ▣ RELB 210 - Jesus in His Time and Ours (3)
- ▣ RELB 245 - Hermeneutics (3)

Choose 3 credits from the following Courses:

- ▣ RELP 240 - Personal Witnessing (2,3)
- ▣ RELT 225 - Doctrines of the Adventist Faith (3)

## Mission and Global Awareness Certificate (17-18 Credits)

- ▣ RELG 350 - World Religions (3)
- ▣ RELP 240 - Personal Witnessing (2,3)
- ▣ RELT 250 - Personal Spirituality and Faith (3)
- ▣ ANTH 200 - Cultural Anthropology (3)

Choose one of the following courses:

- ▣ RELG 225 - Foundations of Missions (3)

Choose remaining credits from the following courses:

- ▣ BSAD 365 - International Environment of Business Credits: 3

- ▣ BSAD 450 - Multicultural Business

Relations Credits: 3

- ▣ EDTE 165 - Introduction to Teaching Credits: 4

- ▣ EDTE 175 - Philosophy of Adventist

Education Credits: 1 (for off-campus students)

- ▣ ENGL 465 - TESOL Methods Credits: 2

- ▣ FDNT 469 - International Nutrition Credits: 2,3

- ▣ FREN 275 - Intermediate French Credits: 4

- ▣ RELP 450 - Evangelism Credits: 3

- ▣ SPAN 275 - Intermediate Spanish Credits: 4



# ANDREWS CORE EXPERIENCE

**Total = 43 credits**

**Religion (12 Credits)**

RELT 100 or RELB 210 (3) and any RELT, RELP, RELG, or RELB (9)

**Communication (9 credits)**

COMM 104

ENGL 115 or ENGL 117

ENGL 215

**History (3 credits)**

HIST 110 Worldviews, Cultures, and Gods (3)

**Arts and Humanities (6 credits)**

Theory- One or two courses from (3-6):

ARTH 220 or ENGL 255 or MUHL 214 or MUHL 250, or PHIL 224

If you take only one theory course, the remaining credits come from Studio Art, Ensemble and/or Applied

Music or

INEN 221

**Natural Sciences including lab (4 credits)**

take one: BIOL 100 or BIOL 110, CHEM 100, or PHYS 110

**Mathematics (3-4 credits)**

MATH 145 or above

**Social Sciences (3 credits)**

take one: ANTH 200, BHSC 225, ECON 208, GBST 101, PLSC 104,

PSYC 101, SOCI 119

**Wellness (3)**

HLED 135

**This handbook is designed to supplement the bulletin. The student is responsible for reviewing and understanding the Andrews University Academic Bulletin.**



# BA THEOLOGY & MDIV PROGRAM

## BA Theology & MDiv Accelerated Program Collaboration

Students in the BA Theology degree at Andrews University are encouraged to enter the MDiv program following the completion of their undergraduate studies. A collaboration has been established that shares a total of 15 credits that will be counted towards both degrees and may reduce the student's time in the MDiv by approximately one semester. Five credits will be completed at the Seminary level and ten credits at the undergraduate level.

| Total = 15 Credits                          |                                               |               |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Undergraduate Theology Course               | Seminary Course                               | Taken At      |
| REL P 450 Evangelism (3)                    | PATH 562 Field Evangelism (3)                 | Undergraduate |
| REL P 480 Practicum Capstone (2)            | PATH 560 Advanced Ministry Development (2)    | Undergraduate |
| REL P 403 Marriage & Family (3)             | DSLE 503 Marriage & Family (2)                | Undergraduate |
| REL T 441 Christian Discipleship (3)        | DSLE 541 Found of Biblical Spirituality (3)   | Seminary      |
| REL P 434 Foundations of Youth Ministry (3) | DSLE 534 Ministry to Youth & Young Adults (2) | Seminary      |
| REL B 440 Acts and the Epistles (3)         | MDiv Elective (3)                             | Undergraduate |



## SEMINARY PREREQUISITE PACKAGE

(The Theology degree fulfills these prerequisites)

- REL P 485 Pastoral Ministry (2)
- REL P 330 Biblical Preaching (2)
- REL P 240 Personal Evangelistic Ministry (2)
- REL H 316, 317 Church History to 1500; Church History 1500-Present (4)
- REL H 400 Adventist Heritage (4)
- REL B 112 Intro to New Testament (2)
- REL B 406 Daniel and Revelation (2)
- REL B 111 Intro to Old Testament (2)
- REL B 112 Pentateuch (2)
- REL B 274/474 Old Testament Prophets (3)
- REL T 325 Christian Theology I (3)
- REL T 326 Christian Theology II (3)
- Pass Intermediate Greek with grade "B" or above
- Pass Intermediate Hebrew with grade "B" or above

# STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES



## RELIGION FORUM

All majors in Religion & Theology are required to attend the weekly Religion Forum on Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. in the Newbold Auditorium in Buller Hall. The Forum provides worship and fellowship, departmental information, training in various aspects of ministry, and lectures on various topics of interest for any university student. Religion Forum is a zero-credit practicum class; each semester requires registration and attendance for every theology and religion major. Because ministry involvement is part of religious education, Religion Forum also includes a ministry requirement or service hours each semester.



## BARNABAS INTERNSHIP

Many religion and theology students work as interns at a local church or conference each summer. This practical ministry experience helps students gain practical ministry skills while earning a scholarship for the following school year. All theology majors must complete one internship in order to satisfy the requirements for graduation. For more information, email [religion@andrews.edu](mailto:religion@andrews.edu).



## IN-DEPTH PREACHING

Through in-DEPTH, we have scheduled and sent students to preach in churches throughout the Lake Union Conference (Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin) and beyond. See Dr. Palmer for more information.



## THETA ALPHA KAPPA (TAK)



This is the national honor society open to Theology and Religion majors with a 3.50 GPA in their major and a 3.0 GPA overall. Dr. Wells is the TAK sponsor.



## ANDREWS MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION



The AMA is the club for all theology and religion majors. The club is active in ministry on campus and the community. Since you are a member and will have club dues charged to your account, get involved and join the many activities for service, worship, and fellowship.



## PRACTICUM PROGRAM

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 that form the foundation of the pastoral profession, as outlined by the Ministerial Association of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists.



# FALL 2026 COURSE SCHEDULE

| Course        | CRN  | Course Name                                         | Credits | Instructor    | Days  | Time        |
|---------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|---------------|-------|-------------|
| BIBL 211 001  | 100  | Greek I                                             | 3       | Gallos        | MTWRF | 08:30-09:20 |
| BIBL 313 001  | 3815 | Greek III                                           | 3       | Muñoz         | MTWRF | 08:30-09:20 |
| BIBL 341 001  | 104  | Hebrew I                                            | 3       | Wells         | MTWRF | 08:30-09:20 |
| RELB 111 001  | 108  | Intro to the Old Testament                          | 3       | Wells         | MWF   | 11:30-12:20 |
| RELB 210 001  | 121  | Jesus in His Time & Ours                            | 3       | Muñoz         | TR    | 10:00-11:15 |
| RELB 210 002  | 123  | Jesus in His Time & Ours                            | 3       | Palmer        | TR    | 12:30-13:45 |
| RELB 210 003  | 119  | Jesus in His Time & Ours                            | 3       | Staff         | MWF   | 08:30-09:20 |
| RELB 216 001  | 174  | Law & Writings Old Testament                        | 3       | Wells         | MW    | 14:00-15:15 |
| RELB 235 001  | 127  | Studies in Daniel & Revelation                      | 3       | Gallos; Wells | TR    | 12:30-13:45 |
| RELB 245 001  | 109  | Hermeneutics                                        | 3       | Muñoz         | TR    | 15:30-16:45 |
| RELB 406 001  | 191  | Advanced Studies in Daniel and Revelation           | 3       | Gallos; Wells | TR    | 12:30-13:45 |
| RELB 416 001  | 175  | Advanced Studies in Law and Writings                | 3       | Wells         | MW    | 14:00-15:15 |
| RELG 160 001  | 116  | Top: Love 101                                       | 3       | Oliveira      | MWF   | 10:30-11:20 |
| RELG 225 001  | 124  | Foundations of Missions                             | 3       | Oliveira      | TR    | 14:00-15:15 |
| RELH 316 001  | 173  | History of the Christian Church I                   | 3       | Markovic      | MW    | 12:30-13:45 |
| RELH 400 001  | 131  | SDA History & Prophetic Heritage                    | 3 or 4  | Gallos        | TR    | 10:00-11:15 |
| RELP 105 001  | 126  | Intro to Pastoral Service                           | 1       | Palmer        | T     | 10:00-11:15 |
| RELP 200 101  | 130  | Religion Forum                                      | 0       | Oliveira      | T     | 11:30-12:20 |
| RELP 200 102  | 182  | Religion Forum                                      | 0       | Sciarabba     | T     | 11:30-12:20 |
| RELP 327 001  | 1104 | Student Missions Practicum**                        | 2       | Oliveira      | -     | -           |
| RELP 403 001  | 181  | Marriage and Family Ministry                        | 3       | Oliveira      | MWF   | 10:30-11:20 |
| RELP 434 0021 | 4559 | Foundations of Youth Ministry (Seminary)            | 3       | Paquini       | W     | 9:30-11:20  |
| RELP 480 001  | 4360 | Practicum Capstone                                  | 2       | Palmer        | MW    | 11:30-12:20 |
| RELT 100 001  | 122  | God & Human Life                                    | 3       | Oliveira      | TR    | 08:30-09:45 |
| RELT 100 002  | 172  | God & Human Life                                    | 3       | Staff         | MW    | 12:30-13:45 |
| RELT 100 003  | 179  | God & Human Life                                    | 3       | Staff         | MWF   | 10:30-11:20 |
| RELT 225 001  | 120  | Doctrines of Adventist Faith                        | 3       | Muñoz         | MWF   | 11:30-12:20 |
| RELT 295 001  | 186  | Intro to Theological Research                       | 1       | Wells         | R     | 10:00-11:15 |
| RELT 325 001  | 102  | Theology I                                          | 3       | Sciarabba     | MWF   | 10:30-11:20 |
| RELT 340 001  | 107  | Religion and Ethics in Modern Society               | 3       | Sciarabba     | MWF   | 09:30-10:20 |
| RELT 440 001  | 196  | Fundamentals of Spirituality & Ethics in Healthcare | 3       | Cadet         | TR    | 18:30-20:00 |
| RELT 441 001  | 4643 | Christian Discipleship (Seminary)                   | 3       | Ward          | M     | 13:30-16:20 |
| RELT 441 002  | 4642 | Christian Discipleship (Seminary)                   | 3       | Kidder        | M     | 9:30-12:20  |



# SPRING 2027 COURSE SCHEDULE

| Course       | CRN  | Course Name                                         | Credits | Instructor    | Days  | Time         |
|--------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|---------------|-------|--------------|
| BIBL 212 001 | 49   | Greek II                                            | 3       | Gallos        | MTWRF | 08:30-09:20  |
| BIBL 342 001 | 50   | Hebrew II                                           | 3       | Wells         | MTWRF | 08:30-09:20  |
| RELB 112 001 | 1263 | Intro to the New Testament                          | 3       | Muñoz         | TR    | 10:00-11:15  |
| RELB 210 001 | 1264 | Jesus in His Time & Ours                            | 3       | Gallos        | MWF   | 10:30-11:20  |
| RELB 210 002 | 1265 | Jesus in His Time & Ours                            | 3       | Muñoz         | TR    | 08:30-09:45  |
| RELB 210 003 | 1266 | Jesus in His Time & Ours                            | 3       | Muñoz         | MWF   | 08:30-09:20  |
| RELB 274 001 | 1267 | Prophetic Writings of the Old Testament             | 3       | Wells         | MW    | 14:00-15:15  |
| RELB 440 001 | 4565 | Acts & Epistles                                     | 3       | Gallos        | TR    | 14:00-15:15  |
| RELB 474 001 | 1269 | Advanced Study in Old Testament Prophets            | 3       | Wells         | MW    | 14:00-15:15  |
| RELG 350 001 | 1270 | World Religions                                     | 3       | Oliveira      | MW    | 12:30-13:45  |
| RELG 360 001 | 1271 | Top:K-12 Faith Develop & Bible Teaching Methods*    | 3       | Palmer;Garcia | R     | 17:30-20:20  |
| RELH 317 001 | 3048 | History of the Christian Ch II                      | 3       | Markovic      | MW    | 12:30-13:45  |
| RELP 200 101 | 1279 | Religion Forum                                      | 0       | Oliveira      | T     | 11:30-12:20  |
| RELP 200 102 | 1280 | Religion Forum                                      | 0       | Sciarabba     | T     | 11:30-12:20  |
| RELP 240 001 | 3775 | Personal Witnessing                                 | 2 or 3  | Oliveira      | MW    | 14:00 -15:15 |
| RELP 326 101 | 4566 | Preparation for Mission Service**                   | 1       | Oliveira      | -     | -            |
| RELP 330 001 | 1283 | Homiletics-Intro to Preaching                       | 3       | Palmer        | TR    | 12:30-13:45  |
| RELP 433 002 | 4443 | Foundations of Youth Ministry (Seminary)            | 3       | Paquini       | W     | 10:30-12:20  |
| RELP 485 001 | 1285 | Pastoral Ministry                                   | 3       | Palmer        | TR    | 10:00-11:15  |
| RELT 100 001 | 3049 | God & Human Life                                    | 3       | Oliveira      | TR    | 12:30-13:45  |
| RELT 100 002 | 1287 | God & Human Life                                    | 3       | Gallos        | MWF   | 09:30-10:20  |
| RELT 100 003 | 4457 | God & Human Life                                    | 3       | Oliveira      | TR    | 08:30-09:20  |
| RELT 250 001 | 1288 | Personal Spirituality & Faith                       | 3       | Wells         | TR    | 10:00-11:15  |
| RELT 250 002 | 1289 | Personal Spirituality & Faith                       | 3       | Muñoz         | MWF   | 11:30-12:20  |
| RELT 326 001 | 1290 | Theology II                                         | 3       | Sciarabba     | MWF   | 10:30-11:20  |
| RELT 340 001 | 1291 | Religion and Ethics in Modern Society               | 3       | Sciarabba     | MWF   | 09:30-10:20  |
| RELT 385 001 | 1292 | Bioethics and Christian Faith                       | 3       | Wells         | MWF   | 11:30-12:20  |
| RELT 440 001 | 1293 | Fundamentals of Spirituality & Ethics in Healthcare | 3       | Cadet         | TR    | 18:30-20:00  |
| RELT 441 001 | 4458 | Christian Discipleship (Seminary)                   | 3       | Kidder        | M     | 09:30-12:20  |

\*Must be concurrently enrolled in BHSC 378

\*\*Special approval: Instructor permission



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- Department Retreat - September 12, 2026
- Lake Union Day - November 10, 2026
- AMA Retreat - February 19 & 20, 2027
- Ministry Opportunity Day - April 4-7, 2027



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