



MAP THE FUTURE PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

A Guide For
Optimizing Your Degree

This career map provides a general blueprint of how to navigate your under-graduate program. The map highlights quality experiences to supplement your coursework and identify academic milestones for years one through four.

Take advantage of the rich resources the university and Chattanooga community have to offer as you prepare for post-college years. During your time here, forge connections, participate in organizations and utilize exploratory learning options to gain real-world experiences outside of the classroom.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Our mission is to provide an environment for intellectual curiosity and a foundation for life-long learning, thinking, reflection and growth. We do this by: equipping students with transferable skills, encouraging cultural and intellectual diversity and advancing knowledge through research and creative activities.

Small classes, careful advising and personal attention make our commitment work for students majoring in the fine arts, the humanities, the sciences and behavioral sciences, and for students preparing for professional study through a liberal education.

YOUR PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION DEGREE

The Department of Philosophy and Religion trains students in critical thinking and cross-cultural understanding. These high-demand skills prove useful for those who continue education or develop careers in fields as diverse as law, education and medicine.

Religion

Our distinguished faculty explore the role of religion as a phenomenon in human life and culture, in peace and in conflict. The academic study of religion has a distinctive multidisciplinary character—archaeology, art, anthropology, history, literature, philosophy, psychology, sociology—influence the foundation of our program. From an objective perspective, the strong multicultural orientation explores a plurality of traditions and a wide range of behaviors and beliefs.

Philosophy

Philosophy pushes students to examine the fundamental beliefs of every area of knowledge. This pursuit of wisdom is one of the most enduring human intellectual enterprises. philosophy's encouragement *sapere aude*—"dare to think"—provides students with the ultimate transferable skills. Our graduates have the highest scores on the GRE, GMAT, LSAT and out-earn other majors in a variety of fields.

Students pursuing a BA in Philosophy and Religion choose from the following concentrations:

- Philosophy
- Religion
- Philosophy and Religion
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utc.edu/philosophy-religion

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION STUDENTS

Scholarships

The Philosophy and Religion New Major Award

This \$500, one-time-only award is for an outstanding student who has been majoring in philosophy or religion for less than one year. Incoming freshmen are strongly encouraged to apply.

Leba and Moses Lebovitz Scholarship

Awarded with preference given to Jewish students. This scholarship includes extra provisions for exchange of students between UTC and the University of Haifa, Israel.

Robert Mildram Scholarship

Although students of all majors—of all years, even incoming freshmen—are eligible for this award, special consideration is given to majors in philosophy and religion.

Robert Cecil Mildram Prize

Offered annually to a student who has, in the opinion of the department, best exemplified a commitment to scholarship, academic excellence and departmental participation.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Students studying philosophy and religion regularly present at undergraduate conferences throughout the country and are encouraged to pursue original research. Otherwise, we support a variety of experiential learning opportunities.

Recent Research Projects by our students include:

- Presentations on slavery as circumstance
- Analyzing Marxism and the relationship between capitalism and the state
- Exploring the ethics of economic sanctions
- Understanding post cultural anarchist philosophy with the teleology of power in modern Middle Eastern history

INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING

Travel is an exciting and integral part of the UTC experience. From solo semesters in Spain to group explorations of Kenya, our students are learning all over the world.

UTC's Center for Global Education is the resource for international experience. They are experts in finding the locations, scholarships and programs unique to every student's needs.

Visit utc.edu/study-abroad to learn more.

CAREER POSSIBILITIES FOR PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION MAJORS

Are you starting college with a specific career in mind? Philosophy and Religion graduates excel in these fields and more.

Visit University Career Services at utc.edu/career-student-employment for a detailed list of career possibilities.

Counselor

Diplomat

Journalist

Religious Leader

Social Worker

Theologian

Business (particularly international business)

Education

Law

Medicine

These options do not represent all of the occupations you might consider. Some of the options listed above might require additional training.

**SUCCESS TRACK: PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION
DEGREE: BA IN PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION: PHILOSOPHY**

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ACADEMIC MILESTONES	Take at least one 1000-level PHIL course. Begin Foreign Language requirement. Complete ENG 1010 , 1020 and other General Education requirements where appropriate.	Complete PHIL 2110 (or 3110) and other PHIL courses at the 2000-level or above. Continue General Education and Foreign Language requirements. Declare a minor.	Complete PHIL 3510, 3530 and other PHIL courses at the 3000-level or above. Continue to meet General Education and Foreign Language requirements. Begin minor courses.	Finish remaining major and minor requirements. Consider doing a senior thesis or an internship. Complete Senior Exit Exam.	Be able to talk about your accomplishments during your undergraduate work—specific research or projects in which you took part.
CONNECTIONS	Meet with your advisor each semester. Stay connected with the department and our events via social media and the website. Join the Philosophy Club.	Meet with your advisor each semester. Consider joining professional organizations. Attend PHIL and REL department events. Join the Philosophy Club.	Meet with your advisor each semester. Consider attending an undergraduate conference. Attend department events. Consider joining the APA, AAR or other professional organizations.	Attend department events, an undergraduate conference and, if possible, present a paper there. Consider joining the APA, AAR or other professional organizations.	Maximize your potential career options by attending graduate school. Your advisor can help you locate programs in areas of interest to you and get you started on applications.
READINESS	Meet with University Career Services. Identify four skills employers want and begin cultivating them now. Attend a part-time job fair.	Discuss undergraduate research opportunities with your advisor and other faculty. Prepare your résumé or curriculum vitae (CV). Investigate internship opportunities in humanities fields.	Consider graduate school. Discuss with your advisor and other faculty non-academic careers for those with philosophy degrees. Attend a graduate school fair. Prepare to take the GRE, LSAT or other professional school exam.	Prepare to take the GRE, LSAT or MCAT if attending graduate school. Consult APA or AAR's websites for information about graduate school and jobs. Update your résumé or CV.	
ACHIEVEMENT	Complete 30 credit hours. Meet with your advisor twice. Have your second year mapped out and a general plan for years three and four.	Complete 60 credit hours. Know your advisor well. Have your third year mapped out and a general plan for year four.	Complete 90 credit hours. Confirm graduation requirements will be met by the end of fourth year.	Complete 120 credit hours. Attend commencement and prepare to join the Alumni Association.	

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ACADEMIC MILESTONES	Take at least one 1000 level REL course. Begin foreign language and General Education requirements. Complete ENGL 1010 and 1020.	Complete at least two REL courses at the 2000 level or above. Continue General Education and Foreign Language requirements. Decalare a minor.	Complete 3-4 REL courses at 3000-level or above. Continue to meet General Education and Foreign Language requirements. Begin minor courses.	Finish major requirements. Finish minor requirements. Consider doing a senior thesis or internship. Complete Senior Exit Exam.	Be able to talk about your accomplishments during your undergraduate work—specific research or projects in which you took part.
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