

# Philosophy & Religion Program

## Purpose Statement

The Department of Philosophy/Religion achieves its purpose when its students

- appreciate the biblical literature, both Hebrew and Christian Bibles;
- are acquainted with the rich and exotic traditions of the major world religions, both East and West;
- understand the art of philosophizing and theologizing, meaning both analysis and synthesis;
- have achieved heightened self-consciousness through examining ethical issues from a variety of positions;
- have embarked on a personal odyssey in search of the meaning of life.

The philosophy/religion department offers courses designed to help the student study and reflect upon the major religious traditions and philosophical questions that have contributed to the making of our present world. Philosophy/religion offers an excellent liberal arts major since it involves a broad survey of Western and Eastern cultural heritages and develops analytical skills characteristic of a truly educated person. In addition and more particularly, a philosophy/religion major is excellent preparation for the student interested in the church — whether in the professional ministry or as a lay person.

The department offers a four-year degree with a major or minor in philosophy/ religion.

## Philosophy/Religion Major

### Requirements

A minimum of 32 semester hours in philosophy and religion. Since no specific courses are required, students may select from the course offerings shown below, courses at other ACCK colleges, off-campus experiences, and independent study.

### Required supporting courses

A minimum of 12 hours of related courses selected in accord with the student's special interests and approved by the advisor.

## Philosophy/Religion Minor

### Requirements

A minimum of 18 hours in philosophy and religion courses. Since no specific courses are required, students may select from the course offerings as listed in the catalog, courses at other ACCK colleges, off-campus experiences, and independent study.