

CERTIFICATE IN WORLD PHILOSOPHIES AND RELIGIONS

The Certificate in World Philosophies and Religions is open to students in any major or minor. It offers a broad education in philosophical and religious perspectives from around the world. Students will develop expertise in the philosophical interpretation and evaluation of religious and non-religious doctrines that have arisen in many times and places, reflecting the broadening of academic philosophy in the U.S. beyond its European roots.

Learning Objectives

Students will:

1. Analyze the differences among a variety of philosophical traditions, and explain the claims and assumptions made within them.
2. Extract, analyze, and reconstruct arguments from major non-Western philosophical texts.
3. Explain the application of basic philosophical concepts and principles that occur within a variety of philosophical traditions.
4. Assess challenges to and conflicts within a variety of different philosophical frameworks.
5. Demonstrate skills in written and oral presentation, engaging in fruitful oral discussion, debate, and formal presentations that are logically coherent, clearly and concisely stated, and accessible to their peers on topics from within these philosophical traditions.

Requirements Effective Fall 2023

Additional coursework may be required due to prerequisites.

Code	Title	Credits
Select one course from the following:		3
PHIL 170	World Philosophies (GT-AH3)	
PHIL 171	Religions of the West (GT-AH3)	
PHIL 172	Religions of the East (GT-AH3)	
Select twelve credits from the following not taken above: ¹		12
PHIL 170	World Philosophies (GT-AH3)	
PHIL 171	Religions of the West (GT-AH3)	
PHIL 172	Religions of the East (GT-AH3)	
PHIL 173	Philosophy of Traditional Judaism	
PHIL 270	Issues in the Study of Religion	
PHIL 333	Latin American Philosophy	
PHIL 335	Islam: Cosmology and Practice	
PHIL 349	Philosophies of East Asia	
PHIL 351	Interpreting the New Testament	
PHIL 355	Philosophy of Religion	
PHIL 360	Topics in Asian Philosophy	
PHIL 370	Contemporary Western Religious Thought	
PHIL 371	Contemporary Eastern Religious Thought	
PHIL 372	Meaning and Truth in Religion	
PHIL 375	Science and Religion	

PHIL 379	Mysticism East and West	
PHIL 455	Islamic Philosophy	
PHIL 463	Seminar in Religious Studies	
Program Total Credits:		15

¹ At least 9 credits must be from upper-division (300- to 400-level) courses.