

PHILOSOPHY | BACHELOR OF ARTS: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Religious Education and Community Engagement degree prepares students who wish to enter faith connected employment. The interdisciplinary nature of the proposed program, which includes coursework in philosophy, religion, leadership, sociology, history, and marketing, and the skills developed in these courses would prepare students for a range of professional careers within religious and community settings. From roles like youth, children's, or music minister to non-profit employee, fundraiser, or executive director the Religious Education and Community Engagement degree provides practical skills at an exceptional value for online or on-campus students.

Program Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education	34
	Bachelor of Arts Language Requirement	10
	Required Courses	27
	Directed Electives	12
	Open Electives	37
	Total Hours	120

Program Requirements

General Education

All undergraduate degrees require completion of the Kansas Systemwide General Education (<https://catalog.fhsu.edu/general-education/>).

Courses identified with ^{GE} on this page may satisfy a general education requirement in addition to the identified degree requirement. Students who apply a degree requirement to satisfy a general education requirement will typically add an equal number of hours to the university elective category. This flexibility may allow you to complete a minor or certificate within the 120 hour degree. Transfer students are especially encouraged to select these courses in completing General Education requirements to maximize the likelihood of completing the degree with 120 credit hours.

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education	34-35

Effective in Fall 2025 the math pathway course (<https://catalog.fhsu.edu/general-education/gateway-courses/>) identified below is required for this degree.

The General Education Math Pathways course identified for this major is **MATH 101 Contemporary Mathematics**. All students pursuing this degree program will be required to complete this course or the corequisite support course. Students who place into a higher level math course may be able to satisfy this requirement; consult with your Academic Advisor for additional information.

Placement measures for **MATH 101 Contemporary Mathematics** include:

- Math ACT: 19 or higher OR
- Math SAT: 510 or higher OR
- ALEKS PPL: 30 or higher OR
- Accuplacer QAS: 255 or higher OR
- HS GPA and Course Grade: 3.00 cumulative GPA (unweighted) and C- or higher in Second Semester Algebra 2 or Integrated Math 3 OR
- Institutional Measure

Students who do not meet any of the placement measures listed above will need to register for the corequisite support course: **MATH 100 Contemporary Mathematics with Review**. Credit for the corequisite support course will satisfy any requirement for the pathway course listed above.

BA Language Requirement

All FHSU students pursuing a BA degree are required to take two consecutive non-English language classes. These classes total 10 hours at FHSU. Courses accepted in transfer must be a minimum of 8 credit hours **and** determined to be equivalent to the FHSU sequence or additional credit hours must be taken. Students taking beginning Spanish or French classes may be able to apply the first class to the Arts and Humanities area of the general education requirement.

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Code	Title	Hours
	Program (Major) Core	

Required Courses		
PHIL 140	Philosophy and the Bible: Old Testament	3
PHIL 170	World Religions	3
PHIL 240	Philosophy and the Bible: New Testament	3
LDRS 302	Introduction to Leadership Behavior	3
SOC 680	Nonprofit Organizations	3
SOC 664	Social Entrepreneurship and Grassroots Social Action	3
	Proposed Course/Topic Course - Christian Theology and Doctrine	3
	Proposed Course/Topic Course - Religious Direction Methods – Capstone	3
	Proposed Course/Topic Course - Religious Education and Community Engagement Internship	3

Directed Electives		
Select 12 credit hours from the following:		12
HIST 608	History of Christianity	
MKT 301	Marketing Principles	
MKT 610	Social Media Marketing	
PHIL 360	Philosophy of Religion	
PHIL 672	Readings in Philosophy	
SOC 355	Sociology of Death and Dying	
SOC 470	Grant Writing	
SOC 644	Sociology of Aging	
SOC 671	Program Development and Evaluation	
SOC 677	Internship in Sociology	

Total Hours		39
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Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Arts Degree Language Requirement		
Two consecutive semesters of a non-English Language		
All bachelor degrees require:		
GPA of 2.0 on FHSU courses & 2.0 on all coursework (Higher program requirements prevail over the 2.0 when set)		
A minimum of 30 hours earned from FHSU with a grade of D, C, B, or A		
Successful completion of an upper division Writing and Information Literacy course (Most majors contain a course designated)		
A minimum of 45 hours of recognized upper division credit		
A minimum of 120 hours of recognized college credit		

Degree Map

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
ENG 101	English Composition I (SGE010 - English Discipline Area)	3
SGE070	Institutionally Designated Area: Personal and Professional Development	3
PHIL 170	World Religions (SGE060 - Arts and Humanities Discipline Area)	3
COMM 100	Fundamentals of Oral Communication (SGE020 - Communication Discipline Area)	3
Open Electives		3
UNIV 101	Freshman Seminar	1
Hours		16
Second Semester		
ENG 102	English Composition II	3
PHIL 140	Philosophy and the Bible: Old Testament	3
SGE050	Social and Behavioral Sciences Discipline Area	3
Open Electives		3
Hours		12
Second Year		
First Semester		
SGE060	Arts and Humanities Discipline Area	3
Directed Electives		3
SGE030	Math and Statistics Discipline Area	3
Open Electives		3
Open Electives		3
Hours		15
Second Semester		
PHIL 240	Philosophy and the Bible: New Testament	3
SGE050	Social and Behavioral Sciences Discipline Area	3
SGE040	Natural and Physical Science Discipline Area	4
Open Electives		3
Hours		13
Third Year		
First Semester		
SGE070	Institutionally Designated Area: Critical Thinking	3
Directed Electives		3
Directed Electives		3
Beginning Language Course 1 (Bachelor of Arts Language Requirement)		5
Open Electives		3
Hours		17
Second Semester		
LDRS 302	Introduction to Leadership Behavior	3
Directed Electives		3

Beginning Language Course 2 (Bachelor of Arts Language Requirement)	5
Open Electives	3
Open Electives	3
Hours	
	17
Fourth Year	
First Semester	
Proposed Course - Religious Directions Methods	3
Upper Division Elective	3
Upper Division Elective	3
Upper Division Elective	3
Open Electives	3
Hours	
	15
Second Semester	
Proposed course - Religious Education and Community Engagement Internship	3
Upper Division Elective	3
Hours	
	15
Total Hours	
	120

Academic Degree Maps are term-by-term sample course plans that specify milestones, courses, and special requirements that are necessary for facilitating on-time completion. Degree Maps are *examples* and are not prescriptive. Individualized choices such as concentration options, transfer credits, optional minors, advisory programs (certificates), etc. can alter the recommended coursework. Course offerings are subject to change. Students should consult with their academic advisors for additional guidance on course planning.

To determine courses to take in the directed choices (often listed as Program Elective Course) and directed elective course blocks see the overview tab for courses. Open electives indicate the student is free to choose courses from any subject, but students should discuss with their advisor how many of these hours must be upper division. To locate approved courses in General Education areas (Undergraduate Programs) see the general education section (<https://catalog.fhsu.edu/general-education/>) of the catalog.

The undergraduate course maps typically advise the most efficient route for students to complete the general education requirements. Courses that are required in the major may be listed as fulfilling relevant general education requirements. This will result in more open elective course hours in some maps than is listed on the degree overview page.