RELIGION MAJOR - B.A.

Primary Faculty, Rockland: Dr. Larry Poston

The Religion major is designed to meet the needs of students who desire to understand the subject of religion from a comparative perspective. The program includes courses which consider the major religions of the world (Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Judaism), alternative religious movements, the New Age Movement, and occult religion from historical, phenomenological, sociological, psychological, philosophical, and theological points of view.

The program is suited for those who intend to enter a pastoral or missionary ministry and who anticipate attending seminary upon graduation from Nyack College. It is designed to satisfy the recommendations of the Association of Theological Schools for admission to study at the seminary level.

It is also designed as a foundational program for those who wish to pursue graduate work in the field of Comparative Religious Studies. It is not, however, recommended for those students who intend to enter the Christian ministry without taking further professional or graduate study.

126 credit hours, distributed as follows, are required for the Bachelor of Arts degree:

Liberal Arts and Science Core Component..... ….49*
*Foreign Language Component (12 credits)
2 years (4 semesters) of the same language

Bible and Ministry Minor Curriculum..... 15

Major Field Component (30 credits)
BIB 365 - Romans 3
REL 310 - Psychology and Sociology of Religion (Worldview requirement).... 3
REL 314 - World Religions 3
REL 342 - History of Christianity..... 3
REL 441 - Philosophy of Religion..... 3
REL 470 - Topics in Religious Studies..... 3
Electives from upper level Religion courses..... 12

Miscellaneous/Liberal Arts Elective Component (32 credits)
Miscellaneous electives 29
Liberal arts electives 3

Total credits required..... **126**

Religion Major Suggested Program Plan

FIRST YEAR: Fall
PMN 101-Intro to Spiritual Form. . 2
INT 112-Found. for Excellence 2
ENG 101-College Writing I 3
HIS 113-Hist. of World Civ. I..... 3
Foreign Language 3
PMN 201-Nyack Heritage..... 1
INT 101-Info Literacy 1

FIRST YEAR: Spring
BIB 102-Old Testament Lit.....3
ENG 102-College Writing II.....3
HIS 114-Hist. of World Civ. II 3
Foreign Language.....3
PHI 101-Intro. to Philosophy 3

SECOND YEAR: Fall
BIB 201-New Testament Lit. 3
ENG 201 or 202-Global Lit. I or II 3
Foreign Language. 3
MAT-Math Elective 3
REL 310-Psych. & Soc. of Rel. 3

SECOND YEAR: Spring
Foreign Language.....3
Laboratory Science.....4
Social Science Elective.....3
Electives.....6

THIRD YEAR: Fall
BIB 301or 302-Biblical Doc I or II 3
BIB 365-Romans 3
SOC 347-Multicultural America 3
REL-Elective 3
Electives 5

THIRD YEAR: Spring
BIB-Elective 3
Fine Arts requirement.....3
REL 314-World Religions 3
REL 342-History of Christianity.....3
Electives.....3

FOURTH YEAR: Fall
REL 441-Phil. of Religion..... 3
REL-Elective 3
Electives 9

FOURTH YEAR: Spring
REL 470-Topics in Rel Studies.....3
REL-Elective 6
Electives.....9