**PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

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Department Website (https://www.uwec.edu/academics/college-arts-sciences/departments-programs/philosophy-religious-studies)

The Philosophy and Religious Studies Department offers graduate-level course work, but no graduate degree programs.

**Graduate Faculty**

Charlene Burns, Ph.D.  
Steven Fink, Ph.D.  
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No graduate degree programs offered.

Courses in Philosophy and Religious Studies are offered as electives for programs in other disciplines.

All 500- and 600-level graduate courses include requirements or assignments which differentiate them from their companionate 300- and 400-level undergraduate offerings. Students who have taken a course at the 300- or 400-level may not include that course at the 500- or 600-level in a graduate program, except in the case of special topics courses when the topic is not the same as that taken at the undergraduate level.

**Philosophy (PHIL)**

**PHIL 545 Philosophy of Religion (3 crs)**  
Prerequisite: One course in philosophy or consent of instructor or RELS 210, RELS 315, RELS 350, RELS 470; or RELS 353/WMNS 353; or RELS 450/PHIL 450.  
• Cross-listed with PHIL 345 and RELS 345/PHIL 345. Credit may only be earned in one of these courses.

Critical study of the subject of religion, including the nature, grounds, and limits of religious claims.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

**PHIL 595 Directed Studies (1-3 crs)**  
Consent: Department Consent Required  
• Cross-listed with PHIL 395.

Work with instructor on a specific philosophical issue, problem, or activity. Content of the course to be determined by the student and the instructor. Recommended for non-majors.

Repeat: Course may be repeated  
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option

**Religious Studies (RELS)**

**RELS 507 Judaism (3 crs)**  
• Cross-listed with RELS 307. Credit may not be earned in both courses.

Judaism from its earliest times to the twenty-first century, including its history, literature, and lifestyles.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

**RELS 545 Philosophy of Religion (3 crs)**  
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• Cross-listed with RELS 345 and PHIL 345/PHIL 345. Credit may only be earned in one of these courses.

Critical study of the subject of religion, including the nature, grounds, and limits of religious claims.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

**RELS 797 Independent Study (1-3 crs)**  
Individual project under the direction of a faculty member.

Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits  
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option