

# Preparing to Teach Religion to Grades 7-12

## Overview

As a Marianist and Catholic university, the University of Dayton seeks to collaborate with the local church in providing creative ways to serve those wishing to pursue a career in church ministry. The University of Dayton's School of Education and Allied Professions, the Religious Studies Department, the Center for Catholic Education, the Institute for Pastoral Initiatives, and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati have worked together to provide options for those wishing to prepare to be high school religion teachers. The options prepare students with actual classroom experience, theories and methods of education, and religious studies content courses.

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati requires thirty (30) semester hours of religious studies courses with at least one course in each of the following areas: History, Morality, Scripture, Sacraments, and Doctrine.

*Students majoring in Education may also choose to complete additional courses in Religious Studies and graduate with two majors.* The UD major in Religious Studies requires thirty-six (36) units in one of five tracks. The distribution of courses in the Catholic Schools track parallels most diocesan requirements.. See <<http://artssciences.udayton.edu/ReligiousStudies/academics.asp>>.

The following options are designed to meet the needs of students of different circumstances while taking into consideration the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's requirements for high school religion teachers and providing course work recommended and/or required by the Department of Teacher Education and the Religious Studies Department.

### Option #1:

Major: *Education (Adolescent to Young Adult)*

*Student has two Teaching Fields:—one recognized by the State of Ohio and Religion.*

*All requirements set forth by the SOEAP for the teaching field recognized by the State of Ohio must be met. Additionally, 30 semester hours in religious studies must be taken.*

Upon graduation, the student will receive a teaching license from the state of Ohio for the state recognized field and will have completed the requirements to receive certificate to teach religion from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. See the Secondary Religion Education Checksheet, Concentrations for both Religion and AYA Area of Concentration, and Example 4 year plan at

<http://soeap.udayton.edu/academic/edt/checksht/eya.htm> for specific coursework.

### Option #2:

Major: *Education (Adolescent to Young Adult)*

*Student has one Teaching Field: Religion*

*A minimum of 30 semester hours in religious studies must be completed. At least one course in each of the following areas must be taken: Scripture, Doctrine, Historical, Moral, Liturgical/sacramental theology.*

*Please note: The student may add a Religious Studies as a second major by completing a total of 36 semester hours in Religious studies.*

**Upon graduation, the student will have met the requirements to receive a certificate to teach religion from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.**

See the Secondary Religion Education Checksheet, Concentration for Religion, and Example 4 year plan at <http://soeap.udayton.edu/academic/edt/checksht/eya.htm> for specific coursework.

**Option #3:**

Major *Religious Studies*

*All requirements set forth by the School of Arts and Sciences to obtain a degree in Religious Studies must be fulfilled.*

**Upon graduation, the student receives a degree in Religious Studies and will have met the requirements to receive a certificate to teach religion from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.**

**Education Courses:**

EDT 109 – Personal Aspects of Teaching\*  
EDT 110 – The Profession of Teaching \*  
EDT 222 – Development in MC and AYA  
EDT 305 – Philosophy and History of American Education  
EDT 338 – Teaching and Learning  
EDT 340 – Educating Diverse Student Populations in Inclusive Settings  
EDT 459 – Critical Reading and Writing in the Content Area  
EDT 475 – Student Teaching AYA\*\*

Religious Studies Courses offered at UD that meet the Requirements of the Archdioceses of Cincinnati:

**For the History Requirement:**

REL 323 History of Christianity I (100-1100)  
OR  
REL 324 History of Christianity II (1100-Present)

**For the Morality Requirement:**

REL 360 Christian Ethics  
REL 363 Faith and Justice

**For the Scripture Requirement:**

One course in Old Testament (REL 310, REL 311, REL 312)  
One course in New Testament (REL 315, REL 316, REL 318, REL 319)

**For the Sacraments Requirement:**

REL 443 The Sacraments  
REL 446 Christian Liturgy

**For the Doctrine Requirement:**

REL 429 Modern Catholicism  
REL 437 Significance of Jesus  
REL 440 The Church  
REL 444 God in Christian Tradition  
REL 447 Selected Catholic Doctrines

**The following Methods course must also be taken:**

REL 487 Religious Education—Theory and Practice

**Other Courses that are recommended:**

REL 327 U.S. Religious Experience  
REL 328 U.S. Catholic Experience  
REL 329 African-American Religion  
REL World Religions

\*These courses MAY be waived by the Chair of the Department of Teacher Education for those selecting Option #3.

\*\* If a student does not complete student teaching before graduation the Archdiocese MAY consider their first semester of teaching as a fulfillment of their student teaching requirement.

**Programs/activities to provide additional related experience:**

**Student Association for Religious Education (SARE).** UD students volunteer to be instructors for CCD/Parish School of Religion/Religious Education at local parishes. Contact Andrea Stiles in the Center for Social Concern, Liberty Hall Room 107B, for more information.

**Forum for Young Catechetical Leaders.** The mission of “the Forum” is to inspire, animate and form a new generation of dedicated catechists and catechetical leaders who are committed to teaching the Good News in schools, parishes and churches. For more information, visit the website, [www.udayton.edu/~ipi/fycl](http://www.udayton.edu/~ipi/fycl).

**Lay Ministry Program.** UD Campus Ministry has designed the Certification in Lay Ministry Program to prepare students for future work in ministry. The program offers courses, workshops, and supervised experiences in various aspects of ministry. For further information contact Fr. Chris Conlon in Campus Ministry. <http://www.udayton.edu/~campmin/lay-ministry-certification.htm>

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