

Preparing to Teach Religion to Grades 7-12

Overview

As a Catholic Marianist 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 Health Sciences, 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 one (31) semester hours of religious studies courses with at least one course in each of the following areas: History, Morality, Scripture, Sacraments, Doctrine, World Religions and the U.S. Religious Experience.

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. Find additional information in the academic catalog:

<http://catalog.udayton.edu/undergraduate/collegeofartsandsciences/programsofstudy/religiousstudies/>

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 Education)*

Student has two teaching fields: one recognized by the State of Ohio and Religion.

All requirements set forth by the SEHS for the teaching field recognized by the State of Ohio must be met.

Additionally, 31 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 a certificate to teach religion from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

View checksheets, example 4-year plans and more online:

https://www.udayton.edu/education/departments_and_programs/edt/academics/undergraduate/undergrad_resources/index.php

Option #2:

Major: *Education (Secondary Religion Education)*

Student has one teaching field: Religion

A minimum of 31 semester hours in religious studies must be completed. At least one course in each of the following areas must be taken: History, Morality, Old Testament, New Testament, Sacraments, Doctrine, World Religions and the U.S. Religious Experience. Please Note: The student may add 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.

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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:

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| EDT 109 | Personal Aspects of teaching* |
| EDT 110 | The Profession of Teaching* |
| EDT 222 | Development in MC AND EYA |
| EDT 305 | Philosophy and History of American Education |
| EDT 338 | Teaching, Learning, and Management |
| EDT 331* | Religion Methods Lab |
| EDT 340 | Educating Diverse Student Populations in Inclusive Settings |
| EDT 436* | EYA Capstone Seminar |
| EDT 459 | Critical Reading and Writing in the Content Area |
| EDT 481 | Assessment |
| EDT 475 | Student Teaching EYA** |

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

For the History Requirement:

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| REL 323 | History of Christianity I (100-1100) |
| <i>or</i> | |
| REL 324 | History of Christianity II (1100-Present) |
| REL 228 | Historical Encounters |

For the Morality Requirement:

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| REL 360 | Christian Ethics |
| REL 363 | Faith and Justice |
| REL 266 | Moral Reasoning |

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:

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| REL 443 | The Sacraments |
| REL 446 | Christian Liturgy |
| REL 244 | Living Eucharist |

For the Doctrine Requirement:

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| REL 429 | Modern Catholicism |
| REL 437 | Significance of Jesus |
| REL 440 | The Church |
| REL 444 | God in Christian Tradition |
| REL 447 | Selected Catholic Doctrines |
| REL 227 | Beliefs and Dialogue |

For the World Religions Requirement:

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| REL 304 | Hinduism |
| REL 305 | Eastern Orthodoxy |
| REL 306 | Buddhism |
| REL 307 | Judaism |
| REL 308 | Islam |

The following Methods course must be taken:

Forum for Young Catechetical Leaders (REL 281, 282, 283, 284)

Other Courses that are recommended:

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

*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

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 Institute for Pastoral Initiatives:

<http://www.udayton.edu/artssciences/ipi/fycl/index.php>

God Squad: To provide the foundations for collaborative opportunities between the University of Dayton students and the larger Catholic community of Dayton, Ohio. To accomplish this it is the purpose of this organization in collaboration with the Institute of Pastoral Initiatives to partner with local parishes with the student’s intention of offering their talents and service to the mission of the partner parish(es). For more information, visit:

<https://orgsync.com/158959/chapter>

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