

# RELIGION B.A. WITH A CONCENTRATION IN CHRISTIAN FORMATION AND DISCIPLESHIP STUDIES

## Requirements

**NOTE:** The 2020-2021 Academic Year will be the final year that academic degree listed as "Bachelor of Arts in Religion" will be offered and listed on diplomas and transcripts. Effective the 2021-2022 Academic Year, diplomas issued for the Department of Theology will state "Bachelor of Arts in Theology"; transcripts will also reflect this change in the academic degree name. This is a degree name change only and will not impact academic course numbers or academic program requirements. Questions, contact the Office of the Registrar.

Code	Title	Units
	Core Curriculum Requirements ( <a href="https://catalog.vanguard.edu/college/core-curriculum/">https://catalog.vanguard.edu/college/core-curriculum/</a> )	54-52
	Theology Major Core Requirements	38
	Christian Formation and Discipleship Studies Concentration Requirements	33
	<b>Total Units</b>	<b>125-123</b>

## Theology Major Core Requirements

Code	Title	Units
BINT-270	Resrch Meth/Study of Scripture	3
BLAN-101	Introduction to Biblical Lang.	3
ICST-272	Theology/Church Mission	2
ICST-288	Theology in an Intercultural Context	3
NT-462	Selected Themes/NT Theology	3
OT-472	Selected Themes/OT Theology	3
PHIL-201	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PLST-310	Intro/Christian Leadership	2
PLST-312	Intro/Pastoral Care	2
PLST-314	Intro/Preaching & Teaching	2
PLST-420	Disciplines/Spiritual Life	3
THEO-318	Systematic Theology I Anthropology, Christology, Soteriology	3
THEO-320	Systematic Theology II: Pneumatology Ecclesiology, Eschatology	3
THEO-499C	Theo/Min/Post-Chrstn Context	3
	<b>Total Units</b>	<b>38</b>

Note: The configuration of the Theology Major Core Requirements is built upon the Core Curriculum courses in Theology (see Core Curriculum section of this catalog)

## Christian Formation and Discipleship Studies Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Units
CFST-101	Intro/Chrstn Formtn/Discplshp	2
ICST-102	Intro/Intercultural Studies	3
PLST-430	Management/Christian Organztns	3
PLST-461	Integrative Field Studies	3
	Select two of the following courses:	4
CFST-322	Christn Formation of Children	
YLST-324	Intro/Youth Ministry	
CFST-326	Adult Formation/Discipleship	
	Upper Division Biblical Interpretation (BINT)/New Testament (NT)/ Old Testament (OT) Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
	Church History (CHIS) Elective	3
	Upper Division New Testament (NT) Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
	Upper Division Old Testament (OT) Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
	Upper Division Philosophy (PHIL)/Theology (THEO) Electives <sup>1</sup>	6
	<b>Total Units</b>	<b>33</b>

<sup>1</sup> Upper Division course are those numbered at the 300 and 400 level.

## Four Year Plan

**Disclaimer:** This *sample* Four Year Plan is provided as a guide for the recommended sequencing of courses. Vanguard University requires that students complete a minimum of 120 units of required course work as outlined on the Requirements tab in order to receive a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Science, or Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. It is the student's responsibility to confirm with the department the course rotation before enrolling in courses. If applicable, please note the footnotes at the bottom of the page for additional information related to courses listed in a particular year and term. Questions, contact the Department of Theology.

**Study Abroad Participation:** Students interested in participating in the university's Study Abroad programs are encouraged to reach out to the Global Education and Outreach Office ([studyabroad@vanguard.edu](mailto:studyabroad@vanguard.edu)) for more information and collaboration in their academic course planning. Students using Education and Training Benefits through the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs are encouraged to also reach out to the School Certifying Official ([veteranscertifyingofficial@vanguard.edu](mailto:veteranscertifyingofficial@vanguard.edu)) for more information regarding how benefits can be applied.

Course	Title	Units
<b>Year 1 Term 1</b>		
CORE-100C	Cornerstone	1
KINE-145C	Lifetime Fitness/Wellness Lect	1
KINE-146C	Lifetime Fitness/Well Activity	1
NT-101C	New Testament Survey	3
BLAN-101	Introduction to Biblical Lang.	3
ENGL-120C	Persuasive Writing	3



SOC-PLCR	Social Science Core Curriculum Req'm't	3	<b>Year 4 Term 2</b>		
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>	NT-462	Selected Themes/NT Theology	3
<b>Year 1 Term 2</b>			THEO-PLUD	THEO or PHIL U/D Elective	3
THEO-103C	Intro to Theology	3	THEO-499C	Theo/Min/Post-Chrstn Context	3
MATH-PLCR	Math Core Req Data Or Stats	3	PLST-430	Management/Christian Organztns	3
SOC-PLCR	Social Science Core Curriculum Req'm't	3	PLST-461	Integrative Field Studies	3
HSPS-PLCR	History/Political Sci Core Requirement	3	<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>
ICST-102	Intro/Intercultural Studies	3	<b>Total Units</b>		<b>125</b>
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>			
<b>Year 2 Term 1</b>					
OT-201C	Old Testament Survey	3			
ENGL-220C	Researched Writing	3			
HIST-PLHD	History Core Requirement	3			
COMM-201C	Speech Composition and Presentation	3			
ICST-272	Theology/Church Mission	2			
ICST-288	Theology in an Intercultural Context	3			
<b>Units</b>		<b>17</b>			
<b>Year 2 Term 2</b>					
BINT-270	Resrch Meth/Study of Scripture	3			
FINA-PLCR	Fine Arts Core Curriculum Requirement	3			
NSCI-PLCR	Science Lec/Lab Requirement	4			
PHIL-201	Introduction to Philosophy	3			
CFST-101	Intro/Chrstn Formtn/Discplshp	2			
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>			
<b>Year 3 Term 1</b>					
ENGL-230C	Literature and the Human Experience	3			
PLST-310	Intro/Christian Leadership	2			
PLST-420	Disciplines/Spiritual Life	3			
YLST-324	Intro/Youth Ministry	2			
THEO-PLUD	THEO or PHIL U/D Elective	3			
THEO-318	Systematic Theology I Anthropology, Christology, Soteriology	3			
<b>Units</b>		<b>16</b>			
<b>Year 3 Term 2</b>					
THEO-300C	Developing a Christian World View	3			
PLST-312	Intro/Pastoral Care	2			
CFST-PLUD	CFST U/D elective	3			
BINT-PLUD3	BINT NT or OT U/D Elective	3			
OT-PLUD	OT U/D Elective	3			
THEO-320	Systematic Theology II: Pneumatology Ecclesiology, Eschatology	3			
<b>Units</b>		<b>17</b>			
<b>Year 4 Term 1</b>					
OT-472	Selected Themes/OT Theology	3			
NT-PLUD	NT Upper Division Elective	3			
CHIS-400C	Christian Heritage	3			
CHIS-PLUD	CHIS U/D elective	3			
ELCT-PLHD3A	General Elective 3 Units	3			
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>			