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Religious Education



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Introduction

The study of religion is the core of academics at BYU-Idaho. It provides the basis for our very existence as one of the Lord's universities, and every student is expected to make Religion classes an integral part of his/her studies.

Details showing the University requirements for Religion are shown in the Foundations and University Requirements sections in the front of this catalog. Students may also find information under Religion Requirements on the Religion homepage.

A seminary Pre-Service program for prospective Seminary teachers is also offered. Interested students who are beginning their junior year at BYU-Idaho should take the Teaching Seminary course, FDREL 471. For more information, contact the Pre-Service Director at 496-3992, or his secretary at 496-3990.

Attendance: Each instructor may establish criteria for giving credit, but generally, lack of attendance would affect a student's grade detrimentally and could result in no credit for the class, thus requiring the student to retake the class.

Transfer of Religion Credit from Other Universities

Religion credit earned at other LDS Church schools will transfer to BYU-Idaho as an equivalent religion course or elective credit so long as the course is taken for credit and such credit is noted on an official transcript. While religion credits from other LDS Church schools may transfer to fulfill required religion content, they do not satisfy the BYU-Idaho resident religion requirement (religion courses taken from BYU-Idaho). Coursework in religious studies from any institution other than an LDS Church school or Institute of Religion will not be accepted toward fulfilling the BYU-Idaho religion requirements.

Transfer of Religion credit from CES Institutes of Religion

Religion credit earned at Church Education System (CES) Institutes of Religion will transfer to BYU-Idaho as an equivalent religion course or elective credit so long as the course is taken for "Church University" or "BYU" credit and such credit is noted on an official Institute transcript. Qualifying Religion credit taken from CES Institutes of Religion will fulfill both the BYU-Idaho content and resident religion requirement. This policy is primarily designed to benefit BYU-Idaho students who are participating in the online degree programs. Students who are attending BYU-Idaho on-campus are strongly encouraged to register for religion courses offered through BYU-Idaho.

Transfer of Credit from BYU Jerusalem Center

All courses taken at BYU Jerusalem Center (during a student's BYU-Idaho experience) will transfer to BYU-Idaho and calculate into the student's BYU-Idaho GPA. Religion courses taken at BYU Jerusalem Center (during a student's BYU-Idaho experience) will transfer to fulfill both religion course content and the resident religion requirement; however, such credit does not apply to the completion of the overall BYU-Idaho residency requirement. BYU Jerusalem Center credits earned prior to a student's enrollment at BYU-Idaho can be used to fulfill religion course content only, but may not be applied to any BYU-Idaho residency requirement.

Second Religion Class: It is recommended that students take only one religion class each semester. No approvals are necessary for a student to enroll in a second religion class, but please be aware that the registration system will not allow registration for a second religion class prior to the first day of the term in which the student will take the class. Note particularly that this applies equally for 2nd Block classes (that is, they cannot be added until the first day of the 2nd Block). Students should take this into account when planning so that credit limits for scholarships or other financial aid can be met without the second religion class appearing on their registration before the first day of the term.

Three or more religion classes in one semester requires departmental approval. Such approval will only be granted in cases of extreme academic necessity. If you feel your situation qualifies, you may apply to the Religious Education Transfer and Credit Advisor, Lon Pyper, in Taylor 202E, 496-3951.

Course Descriptions

Credits*

FDREL 100 Introduction to Mormonism

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This course is designed for students belonging to other religious traditions or who have recently become new members of the LDS faith. This course introduces students to the doctrine and principles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as well as the history and organization of the Church.
 (Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 121 Book of Mormon

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This course is required for graduation. This course is a study of the content and teachings of the Book of Mormon, from 1st Nephi through Alma 29. Catalog years 2015 and forward may take FDREL 121 & FDREL 122 to fulfill the FDREL 275 requirement.
 (Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 122 Book of Mormon

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This course is required for graduation. This course is a study of the content and teachings of the Book of Mormon from Alma 30 through Moroni. Catalog years 2015 and forward may take FDREL 121 & FDREL 122 to fulfill the FDREL 275 requirement.
 (Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 130 Missionary Preparation

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This course is designed to help prepare students for missionary service by utilizing principles that reflect and supplement the emphasis taught in the "Preach My Gospel" manual. This course is highly recommended for all pre-missionaries.
 (Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 190 Special Topics in Scripture

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Repeatable Course: may earn maximum of 3 credits.

This course is an administrative tool used for BYU-Idaho students facing special credit situations. Registration is restricted to those placed in the course by Religion Department administrators.
 (Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 200 The Eternal Family

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This course is required for graduation. This course centers on The Family: A Proclamation to the World and develops gospel doctrines and principles pertaining to a successful and happy marriage and family life. Practical skills required to achieve and sustain provident living will also be explored and practiced.
 (Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 211 New Testament

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This course is a study of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as recorded in the four gospels.
 (Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 212 New Testament

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This course is a study of the early church and epistles from Acts through Revelation.
 (Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 215 Scripture Study

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This course is designed to help students gain confidence in understanding the scriptures. The focus is on gaining skills for successful personal scripture study.
 (Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 225 Foundations of the Restoration

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This course is required for graduation. In this course students will study key revelations, doctrine, people, and events related to the Restoration of the Church of Jesus Christ. As they do so, they will build upon their previous sequential and topical gospel study experiences. This course will provide the doctrinal foundation and historical context needed to gain an accurate understanding of Church doctrine and history. Students will study the scriptures, doctrine, and Church history in ways that relate to their lives and circumstances.
 (Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 234 Preparing for Eternal Marriage

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This course allows the student to examine the many different issues that lead to one's being successfully sealed in the temple of the Lord, and is designed for single students.
 (Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 235 Building an Eternal Marriage

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This course is a study of the doctrines, principles, and practices that establish a successful, gospel-centered eternal marriage, and is designed for married students.
 (Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 250 Jesus Christ and the Everlasting Gospel

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This course is required for graduation. This course focuses on the eternal ministry of Jesus Christ and His divine roles and teachings throughout His pre-mortal, mortal, and post-mortal life. Special emphasis is given to the Savior's central role in Heavenly Father's plan for His children. Students are invited to deepen their love for and testimony of Jesus Christ and to become more devoted disciples. This course builds upon students' previous sequential and topical gospel study experiences and is taught using blocks of scripture in context from across the standard works as well as the teachings of modern prophets.
 (Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 261 Introduction to Family History

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In this course students will learn the doctrines surrounding family history and temple work. Skills associated with gathering, preserving, researching, and sharing family records, as well as doing temple work for ancestors will be introduced.
 (Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 275 The Teachings and Doctrine of the Book of Mormon

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This course is required for graduation. This course focuses on doctrine and themes found throughout the writings, teachings, and sermons of the Book of Mormon. Emphasis is given to prophetic witnesses of Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. This course builds upon students' previous sequential and topical gospel study experiences. Both FDREL 121 and FDREL 122 can be taken to fulfill this requirement.
 (Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 301 Old Testament

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This course is a study of the Old Testament from Genesis through 2 Samuel, with an emphasis on doctrine and principles.
 (Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 302 Old Testament

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This course is a study of the Old Testament from The Kings through Malachi.
 (Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 324 Doctrine and Covenants

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This course is a study of the history, content, doctrine, and covenants found in sections 1 through 76 of the Doctrine and Covenants.
 (Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 325 Doctrine and Covenants

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This course is a study of the history, content, doctrine, and covenants in sections 77 through Official Declaration 2 of the Doctrine and Covenants.
 (Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 327 Pearl of Great Price

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This course is a study of the Pearl of Great Price with an emphasis on the doctrines, history, and content found in this book of scripture.
 (Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 333 Teachings of the Living Prophets

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This course centers its emphasis on the role, function, and teachings of living prophets, seers, and revelators as building blocks of faith in a world of challenge and confusion.
 (Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 341 Church History

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This course is a study of the history and doctrine of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints through June 1844, including the martyrdom of the prophet Joseph Smith.
 (Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 342 Church History

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This course is a study of the history and doctrine of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1844 to 1901.
 (Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 343 Church History

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This course is a study of the history and doctrine of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1901 to the present.
 (Fall, Winter, Spring)

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FDREL 345 Presidents of the Church

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This course is a study of the history and doctrine of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1901 to the present.
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 351 World Religions

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This course is a study of religions of the world such as Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, and Judaism. It is designed to introduce members of the Church to the beliefs of other world faiths and their development with an emphasis on their relationship to the doctrines of the restored Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 352 Christian History

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This course is an introduction of the history and doctrines of Christianity from Apostolic times--through the Roman period--into the early development of the Catholic and Orthodox churches, the Middle ages, the Reformation, and up to the Restoration of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 390R Special Topics in Religion

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Repeatable Course: May earn maximum of 2 credits

Prerequisites: FDREL 200 and (FDREL 275 or (FDREL 121 and FDREL 122))

This course consists of topical studies in religion, based on teacher expertise.
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 397 Religious Research

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Grading Method: PASS/FAIL

Requirement: Instructor Approval Required

This course consists of topical studies in religion, based on teacher expertise.
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 404 Writings of Isaiah

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This course is an in-depth study of the history and writings of the Prophet Isaiah.
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 431 Doctrines of the Gospel

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This course is a study of the basic doctrines of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as taught in the scriptures and by Latter-day prophets.
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 471 Methods of Teaching Seminary

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This course helps students become more effective teachers. It prepares students to teach the scriptures and provides them with several teaching experiences, both in class and in a seminary setting. During the course, students are evaluated and screened for Religion 475. Students will observe at least 2-3 classes and teach 5-8 hours in released time seminary.
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

FDREL 475 Seminary Teaching Seminar

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Prerequisites: FDREL 471

Course Requirement: Instructor Approval Required

This course deals with current teaching issues and needs. Trainees are also employed part-time and may teach from one to three classes of seminary each day. Trainees are observed to determine whether they should be considered for a full-time seminary teaching position.
(Fall, Winter, Spring)