

Department of

## 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 their 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.

**Transfer of Credit from other Universities and Institutes of Religion:** Religion credit earned at Church Education System Institutes of Religion or 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 these religion credits from other LDS Church schools or Institutes of Religion 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 place other than an LDS Church school or Institute of Religion will not be accepted toward filling the BYU-Idaho religion requirements.

Religion courses taken at the 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 require 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 Department Chair in Taylor 202.

**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.

**Waivers:** Should a student be denied a graduation diploma from BYU-Idaho because the religion credit was not completed and reasons for the non-completion were beyond the control of the student, an appeal may be submitted for review. For clarification and/or application for a waiver, see the Religious Education Department Chair. Students can make an appointment with the Department Secretary at (208) 496-3920.

**Course Descriptions**

**Credits\***

- FDREL 100 Introduction to Mormonism (2:2:0)**  
 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. This course is designed for students belonging to other religious traditions or who have recently become new members of the Mormon faith.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall)
- FDREL 121 Book of Mormon (2:2:0)**  
 Required for graduation. A study of the content and teachings of the Book of Mormon, from 1st Nephi through Alma 29.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall)
- FDREL 121P Book of Mormon: Pre-Missionaries (2:2:0)**  
 Replaces FDREL 121 for graduation requirement. A study of the origin, content, and teachings of the Book of Mormon from 1st Nephi through Alma 29, with an emphasis on doctrines and principles. This course is specifically designed to help students preparing for missions.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall)
- FDREL 122 Book of Mormon (2:2:0)**  
 Required for graduation. A study of the content and teachings of the Book of Mormon from Alma 30 through Moroni.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall)
- FDREL 122P Book of Mormon: Pre-Missionaries (2:2:0)**  
 Replaces FDREL 122 for graduation requirement. A study of the origin, content, and teachings of the Book of Mormon from Alma 30 through Moroni, with an emphasis on doctrines and principles. This course is specifically designed to help students preparing for missions.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall)
- FDREL 130 Missionary Preparation (2:2:0)**  
 A course designed to help prepare students for missionary service by utilizing principles that reflect and supplement the emphasis taught in the "Preach My Gospel" missionary approach. This course is highly recommended for all pre-missionaries.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall)
- FDREL 150 Provident Living (2:1:2)**  
 A course designed to assist students in applying gospel principles in their personal lives. It is composed of classroom instruction in doctrinal and temporal matters, coupled with a lab where principles of provident living are put into practice.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall)
- FDREL 190 Special Topics in Scripture (1-3:0:0)**  
 Repeatable Course: may earn maximum of 3 credits  
 For BYU-Idaho students facing special credit situations and for BYU-Idaho travel study students--taught in the term of the travel study--with topics selected which will focus on history, scripture, and culture of those lands visited.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall)
- FDREL 200 Family Foundations (2:2:0)**  
 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.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall)
- FDREL 211 New Testament (2:2:0)**  
 A study of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as recorded in the four gospels.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall)
- FDREL 212 New Testament (2:2:0)**  
 A study of the early church and epistles from Acts through Revelation.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall)
- FDREL 215 Scripture Study (2:2:0)**  
 A course designed to help students gain confidence in understanding the scriptures. The focus is on gaining skills for successful personal scripture study.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall)

- FDREL 234 Preparing for Eternal Marriage (2:2:0)**  
 This class allows the student to examine the many different issues that lead to one's being successfully sealed in the temple of the Lord.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall)
- FDREL 235 Building an Eternal Marriage (2:2:0)**  
 A study of the doctrines, principles, and practices which will establish a successful, gospel-centered eternal marriage.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall)
- FDREL 261 Introduction to Family History (2:2:0)**  
 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.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall)
- FDREL 301 Old Testament (2:2:0)**  
 A study of the Old Testament from Genesis through 2 Samuel, with an emphasis on doctrine and principles.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall)
- FDREL 302 Old Testament (2:2:0)**  
 A study of the Old Testament from The Kings through Malachi.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall)
- FDREL 324 Doctrine and Covenants (2:2:0)**  
 A study of the history, content, doctrine, and covenants found in sections 1 through 76 of the Doctrine and Covenants.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall)
- FDREL 325 Doctrine and Covenants (2:2:0)**  
 A study of the history, content, doctrine, and covenants in sections 77 through Official Declaration 2.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall)
- FDREL 327 Pearl of Great Price (2:2:0)**  
 Fulfills Foundations requirement.  
 The study of the Pearl of Great Price with an emphasis on the doctrines, history and content found in this book of scripture.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall)
- FDREL 333 Teachings of the Living Prophets (2:2:0)**  
 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.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall)
- FDREL 341 Church History (2:2:0)**  
 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.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall)
- FDREL 342 Church History (2:2:0)**  
 A study of the history and doctrine of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1844 to 1901.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall - rotating)
- FDREL 343 Church History (2:2:0)**  
 A study of the history and doctrine of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1901 to the present.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall - rotating)
- FDREL 351 World Religions (2:2:0)**  
 A study of religions of the world such as Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism and Judaism.  
 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.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall)
- FDREL 352 Christian History (2:2:0)**  
 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.  
 (Winter, Spring, Fall)

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### **FDREL 390R Special Topics in Religion**

**(1-2:1-2:0)**

Repeatable Course: may earn maximum of 2 credits per 390R course

Prerequisites: FDREL 121, FDREL 122, FDREL 200, FDREL 121P, FDREL 122P

Fulfills Foundations requirement.

Topical studies in religion, based on teacher expertise.

(Winter, Spring, Fall)

### **FDREL 404 Writings of Isaiah**

**(2:2:0)**

Fulfills Foundations requirement.

An in-depth study of the history and writings of the Prophet Isaiah.

(Winter, Spring, Fall)

### **FDREL 431 Doctrines of the Gospel**

**(2:2:0)**

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.

(Winter, Spring, Fall)

### **FDREL 471 Methods of Teaching Seminary**

**(2:2:0)**

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.

(Winter, Spring, Fall)

### **FDREL 475 Seminary Teaching Seminar**

**(2:2:0)**

Prerequisite: FDREL 471

(by Instructor permission only) 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.

(Winter, Spring, Fall)