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2009-2010 CURRICULUM CHECK SHEET is a guide to the requirements of this major. **It is NOT necessary to take these courses in the order given.** Please consult the online Bulletin for specific details (<http://www.lasierra.edu/academics/bulletin>).

		FALL	WINTER	SPRING
FIRST YEAR	* Jesus and the Gospels (RELB 104)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	* Sacred Texts: The Hebrew Scriptures (RELB 206)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	* Sacred Texts: The Christian Scriptures (RELB 207)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	* Introduction to Ministry I, II (RELP 101, 102)(2 units)	_____	_____	_____
	+ General Psychology (PSYC 104 OR PSYC 105)(4 units) <i>Meets Theme IA</i>	_____	_____	_____
	First Year Seminar (UNST 101/100)(2-6 units)	_____	_____	_____
	College Writing (ENGL 111, 112, 113)(9 units) OR (ENGL 124)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	Math Foundational Studies requirement. <i>Choose 1 course from:</i>			
	MATH 115, 121, 155, CPTG 117 (4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	Lifetime Fitness (PEAC 120)(2 units)	_____	_____	_____
	Theme IA/B: Understanding Human Beings OR			
	National and Global Citizenship (4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	Theme IC: Globalization, Identity, & Citizenship. <i>Choose 1 course from:</i>			
	SSCI 104, 105, 106, 107 (4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	Electives	_____	_____	_____
SECOND YEAR	* Introduction to Religious Studies (RELG 235)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	* Religious Faith & Life (RELG 267)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	* World Religions (RELG 237)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	* Ellen G. White and the Church (RELH 254)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	* Theology I (RELT 255)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	** Beginning Greek I, II, III (RELL 281, 282, 283)(9 units)	_____	_____	_____
	<i>Satisfies World Language Found. Studies Requirement</i>			
Theme IIA: History & Appreciation of Arts (4 units)	_____	_____	_____	
Theme IIB: Historical or Contemporary Culture and Context (4 units)	_____	_____	_____	
Theme IIC: Exploring American Culture. <i>Choose 1 course from:</i> HUMN 204, 205 (4 units)	_____	_____	_____	
THIRD YEAR	* Biblical Ethics in the Modern World (RELE 205)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	* Sacred Texts: Theory & Practice of			
	Biblical Interpretation (RELB 409)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	* Religion & Society (RELE 447)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	* Homiletics I & II (RELP 361, 362)(8 units)	_____	_____	_____
	* Externship (RELP 374)(1 unit)	_____	_____	_____
	* Theology II (RELT 355)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	+ Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL 204) (4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	** Intermediate Greek I, II, III (RELL 381, 382, 383)(9 units)	_____	_____	_____
	UD Rhetorical Course (RELE 459A & RELT 436)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
Theme III: Religious Beliefs and Practice. <i>Choose 1 course from:</i> RLGN 304, 305 (4 units)	_____	_____	_____	
Theme IVA: Life Science (4 units)	_____	_____	_____	
Theme IVB: Physical Science (4 units)	_____	_____	_____	
FOURTH YEAR	* Issues in Religious Ethics (RELE 459)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	* History of Christianity: Formation (RELH 445)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	* History of Christianity: Reformation (RELH 446)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	* History of Seventh-day Adventism (RELH 483)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	* Philosophy of Religion (RELT 436 (4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	* Theology III (RELT 455)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	+ Religious Development & Moral Learning (RELT 464)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	** Basic Hebrew I, II (RELL 481, 482)(6 units)	_____	_____	_____
	Theme IVC: Scientific Foundations. <i>Choose 1 course from:</i>			
	NSCI 404, 405, 406, 407 (4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	Theme V: Senior Capstone (UNST 404R)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	Electives to complete 190 quarter units	_____	_____	_____
	* Major Requirements (68 units) ** Cognate Requirements + Recommended			

RECOMMENDED PRACTICS PACKAGE: RELP 264, 345, 349, 374 (2 or more units), 397, 415, 436, 463, RELM 464, RELT 464

RELIGIOUS STUDIES/ PRE-SEMINARY

B.A. Degree

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND RELATED OCCUPATIONS: The completion of the Pre-Ministerial track, in conjunction with a baccalaureate degree in a major of one's choice, qualifies the graduate for acceptance into professional programs such as seminary or graduate school. With competition strong for the limited openings in the traditional pastoral ministry, the completion of such professional training on the graduate level is an increasing requisite for successful placement. With additional education, ministers can specialize in hospital chaplaincy, or focus on teaching (with educational credentials), youth ministry, administration, or other specialized ministry.

The Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies provides a particularly compatible complement to the Pre-Ministry track.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: The successful completion of a graduate or professional degree is an increasing pattern in the preparation for pastoral ministry in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Ordination typically follows a period of successful ministry thereafter.

DENOMINATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES: Openings in the traditional pastoral ministry are limited, although opportunities continue to arise especially for those who have completed graduate/professional training. Alternatives include youth counseling, family relations, secondary teaching, and various chaplaincy careers.

ENTERING SALARY: Entering wage level in the Southeastern California Conference for 2008 ranges between **\$38,785** and **\$51,764** annually, depending upon location. Benefits are in addition to the base salary.

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