INTRODUCTION

The Philosophy and Religion Program (PHIL) at Stockton College is a place to come for an excellent education due to the unique, dynamic, and diverse areas of specialty and experiences that its faculty members create. The Philosophy and Religion courses offered, including the GAH (General Arts and Humanities) courses taught by Program members, are inspiring and wide-ranging. These cornerstone courses in the history of thought and culture prepare students as serious competitors for further study, professional careers, and above all, a well-rounded education.

The study of Philosophy and Religion is the ability to critically engage ideas, theories, faiths, and forms of life so that key values, histories, and intellectual processes may be understood and reflected upon systematically. Philosophy and Religion represent core disciplines where the search for values, logic, rituals, faith, and interpretation has emerged, and where their application to lives has found a focus on the questions of the human quest for meaning and structure.

An undergraduate degree in Philosophy and Religion is instrumental for anyone interested in continuing on in philosophy or religion at the graduate school level. When these courses are taken as part of the Stockton experience they serve for a well-rounded grasp of the humanities, and when taken as a minor, as a unique way to support and show extra interest in cultural issues that enhance a student’s major course of study, and their resumé.
Our Program offers courses beginning at the introductory level on the leading ideas, values, techniques, and history of philosophy and religion, as well as intermediate and upper level courses (and independent studies) of a more intensive nature. We offer both a major and a minor in philosophy. Working together with program members, a student may focus on a concentration such as Pre-Law, Multicultural Studies, or Hellenic Studies. These concentrations could be part of a Philosophy and Religion major, or a minor accompanying the student’s major area of study.

Philosophy and Religion program Graduates, both majors and minors, have continued on to graduate studies and successful careers. Our Program maintains contact with them, and invites a few to join us when we organize our yearly session on vocational opportunities, graduate schools, and career options. Some of our graduates have received Law degrees, master’s degrees in Philosophy, Library Science, Bioethics, Theology, Counseling, Chiropractic, Herbal Medicine, and an M.F.A. in poetry, while others are graduate students in Psychology, Osteopathic Medicine, Information Sciences, and Cognition, Brain and Behavior Programs. A few of our students are also currently junior and high school teachers.

The International Honor Society (PST), Stockton Philosophical Society (SPS), the ICHS, and CHSSJ, and the Philosophy Speaker Series are active and exciting groups within the Philosophy and Religion Program. For philosophy and religion students interested in further discussion on topics and themes selected by students (with a faculty advisor), the SPS meets bi-weekly. The PST (Phi Sigma Tau) Honor Society of Philosophy, with a rotating Faculty Advisor and three student officers, offers in-depth analysis of chosen topics and themes, and is an International Honor Society based on GPA standing that offers the opportunity for students to publish in their journal, Dialogue, and graduate with honors. The ICHS (Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies) assists and promotes the teaching and scholarship in Hellenism, Greek language and culture, arts, anthropology, Byzantine culture and of course, philosophy. The CHSSJ (Classical Humanities Society of South Jersey) brings six speakers to campus per year for lectures on the classics, and classical history disseminated through the humanities. The Philosophy Speaker Series is sponsored by the Philosophy and Religion Program, and invites scholars from area universities and colleges to lecture, visit, and have dinner with our philosophy majors and minors.
Philosophy and Religion Program Courses (a sampling):

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Critical Thinking
- Symbolic Logic
- History of Early Christianity
- Buddhist Philosophy
- Issues in Religion and Society
- Ancient Greek Philosophy
- Ethics: Theory and Practice
- Philosophical Issues in Literature
- Pragmatism
- Chinese Philosophy
- Indian Philosophy
- Medieval Philosophy
- African-American Philosophy
- Social and Political Philosophy
- Philosophy of Language
- Judaism
- Christianity
- Islam
- History of Christian Thought I
- History of Christian Thought II
- Eastern Christianity
- Modern Issues in Religious Studies
- Philosophy of Religion
- Emperors, Patriarchs, Sultans
- Moral Theory
- Philosophy East and West
- Aesthetics
- Intro to Cultural Studies
- Environmental Philosophy
- Plato’s Dialogues
- Plato and Aristotle
- Nietzsche: Forgetting & Remembering Philosophy
- History of Modern Philosophy
- Feminist Philosophies
- Philosophical Methods
- Leibniz: Unicorns to Universes
- Critical Social Theory
- Major Thinkers/Major Themes
- Senior Seminar
- Business Ethics
General Arts and Humanities courses taught by Philosophy and Religion Faculty:

Professor Privitello:
The Ways of Love
In the Animal’s Image
Humor’s Logic and Laughter’s Wisdom
Philosophies of Life and Death, aka, True Blood and Philosophy

Professor Jackson:
Law, Philosophy, Film
Medicine, Ethics, and the Arts
Philosophy and Human Nature (with Prof. Pomeroy)

Professor Pomeroy:
Existentialism and Film
Power and Society
Philosophy of the Other

Professor Siecienski:
The Crusades: God’s Warriors
Church and State in American Society

The Philosophy and Religion Program at Stockton College is simply Unique!

INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTER FOR HELLENIC STUDIES

The Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies (ICHS), established at Stockton College by the American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture (AFGLC) after their model developed at the University of South Florida, aims to promote and assist in the study and teaching of Hellenism through the many fields that define Greek civilization and culture. At Stockton this includes the disciplines of Greek language and literature, history and culture, classical archaeology, art, philosophy, politics, anthropology and Byzantine civilization and religion. The Center also sponsors The Examined Life, an outreach program for K-12 teachers in South Jersey.

Information regarding Scholarship opportunities and participation in Student Clubs and Honor Societies is available at www.stockton.edu/arhu

STOCKTON’S LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Living Learning Communities (LLCs) at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey give students a unique, inclusive residential learning experience that connects classroom learning with residential life. First-year students enjoy all of the advantages of living on campus in a residence community, with the added benefit of living among a group that shares academic goals and interests. Stockton’s Living Learning Communities include: Honors, Nursing, Political Engagement, Sustainability, and Writing

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