Consistent with the mission and value orientation of Haigazian University, the Department of Religion and Philosophy offers courses which explore religion and religious values in a critical context. These courses in religion and philosophy aim at assisting students to reflect critically on their value priorities and to attempt to develop a consistent personal theology or philosophy of life.

**Religion and Philosophy Courses**

**REL 215 Old Testament Survey** (3 cr.)
A historical and theological survey of the basic events and themes of the Old Testament as they are reflected in the Torah, Prophets, and Writings. Corequisite: ENG 201.

**REL 216 New Testament Survey** (3 cr.)

**REL 217 World Religions: East** (3 cr.)
A historical survey of major Asian religions with a view to discovering the conceptual, ethical, ritual, and symbolic expressions of each faith. The course will cover the religions which have their origin in India, China, and Japan. Corequisite: ENG 201.

**REL 218 World Religions: West** (3 cr.)
A historical survey of the major religions which originated in the Middle East. The course examines the origin, development, and contemporary manifestations of Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Corequisite: ENG 201.

**REL 220 Christian–Islamic Dialogue** (3 cr.)
This course teaches basic themes related to both Christianity and Islam and attempts to eliminate tensions and misconceptions that arise in mixed societies due to lack, or absence, of communication. It examines the similarities and differences of both religions, exposes the principles of good dialogue, and teaches students how to engage in it practically. Corequisite: ENG 201.
REL 271 Religious History of the Armenian People (3 cr.)
The course is designed to explore the religious experience of the Armenian people from pre-historic times to the present with special emphasis on the origins and development of the Armenian Apostolic, Armenian Catholic, and Armenian Evangelical Churches. Corequisite: ENG 201.

REL 292 Selected Topics (3 cr.)
Special topics to be selected each year reflecting major trends in religion and the main specialization of the Department. Corequisite: ENG 201.

PHI 101 Basics of Philosophy (3 cr.)
An introductory course dealing with philosophical questions that have practical import. It aims to introduce students to the philosophical mode of analysis.

PHI 201 Introduction to Philosophy (3 cr.)
A critical and disciplined inquiry into some of the basic issues in philosophy. How does one know what is true? Are human beings free or determined? In what way are religious and ethical terms meaningful and useful? What is the purpose of life? Corequisite: ENG 201.

PHI 205 Introduction to Ethics (3 cr.)
An analysis of the vocabulary, presuppositions, and principles basic to moral evaluation and exploration of the major options in normative ethics as they are applied to biological, medical, political, and business areas. Corequisite: ENG 201.

PHI 207 Philosophy of Religion (3 cr.)
The course is designed to analyze such questions as the nature of God, religious language, meaning of faith and revelation, conflicting claims of truth by different religions, and the problem of evil. Corequisite: ENG 201.

PHI 220 Seminar in Theology or Philosophy (3 cr.)
A seminar concentrating on the theological or philosophical significance of a particular person, problem, period, or movement. Prerequisite: Two of the above and ENG 202.