

THE MVNU EXPERIENCE



CHOICES— You make them daily about every aspect of your life. Right choices make you feel good about who you are and how you live your life. The choices you make define who you are and are becoming.

As you think about the choice of a college education, we want you to know that at Mount Vernon Nazarene University you have choices of relevant and challenging majors that will open the doors to experience discovery and growth. Travel. Serve. Learn. In a real community of faith where professors give you personal attention and you know you're not a number; you're one of us.

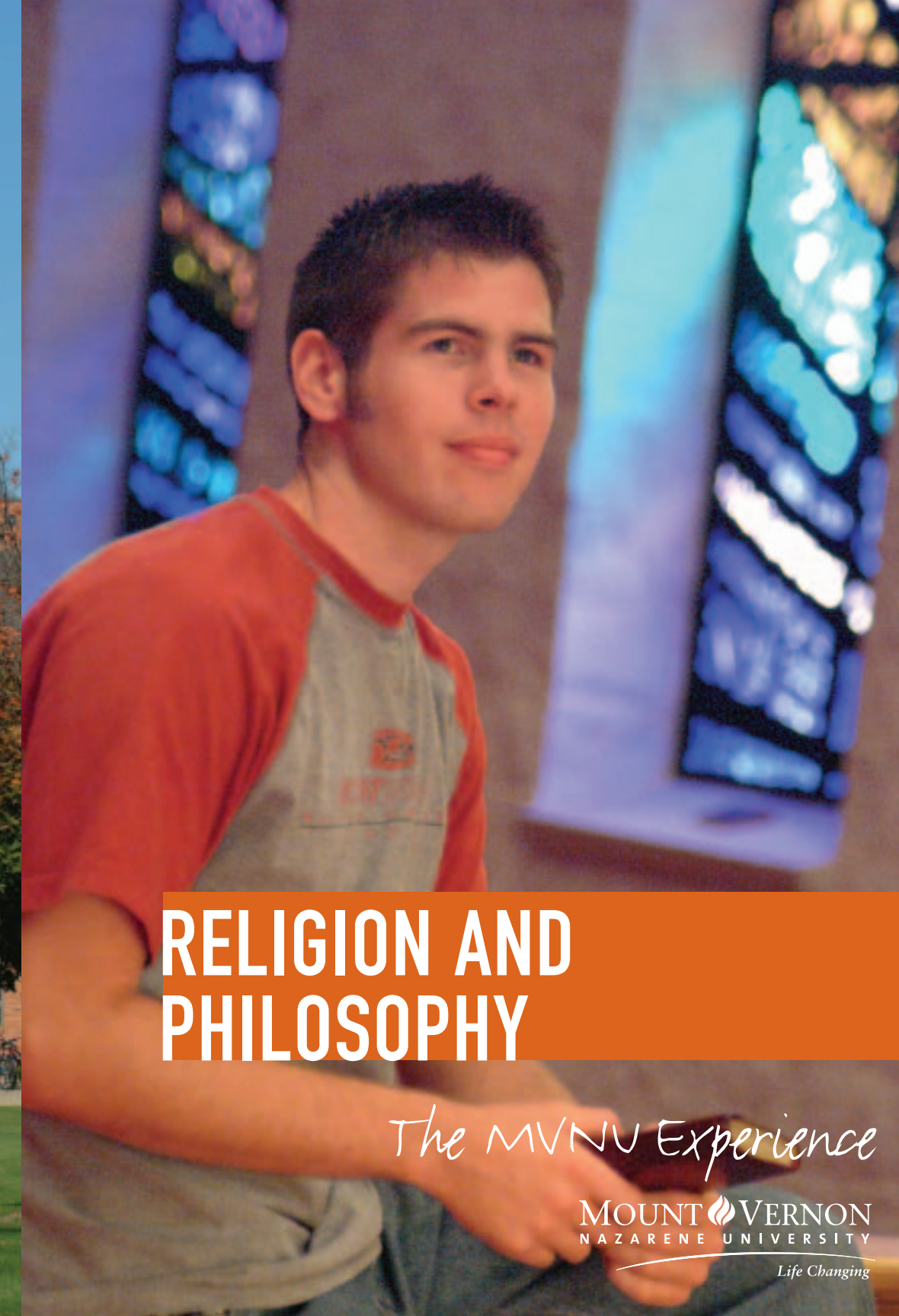
We'll show you how you can afford it too. It's all a matter of choice. Make the right one.

CHOOSE IT. FEEL IT. LIVE IT.

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RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

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When God calls us to the Christian ministry, He also calls us to excellence, personal commitment, and solid preparation. MVNU provides courses in biblical, theological, and philosophical foundations in Christian living for all students, while also preparing those pursuing a career in ministry. Today ministry takes various forms of professional and lay service, including senior and associate pastorates, evangelism, missionary work, and various educational and writing ministries. Most importantly, we emphasize spiritual growth through a deepening of one's love for Jesus Christ and spiritual maturity in becoming more like Him in personal purity and self-giving service.

With relevant preparation suitable for any Christian denomination, we emphasize both the classical and the contemporary. We introduce new courses and programs as times change, while maintaining an unchanging commitment to the Word of God.

*Dr. Jeanne Serrão,
Dean, School of Theology and Philosophy*

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY PROGRAMS

Whether you're preparing for:

- Effective pastoral ministry,
- Specialized service in missions,
- Evangelism,
- Worship leadership,
- Philosophy careers in law, university teaching, writing, Christian apologetics, and ministry.

The Department of Religion and Philosophy will prepare you for 21st century ministry.

Our programs equip students for a wide range of church-related positions and for admission to graduate school.

- Courses in Bible, theology, church history, and practical ministry areas such as preaching, pastoral care, and evangelism, will lay the groundwork for understanding what it means to love God with all your mind through personal disciplines of study and reflection, and to love others through applying what you have learned to daily living.

- Take advantage of practical learning experiences, including educational trips at home and abroad.
- Become involved in conferences and workshops held on campus and located at major convention centers.
- Learn from internship assignments with churches and other Christian organizations.
- Join in fellowship groups for departmental majors, volunteer to lead Bible studies and ministry projects, and sharpen your skills in preaching and teaching through various campus ministry programs.



As a Philosophy major you'll be able to design a flexible program combining philosophy with other components such as literature, history, sociology, psychology, and communication.

Learn to analyze and synthesize, to think abstractly and critically, and to develop sound arguments for your beliefs. Dialoguing with others about the deep questions about reality, knowledge, and life will help you gain proficiency in logic, ethics, and metaphysics, and to articulate a truly Christian worldview.

As a future missionary, our emphasis on global Christianity and cross-cultural ministry will provide a solid foundation for your academic training. With educational and ministry trips to inner-city and international sites, you will have the opportunity to experience cross-cultural ministry long before you graduate. Students with an interest in missions can major in Intercultural Studies and double major or minor in an area of service. This will prepare you to apply your unique gifts and skills to the needs of the field, whether in preaching, teaching, social work, medicine, business, communication, or other professions.



Whether you want to be a pastor, associate pastor, worship leader, or other staff minister in a local church, an evangelist, missionary, inner-city minister, or fully prepared for graduate school or seminary in religion/theology, philosophy, or law, a degree from MVNU in religion and philosophy will help get you there!



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MAJORS

Students in Religion and Philosophy may choose a major from among the following programs:

- **B.A. in Theological Studies**
- **B.A. in Pastoral Ministry**
- **B.A. in Religion-Humanities**
- **B.A. in Intercultural Studies**
- **B.A. in Biblical Studies**
- **B.A. in Music and Worship**
- **B.A. in Urban Ministry**
- **B.A. in Philosophy-Humanities**
- **B.A. in Philosophy**
- **B.A. in Philosophy Pre-Law**

B.A. degrees in Pastoral Ministry and Urban Ministry fulfill the educational requirements for ordination as an elder in the Church of the Nazarene. A master's degree is also offered in ministry.

Minors:

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| Biblical Languages | General Religion |
| Biblical Literature | Philosophy |
| Christian Apologetics | Worship Studies |
| Intercultural Studies | |

WHAT OUR GRADUATES ARE SAYING

"MVNU changed my life. I spent four years surrounded by Godly people who guided and challenged me as I followed my calling to pastoral ministry. As I bring the Gospel message into a state prison every week and watch Jesus transform lives, I realize the work God did in me at MVNU is life changing for many others also."

REV. JAN RUARK ('02)

Religion
Compassionate Ministries Pastor
Director of Rachel's House,
which ministers to incarcerated women and provides housing and spiritual formation upon their release.

Lower Lights Compassionate Ministry
Center in the inner city of Columbus, Ohio

