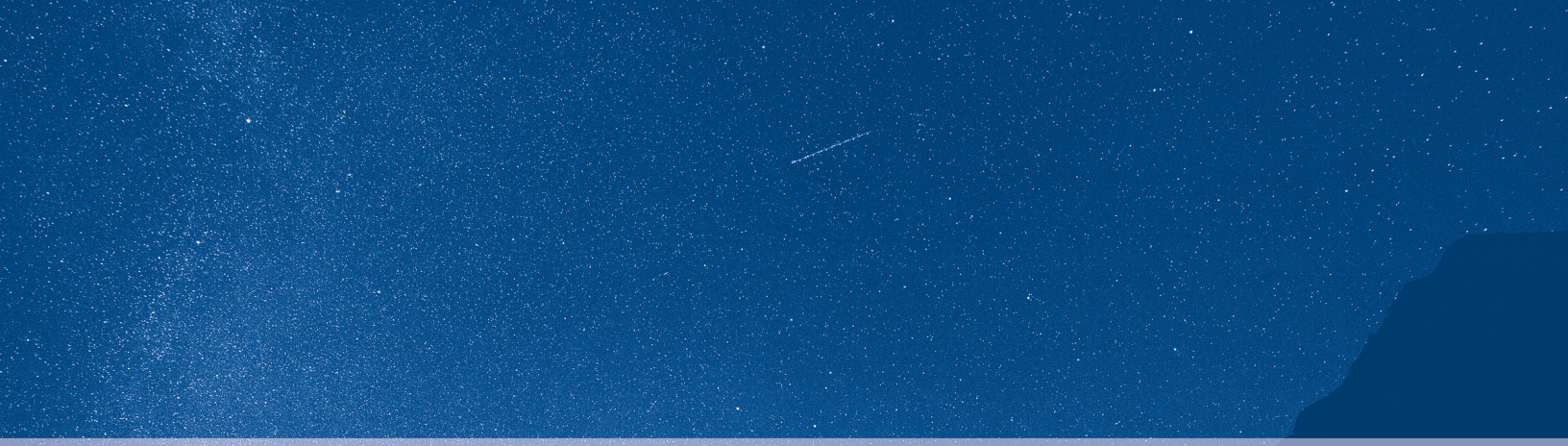

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY **INSTITUTE FOR THE HUMANITIES** MA CONCENTRATION IN

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The Institute for the Humanities at ODU offers a Master of Arts degree in the Humanities. The interdisciplinary curriculum allows students to pursue individualized and customized programs of study that incorporate classes from across the University.

Students in this concentration study epistemology, phenomenology, ethics and logic and they intersect with issues society, health, the law, justice, politics, religion, technology and the individual. Students also explore strategies for promoting interfaith understanding and the roles religions play in both limiting and empowering various forms of social justice.

Public events like the **Open Forum on Muslim-LGBTQ Allyship**, held in the wake of the Orlando massacre, allow students to explore faith-based opportunities and challenges that impact bridge-building efforts.

Students in this concentration will primarily take courses in the Departments of Philosophy, Religious Studies, Political Science and Women's Studies.

This concentration will prepare students to be able to teach college-level Philosophy and Religious Studies courses, to pursue a PhD in Philosophy, Religious Studies, or the Humanities, attend law school or do work related to civil and human rights, social justice, bioethics, business ethics, or techno-culture.

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SAMPLE COURSES

- Buddhism
- Chinese Philosophies & Religions
- Christianity & Social Justice
- Gender & Philosophy
- Plato on Justice
- Philosophy of Psychology
- Social & Political Philosophy
- Philosophy of Social Media

FEATURED FACULTY

- **MARYCATHERINE MCDONALD:** continental philosophy, phenomenology, philosophy of psychology, feminism
- **DALE MILLER:** business, computer, and political ethic, social-political philosophy, history of moral and political philosophy
- **YVETTE PEARSON:** bioethics, reproductive ethics, genetic testing, human embryonic stem cell research, robot ethics
- **NICOLE WILLOCK:** autobiography studies, multiple modernities, post-colonial theory, Tibetan intellectual history and Sino-Tibetan relations
- **DYLAN WITTKOWER:** technology, culture, phenomenology of Facebook and philosophy of popular culture

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