



Religious Studies

Major and Minor

Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts

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The diverse and often contested religious/cultural perspectives in our contemporary world demonstrate the need for leaders who are educated in religious history and tradition and who have the capability of critically examining their own cultural assumptions while engaging in dialogue with global and local populations. An academic, critical understanding of the world's religions provides a foundation for understanding diverse ideas and cultures. This is particularly important in our post-9/11 culture, where religion is playing such a significant role in political movements and cross-cultural dialogue.

MINOR IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES: (21 credits)

REL 100 Religions of the World

REL 200 Introduction to Religious Studies

Two courses from the Global Perspectives category

One course from the Disciplinary Approaches category

One course from designated Electives

Plus one additional course from Global Perspectives on Traditions, Electives, or Disciplinary Approaches categories

B.A./B.S. COGNATE:

Religious Studies majors may earn either a B.S. or a B.A. The B.S. degree cognate is STA 215, US 300 and one of the following: ANT 315, PLS 300, PSY 385 or SOC 357. The B.A. degree cognate requires demonstrating third semester proficiency in a foreign language.

CORE: (Credits: 12)

REL 100 Religions of the World

REL 200 Introduction to Religious Studies: Concepts, Methods and Traditions

REL 300 Contemporary Theories and Issues in Religious Studies

REL 495 Religious Studies Senior Seminar (capstone)

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON TRADITIONS COURSES: (Credits: 9)

Select three from the following list of Global Perspectives courses.

LIB 300 Jewish Scriptures and Traditions

REL 305 Christianity: Scriptures and Tradition

PHI 210 Eastern Philosophy

MES 350 Islam: Scriptures and Rituals

DISCIPLINARY APPROACHES COURSES: (Credits: 6)

Select two from the following list of Disciplinary Approaches courses.

ANT 315 Comparative Religions

LIB 335 Sacred Texts—Global Contexts

PHI 343 Philosophy of Religion

PLS 330 Religion and Politics in U.S.

PSY 385 Psychology of Religion

SOC 357 Sociology of Religion

ELECTIVES: (Credits: 6)

Select two from the following list of Elective courses.

ANT 316 Death, Burial and Culture

CJ 405 Terrorism

CLA 315 Ancient Religion

ENG 204 World Mythology

HST 211 History of Islamic Civilization

HST 311 History of Religion/ U.S.

HST 337 Age of Islamic Empire

HST 376 History of Witches

HST 342 History of East Asian Religions

LIB 400 Jung and Shamanism

MGT 340 Business, Social Change, Ethics

PHI 306 Eastern Great Philosophers

PHI 312 Medieval Great Philosophers

PHI 341 Death and Dying

REL 380 Special Topics Courses