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.