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
REL 300 Contemporary Theories and Issues in Religious Studies

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, LIB 301 and one of the following: ANT 315, PLS 300, PSY 385 or SOC 287. The B.A. degree cognate requires demonstrating third semester proficiency in a foreign language.