

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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The interdisciplinary minor in religious studies gives students the opportunity to engage in the study of religion from the perspective of a number of different disciplines, including anthropology, philosophy, history, literature and sociology. Religions of the World is an introductory survey of the principal world religions. The coordinator may in individual cases allow credit for appropriate cognate courses or independent study.

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- [Minor in Religious Studies](#)

Code	Title	Credits
ANT403	Religion and Culture	3
ANT414	The Anthropology of Performance	3
ANT461	Seminar in Magic, Witchcraft and Sorcery	3
ARH340	The Arts of Early China	3
ARH342	The Arts of Japan	3
ARH344	History of Buddhist Art	3
ARH361	Art of the Renaissance in Italy	3
ARH362	Northern European Painting from Van Eyck to Bruegel	3
ARH363	Early Medieval Art	3
ARH364	Later Medieval Art: Gothic	3
ARH378	Sacred Spaces, Divine Images	3
ARH387	Art of the Islamic World	3
ARH391	Baroque Painting	3
BLK264	African American Religion	3
ENG211	Great Bks Asian Classics	3
ENG355	The Bible	4
ENG404	Medieval Literature	4
ENG408	Seventeenth-Century Literature	4
HIS207	Medieval Europe	4
HIS243	Middle East to 1798	4
HIS336	Religions of Asia	3
HIS343	History of Islam and the Middle East 570-1918	3
HIS344	The Middle East in the 20th Century	3
HIS348	Medieval Society	3
HIS349	Renaissance and Reformation	3
HIS363	Inquisition	3
HIS365	Jihad and Crusades	3
HIS369	Ancient Israel	3
HIS370	Bible: Myth and History	3
HIS371	Jews in the Middle Ages	3
HIS383	Religion in the United States	3
JST205	The Jewish Experience	3
PHI251	Indian Philosophy	3
PHI252	East Asian Philosophy	3
PHI311	Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy	3
PHI320	God, World, and Soul	3

PHI321	Religion, Ethics, and Society	3
PHI325	The Meaning of Life	3
PHI332	Buddhist Philosophy	3
PHI382	Contemporary Buddhism	1
POL220	Athens and Jerusalem: Political Thought in the Ancient and Medieval Worlds	4
POL336	Middle Eastern Politics and Institutions	3
REL courses	See descriptions below	
SOC304	Sociology of Religion	3

REL270. Religions of the World. 3 Credits.

A survey of several major religious traditions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

Attributes:

- Effective Expression/Written
- Ethical Reflection
- Liberal Arts
- Systematic Inquiry
- GE4: World Civilizations
- GE3: WRLD

May not be repeated for credit

REL275. Islam:An Introduction. 3 Credits.

Introduction to Islam's history, beliefs, practices, and diversity. Topics include gender, war and recent portraits of Islam in the media and elsewhere.

Attributes:

- Effective Expression/Written
- Liberal Arts
- GE4: World Civilizations
- GE3: WRLD

Restrictions:

- Must have the following level: Undergraduate

May not be repeated for credit

REL293. Selected Topics Relg Studies. 3-12 Credits.

Selected topics courses are regularly scheduled courses that focus on a particular topic of interest. Descriptions are printed in the Schedule of Classes each semester. Selected topics courses may be used as elective credit and may be repeated for credit, provided that the topic of the course changes.

May be repeated for credit

REL301. History of Christian Thought. 3 Credits.

A survey of representative thinkers and documents of the Christian tradition, from biblical times to the present. Some attention will also be given to the Christian encounter with other religions and cultures.

Attributes:

- Effective Expression/Written
- Liberal Arts
- GE3: WEST
- GE4: Western Civilization

Restrictions:

- Must not be enrolled in the following class: Freshman

May not be repeated for credit

REL393. Selected Topics Religious Stu. 3-12 Credits.

Selected topics courses are regularly scheduled courses that focus on a particular topic of interest. Descriptions are printed in the Schedule of Classes each semester. Selected topics courses may be used as elective credit and may be repeated for credit, provided that the topic of the course changes.

Restrictions:

- Must have the following level: Undergraduate
- Must not be enrolled in the following class: Freshman

May not be repeated for credit

REL493. Religious Studies Selected Top. 3-12 Credits.

Selected topics courses are regularly scheduled courses that focus on a particular topic of interest. Descriptions are printed in the Schedule of Classes each semester. Selected topics courses may be used as elective credit and may be repeated for credit, provided that the topic of the course changes.

Attributes:

- Liberal Arts

Restrictions:

- Must have the following level: Undergraduate
- Must not be enrolled in the following class: Freshman

REL495. Rel Studies Indep Studies. 1-12 Credits.

May be repeated for credit

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