RELIGIOUS STUDIES, B.A.

The Religious Studies Major participates in a diversified program in the humanities, studying religious history, imaginative literature, systems of thought, and criticisms of culture, politics, and society. Because religious studies majors engage in multidisciplinary studies in the liberal arts, they are well-qualified to enter any field that profits from disciplines of exposition, analysis, appreciation, criticism, and historical reflection. Upon graduation, Religious Studies majors have gone into teaching, medicine, nursing, law, business, ministry, journalism, and communications.

The Religious Studies Concentration in Nonprofit Management requires 15 credit hours and is designed to prepare students for entry-level positions in nonprofit agencies, including positions in faith-based organizations, human service agencies, foundations, or professional associations. The concentration combines core courses and electives that allow a student some tailoring to specific interests with the PSC 511 courses available online and/or on campus.

Members of the Religious Studies Department are available to advise students about career opportunities and to refer them to further information that may be of help.

Overall Requirements

• 120 credit hours, to include at least 36 credits at or above the 300 course level
• Students must complete a minimum of 27 credit hours in Religious Studies at the 200 level or higher; at least 9 credits must be at 300 level or higher (excluding the Senior Seminar, REL 410)
• Students must earn a grade of at least C- in all Religious Studies courses required for the major.

Degree Program Requirements

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University Requirements (https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/undergraduate-requirements/undergraduate-degrees-and-degree-requirements/)

General Education Requirements (MAC) (https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/undergraduate-requirements/general-education-program/#generaleducationcorerequirementstext)

College of Arts and Sciences Additional Requirements (CIC) (https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/#additionalundergraduaterequirementstext)

Major Requirements

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Western Traditions

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REL 209 | Elements of Christian Thought | |
REL 210 | Christianity to the Reformation | |
REL 212 | Christianity from the Reformation to the Present | |
REL 215 | Judaism | |
REL 217 | The Synagogue | |
REL 229 | Introduction to African American Religions | |
REL 231 | Religion in America | |
REL 233 | Witches, Spirits, and Metaphysicalism in America | |
REL 234 | Religion and Race in the Americas | |
REL 240 | Modern Judaism | |
REL 255 | Spirituality and the 12 Steps | |
REL 301 | Early Christianity | |
REL 303 | Christianity in Byzantium | |
REL 305 | Religions of the Greco-Roman World | |
REL 310 | Christianity and the Construction of Gender | |
REL 311 | Topics in Biblical Studies | |
REL 312 | Judaism and the Construction of Gender | |
REL 313 | Topics in Ancient Judaism | |
REL 314 | Saint and Society in the Early Middle Ages | |
REL 330 | Major American Religious Thinkers | |
REL 332 | Contemporary African American Religious Thought | |
REL 337 | Enslaved Religion | |
REL 340 | Modern Jewish Thinkers | |
REL 341 | Topics in Jewish Thought | |
REL 382 | Topics in Christian Thought | |

Non-Western Traditions

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REL 220 | East Asian Religions | |
REL 221 | Buddhism | |
REL 223 | Hinduism | |
REL 224 | Yoga: Theory And Practice | |
REL 225 | Islam | |
REL 226 | Approaches to the Qur’an | |
REL 254 | Religion in Traditional Societies | |
REL 336 | Native American Religions | |
REL 364 | Tibetan and Himalayan Religions | |
REL 368 | Religion in South Asia: Selected Topics | |
REL 370 | Religions of Iran: Selected Topics | |

Cultural and Theoretical Studies

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REL 213 | Religion, War, and Peace | |
REL 236 | Politics and Religion | |
REL 241 | Jewish Medical Ethics | |
REL 242 | Jews, Bodies, Race | |
REL 248 | Comparative Religious Ethics | |
REL 245 | Video Games and the Problem of Evil | |
REL 249 | Religion and Public Health | |
REL 250 | Religious Traditions and Care of the Earth | |
REL 251  Topics in Religious Social Ethics
REL 259  Philosophy of Religion
REL 317  Islam and the Construction of Gender
REL 323  Religious Movements and Communities: Selected Topics
REL 324  Philosophical Issues in Religion
REL 333  Religion and Psychology
REL 334  American Cults
REL 355  The Religious Discourse of Civil Rights
REL 371  Topics in Islam: Islamic Thought, Culture, and History
REL 375  Religion and Popular Culture: Selected Topics
REL 400  Topics in Religious Studies

**Electives**

Select four additional electives in Religious Studies above the 100 level

**Senior Seminar**

REL 410  Senior Seminar

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**Optional Concentration**

The optional concentration as detailed following the major requirements may be added, but is not required.

- Nonprofit Management

**Electives**

Electives sufficient to complete the 120 credit hours required for degree.

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**Nonprofit Management Concentration Requirements**

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<td>PSC 311</td>
<td>The Nonprofit Sector and Governance</td>
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<td>REL 420</td>
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<td>And a Religious Studies course to be approved by the head of the department</td>
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<td>PSC 440</td>
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**Skills Courses**

Choose 3 of the 1 credit skills courses below

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**Religion and Popular Culture Concentration**

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<td>REL 375</td>
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**Electives**

Select 9 credits from the list below:

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<td>Islam and Popular Culture: Ms. Marvel, Movies, and Hip-Hop Hijabis</td>
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**Disciplinary Honors in Religious Studies Requirements**

- A minimum of 12 credit hours as defined below.
- UNC Greensboro cumulative GPA of 3.30 or better or, for transfer students, cumulative GPA of 3.30 or better from all prior institutions.

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6 credits of Honors course work in the major

3 credits of Honors course work in the major or another area

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**Recognition**

Receive a Certificate of Disciplinary Honors in Religious Studies; have that accomplishment, along with the title of the Senior Honors Project, noted on the official transcript; and be recognized at a banquet held at the end of the spring semester.

**Honors Advisor**

See Ashlee Andrews at anandrew@uncg.edu for further information and guidance about Honors in Religious Studies. To apply: [http://honorscollege.uncg.edu/forms/disc-application.pdf](http://honorscollege.uncg.edu/forms/disc-application.pdf)