**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**
- 122 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 (excluding the Senior Seminar); at least 9 credits must be at 300 level or higher
- Students must earn a grade of at least C- in all Religious Studies courses required for the major.

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**Western Traditions**
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  - REL 209 | Elements of Christian Thought | 3            |
  - REL 210 | Christianity to the Reformation | 3            |
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  - REL 215 | Judaism | 3            |
  - REL 217 | The Synagogue | 3            |
  - REL 220 | Introduction to African American Religions | 3            |
  - REL 221 | Religion in America | 3            |
  - REL 231 | American Religious Thought: A Survey | 3            |
  - REL 240 | Modern Judaism | 3            |
  - REL 301 | Early Christianity | 3            |
  - REL 302 | Christianity in Byzantium | 3            |
  - REL 305 | Religions of the Greco-Roman World | 3            |
  - REL 309 | Spirituality and Culture in the West | 3            |
  - REL 310 | Christianity and the Construction of Gender | 3            |
  - REL 311 | Topics in Biblical Studies | 3            |
  - REL 312 | Judaism and the Construction of Gender | 3            |
  - REL 313 | Topics in Ancient Judaism | 3            |
  - REL 314 | Saint and Society in the Early Middle Ages | 3            |
  - REL 325 | Contemporary American Jewish Thought | 3            |
  - REL 326 | American Religious Thought I | 3            |
  - REL 327 | American Religious Thought II: The Romantic Tradition | 3            |
  - REL 328 | American Religious Thought III: The Pragmatic Tradition | 3            |
  - REL 330 | Major American Religious Thinkers | 3            |
  - REL 332 | Contemporary African American Religious Thought | 3            |
  - REL 340 | Modern Jewish Thinkers | 3            |
  - REL 341 | Topics in Jewish Thought | 3            |
  - REL 342 | Topics in Christian Thought | 3            |
  - REL 383 | Seminar in a Major Christian Thinker | 3            |
  - REL 366 | Religions of China: Selected Topics | 3            |
  - REL 367 | Religions of Japan: Selected Topics | 3            |
  - REL 368 | Religion in South Asia: Selected Topics | 3            |

**Non-Western Traditions**
- Select one of the following:
  - REL 218 | Chinese Religion | 3            |
  - REL 220 | Japanese Religion | 3            |
  - REL 221 | Buddhism | 3            |
  - REL 223 | Hinduism | 3            |
  - REL 225 | Islam | 3            |
  - REL 254 | Religion in Traditional Societies | 3            |
  - REL 317 | Islam and the Construction of Gender | 3            |
  - REL 366 | Religions of China: Selected Topics | 3            |
  - REL 367 | Religions of Japan: Selected Topics | 3            |
  - REL 368 | Religion in South Asia: Selected Topics | 3            |

**Cultural and Theoretical Studies**
- Select one of the following:
  - REL 207 | Modern Problems of Belief | 3            |
  - REL 248 | Comparative Religious Ethics | 3            |
  - REL 251 | Topics in Religious Social Ethics | 3            |
  - REL 252 | Ritual Studies | 3            |
  - REL 253 | Religion, Art, and Visual Culture | 3            |
  - REL 258 | Darwin, Evolution, and Human Nature | 3            |
  - REL 259 | Philosophy of Religion | 3            |
  - REL 315 | Religious Autobiography in the West | 3            |
  - REL 318 | Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion | 3            |
  - REL 323 | Religious Movements and Communities: Selected Topics | 3            |
  - REL 324 | Philosophical Issues in Religion | 3            |
  - REL 333 | Religion and Psychology | 3            |
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**Electives**

Select four additional electives in Religious Studies above the 100 level

**Senior Seminar**

REL 410 Senior Seminar

**Nonprofit Management Concentration Requirements**

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And a Religious Studies course to be approved by the head of the department

**Skills Courses**

Choose 3 of the 1 credit skills courses below

- PSC 511B Topics in Public Affairs: Marketing for Public and Nonprofit Agencies
- PSC 511D Topics in Public Affairs: Strategic Planning
- PSC 511G Topics in Public Affairs: Grant Writing
- PSC 511N Topics in Public Affairs: Nonprofit Law
- PSC 511V Topics in Public Affairs: Volunteer Management

**Electives**

Electives sufficient to complete the 122 credit hours required for degree.

**Religious Studies as a Second Major**

**Requirements**

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* REL 410 Senior Seminar is excluded for credit toward meeting this requirement.

Requirements for a Second Major in Religious Studies are the same as for the Religious Studies Major.

**Religious Studies as a Second Academic Concentration for Elementary Education Majors**

- Minimum of 18 credit hours

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**Additional REL Courses**

Select 6 credits of additional REL courses at the 200 level or above