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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REL 367 | Religions of Japan: Selected Topics       | 3 |
REL 368 | Religion in South Asia: Selected Topics   | 3 |
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REL 248 | Comparative Religious Ethics              | 3 |
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REL 253 | Religion, Art, and Visual Culture          | 3 |
REL 258 | Darwin, Evolution, and Human Nature        | 3 |
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REL 323 | Religious Movements and Communities: Selected Topics | 3 |
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REL 333 | Religion and Psychology                    | 3 |
REL 355  The Religious Discourse of Civil Rights
REL 356  Religion and Colonialism
REL 365  Myth and Theory
REL 503  Topics in Religious Studies

Electives  12
Select four additional electives in Religious Studies above the 100 level

Senior Seminar  3
REL 410  Senior Seminar

Nonprofit Management Concentration Requirements

Code  Title  Credit Hours
Required  12
PSC 311  The Nonprofit Sector and Governance
REL 420  Internship in Religious Studies
PSC 520  Urban Political System
And a Religious Studies course to be approved by the head of the department

Skills Courses  3
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
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. Students must earn a grade of at least C- in all Religious Studies courses required for the major.

* 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

Requirements

Code  Title  Credit Hours

Traditions and Historical Studies
Select 6 credits of the following:
REL 201  The Bible in Western Culture

Cultural and Theoretical Studies
Select 6 credits of the following:
REL 202  Hebrew Bible
REL 204  New Testament and the Origins of Christianity
REL 210  Christianity to the Reformation
REL 212  Christianity from the Reformation to the Present
REL 215  Judaism
REL 218  Chinese Religion
REL 220  Japanese Religion
REL 221  Buddhism
REL 225  Islam
REL 229  Introduction to African American Religions
REL 250  Religious Traditions and Care of the Earth
REL 254  Religion in Traditional Societies
REL 301  Early Christianity
REL 305  Religions of the Greco-Roman World
REL 311  Topics in Biblical Studies
REL 313  Topics in Ancient Judaism
REL 366  Religions of China: Selected Topics
REL 367  Religions of Japan: Selected Topics

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