

Religious Studies

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MAJOR

Religious Studies is a major designed to provide students with the methodology used to study religion as a fundamental human experience and to introduce students to the history of western and non-western religious traditions. The major in religious studies consists of ten courses including the five required core courses. The core courses include an introduction to the methodologies used in the study of religion, a basic course in the foundations of each of the three major religious traditions of the western world; (Graeco-Roman religion, Judaism, and Christianity) and a course in non-Western religion. The remaining five courses should be selected from the list of electives and must include one course at or above the 400 level.

MINOR

A minor in Religious Studies consists of a minimum of five core courses.

Core Courses

(all required for majors and minors)

Introductory Course

RLST 110/CLAS 110 Introduction to Religious Studies

Western Religions

CLAS 320/HISA 318 Greek Religion

CLAS 322 Introduction to the New Testament

JWST 210/CLAS 210 Hebrew Bible - Old Testament

Non-Western Religions

(one of the following)

Anthropology

ANTH 335/635 Culture and Religion

Art History

ARHS 370 Pre-Columbian Art

ARHS 651 Seminar on Aztec Arts

History

HISM 320 History of Islam

Philosophy

PHIL 350 Buddhism

Elective Courses

Note: Any course listed above in Non-Western may be taken as an elective.

Art History

ARHS 320 Early Christian and Byzantine Art

ARHS 321 Medieval Art

ARHS 353 Survey of Russian Art

Classical Studies

CLAS 220 The Development of Early Christianity

CLAS 304 Mythology

CLAS 324 The Historical Jesus

CLAS 325 Paul the Apostle

CLAS 329 Gnosticism and Early Christianity

CLAS 418/618 Seminar in Ancient Religion

(Note: Topics taught in rotation include History of Roman Religion, Mystery Cults of Greece and Rome, Magic and the Supernatural in the Ancient World, Problems in the Iconography of Greek and Roman Religion, Death and the Afterlife in the Ancient World. Course may be repeated for credit with a different topic.)

CLAS 430 The Literature of Early Christianity

GREK 415 The Undisputed Letters of Paul

Colloquium

COLQ H302 God(s) and Science

COLQ H303 Science and Religion

English

ENLS 448 Milton

History

HISA 103 Medieval Europe

HISA 303 Early Medieval and Byzantine Civilization from Constantine to the Crusades

HISA 311 Rome and the Jews (167 B.C. - A.D. 135)

HISA 601 Later Roman Empire

HISA 604 High Middle Ages

HISA H609/CLAS H609 Seminar in Select Topics in Byzantine History

HISE 610 Renaissance and Reformation, 1450-1660

HISU H345 Salem Witchcraft

HISU 344 African-American Religious History

HISU 354/JWST 324 Early American Jewish History

Jewish Studies

JWST 201 Introduction to Judaism

JWST 314 Hebrew Bible

JWST 315 Second Temple Judaisms

JWST 320 Modern Judaism

JWST 321 American Judaism

JWST 350 The Golden Age of Spanish Jewry I: Moslem Spain

JWST 352 The Golden Age of Spanish Jewry II: Christian Spain

JWST 353 Jewish Life and Thought in the High Middle Ages

JWST 354 Jewish Life and Thought from the Renaissance to the Age of Reason

JWST 411 Rabbinic Judaism

JWST 415 Women, Judaism, and Jewish Culture

Music

MUSC 309 Music Before 1600

MUSC 333 Jewish Music

Philosophy

PHIL 301 Philosophy of Religion

PHIL 302 Bible and Philosophy

PHIL 324 Medieval Philosophy

PHIL 336 Sacred Symbols

Religious Studies

RLST 291, 292 Special Topics in Religious Studies

RLST 395, 396 Special Topics in Religious Studies

RLST 495, 496 Special Topics in Religious Studies

RLST H499, H500 Honors Thesis

RLST 110 Introduction to Religious Studies (3)

Staff. This course gives an overview of the development of the western approach to the study of religion. It will be comparative and cover many aspects of world civilization, provide a window on the cultural dimensions of global politics, and supply a way of perceiving approaches to the study of religion under the rubrics of anthropology of religion, sociology of religion, history and phenomenology of religion, and philosophy of religion. Important theorists and schools of thought will also be examined. Same as CLAS 110.

RLST 291, 292 Special Topics in Religious Studies (3, 3)

Staff. This course will cover special topics in Religious Studies offered by one of the cooperating departments in the RLST program. The course may be repeated for credit with a different topic.

RLST 389 Service Learning (1)

Staff. Students complete a service activity in the community in conjunction with the content of the corequisite course.

RLST 395, 396 Special Topics in Religious Studies (3, 3)

Staff. This course will cover special topics in Religious Studies offered by one of the cooperating departments in the RLST program. The course may be repeated for credit with a different topic.

RLST 491, 492 Independent Study (3, 3)

Staff. Prerequisite: approval of program director. Open to students provided that the appropriate faculty director is available.

RLST 495, 496 Special Topics in Religious Studies (3, 3)

Staff. This course will cover special topics in Religious Studies offered by one of the cooperating departments in the RLST program. The course may be repeated for credit with a different topic.

RLST H499-H500 Honors Thesis (3, 4)

Staff. Admission by approval of the program director and the honors committee.

ROTC

Aerospace Studies

Military Science

Naval Science

See Allied Programs