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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
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

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 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)
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.