

RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR

Learning Outcomes

Graduating Religious Studies majors should be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the beliefs, practices, and texts of more than one major religious tradition.
2. Understand the diversity and complexity of religious traditions flourishing today.
3. Comprehend the various ways religious beliefs and practices change in distinct temporal and geographical settings.
4. Critically analyze significant questions and problems through the careful study of religious intellectual traditions.
5. Develop scholarly skills to conduct sophisticated research within the discipline.

Requirements

For a 30-credit major in Religious Studies, students complete the following:

Code	Title	Credits
Select 10 courses in Religious Studies, including:		30
At least two courses at the 1000 level		
At least five courses at the 2000 or 3000 level		
RLST 2099	Religious Studies Seminar	
	or RLST 399 Independent Study	
Total Credits		30

Courses taken in fulfillment of the core requirement in Religious Studies are counted toward the major.

Pathways

In consultation with their major advisor, students will designate a "pathway" through the major by choosing one of the following:

Religious Studies

To complete the Religious Studies Pathway, students select six courses from the following:

Code	Title	Credits
RLST 1001	Religion and the Critical Mind	3
RLST 1002	Common Questions, Traditional Response	3
RLST 1003	Religion in a Comparative Key	3
RLST 1004	Peoples of the Book, Sacred Texts, and Their Communities	3
RLST 1101	Introduction to Judaism	3
RLST 1111	History of the Jewish Experience	3
RLST 1201	Hebrew Bible/Old Testament	3
RLST 1203	Life of Jesus	3
RLST 1211	Introduction to the New Testament	3
RLST 1402	Introduction to Catholicism	3
RLST 1601	Religion in the United States	3
RLST 1667	Mormonism: An American Church	3
RLST 1801	Asian Religions	3

RLST 1802	Buddhism	3
RLST 2113	Jews and Judaism in America	3
RLST 2115	Women in Judaism	3
RLST 2118	Faith After the Holocaust	3
RLST 2205	Women in the Bible	3
RLST 2207	Prophetic and Apocalyptic Voices	3
RLST 2220	Writings of Paul	3
RLST 2221	Good News of the Gospels	3
RLST 2222	Writings of John	3
RLST 2430	Eastern Christianity: Europe, Africa, and Asia	3
RLST 2440	The Medieval Church	3
RLST 2445	The Reformation Era	3
RLST 2660	I'm Spiritual, Not Religious: The American Spiritual Tradition	3
RLST 2662	Afro-Caribbean and African American Religions: Shout, O Children!	3
RLST 2663	New Religious Movements in America	3
RLST 2665	Religion and Medicine in the United States	3
RLST 2668	American Catholic History	3
RLST 2760	Islam in America	3
RLST 2880	Hinduism	3
RLST 2886	Buddhism in the United States	3
RLST 2889	Tantrism	3
RLST 2900	Special Topics (Shell)	3
RLST 3990	Independent Study	1-3

Theology

To complete the Theology Pathway, students select six courses from the following:

Code	Title	Credits
RLST 1203	Life of Jesus	3
RLST 1211	Introduction to the New Testament	3
RLST 1701	Introduction to Islam	3
RLST 2118	Faith After the Holocaust	3
RLST 2120	Modern Jewish Theology	3
RLST 2209	Jewish Interpretations of Scriptures	3
RLST 2331	The Problem of God	3
RLST 2335	Liberation Theology	3
RLST 2336	Catholicism and Gender	3
RLST 2338	Evil	3
RLST 2339	Last Things: Catholic Belief in Life After Death	3
RLST 2428	Early Christianity	3
RLST 2430	Eastern Christianity: Europe, Africa, and Asia	3
RLST 2441	Encountering God in Medieval Christian Thought	3
RLST 2443	The Papacy	3
RLST 2445	The Reformation Era	3
RLST 2448	Faith and Reason: The Catholic Intellectual Tradition	3
RLST 2544	Finding God in All Things	3

RLST 2550	Catholic 2.0: Faith and Practice	3
RLST 2552	Contemporary Moral Problems	3
RLST 2555	Catholic Social Teaching	3
RLST 2557	Christian Spirituality	3
RLST 2558	The Classic: Truth in Religion and the Arts	3
RLST 2660	I'm Spiritual, Not Religious: The American Spiritual Tradition	3
RLST 2649	American Catholic Theologians	3
RLST 2730	Islamic Theology	3
RLST 2750	Islamic Ethical and Legal Thought	3
RLST 2795	Islam, Race, Power	3
RLST 2900	Special Topics (Shell)	3
RLST 3990	Independent Study	1-3

Magis Core Curriculum

Beginning with the Class of 2023, all undergraduate students will be required to complete the Magis Core Curriculum. Please refer to the Curricula section of this undergraduate catalog for a detailed explanation of the Magis Core.