

RELIGIOUS STUDIES MINOR

Religious Studies aims at an academic investigation of the world's religions, of religious history, and of the place of religion in world cultures and societies from the ancient to the present. It draws on faculty resources from a wide range of traditional academic disciplines: anthropology, history, philosophy, classics, Near Eastern studies, Asian studies, literature, art history, political science, and sociology. Religious Studies respects the beliefs and backgrounds of the students who pursue courses in this area, but it also approaches its objects of study in a thoroughly scholarly manner, maintaining both intellectual openness and critical rigor.

The Minor in Religious Studies is designed to give undergraduates majoring in other disciplines familiarity both with religious traditions themselves and with the wide range of academic approaches to the study of religion in fields such as Anthropology, History, Philosophy, and Sociology.

The minor requires a minimum of eighteen credits with the following required courses and electives.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
PHI/NE 1900 or ANT 3560	Comparative Religion World's Religions	3
PHI 2400	Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion	3
SOC 2209	Sociology of Religion	3
Electives		
Three additional courses with substantial content concerning religious traditions to be approved by the Director of Religious Studies. Such courses include but are not necessarily limited to these.		
ANT 5370	Magic, Religion and Science	3
CLA 3530	The World of Early Christianity	3
CLA 3590	Byzantine Civilization	3
NE 2000	Introduction to Islamic Civilization of the Near East	3
NE 2010	The Bible and Ancient Mythology	3
ITA 3500	Dante in Translation: The Divine Comedy	3
NE 5300	Quran: History and Interpretation	3
PCS 2010/ PS 2830	Topics in Peace and Conflict Studies (When taught as "Conflict and Religion")	1-4
PHI 2150	Chinese Philosophy	3
PHI 2170	Islamic and Near Eastern Philosophy	3
PHI 5800	Special Topics in Philosophy	2-4