

Religious Studies Major

Requirements for the Major: Nine courses including a 100-level Religious Studies elective; Religious Studies 240; Religious Studies 490 (Senior Capstone) or Religious Studies 495, 496 (Honors)*; and six Religious Studies electives. The electives must include a 300-level Religious Studies elective, two courses in Transformations (Traditions and Practices), and at least one course in each of the three remaining non-Introductory domains of inquiry – Representations (Texts and Contexts), Power and Difference, and Additional Department Electives

* With the Department's approval, students with a cumulative average of 3.00 or higher, and an average of 3.20 or higher in Religious Studies, may elect to write an Honors Thesis (495/496) during their senior year.

Introductory: at least one course from this group

REL 101 – Religions in World Cultures

REL 102 – Contemporary Religious Issues

REL 103: Religion, Myth, and Fantasy

REL 104: Saints, Mystics, Ecstatics

Theories of Religion: required for all majors

REL 240 – Theories of Religion

Transformations (Traditions and Practices): at least two courses from this domain of inquiry

REL 211- Hinduism: Unities and Diversity

REL 212- Buddhism: From India to Asia and Beyond

REL 213- Judaism: Faith, Communities, Identity

REL 214- Christianity: From Jesus to the Third Millennium

REL 215- Islam: History, Faith, Practice

REL 216- Religions in Africa: Historical and Contemporary Expressions

REL 218- Confucianism: Self and Society

REL 231- Religions in American History and Culture

REL 232- Religions in Latin America

REL 233- Female Divinities in China

Representations (Texts and Contexts): at least one course from this domain of inquiry

REL 201-The Biblical Imagination: Torah, Prophets, Writings

REL 202- Christian Scriptures

REL 203- Religion and the Literary Imagination

REL 204- India's Religious Texts: Sacred Word, Sacred Sound

REL 207- The Quran

REL 209- Sacred and Scared: Strange Tales and Popular Religions in East Asia

REL 260- Global Muslim Literature and Film

Power and Difference: at least one course from this domain of inquiry

REL 217- Latino/a Religions: Not Just Catholicism

REL 222- Interreligious Cooperation and Conflict

REL 225- Sex, Gender, and Religion

REL/JS 226- Jewish-Christian Relations: From Enmity to Dialogue?

REL 228- Religion and Politics in Africa

REL 308- Visual Culture and Religious Identity

REL 309- Jews in the Americas

REL 312- Religious Body and Sexuality

REL 322- Spirits of Capitalism

REL 330 – The Cult Controversy in the United States

REL 350- Religions on the Move: Dynamic Approaches to the Religious History of the Americas

Additional Department Electives: at least one course from this group

REL 223- Religious Healing and Health

REL 224- Religious Ethics

REL/A&S 250- Anthropology of Religion

REL 301- Philosophies of Religion

REL 304- Spirituality and Transformation

REL 306- Jewish Responses to the Holocaust

REL/JS 307- The Jewish Experience in Poland

REL 310- Sacrifice: Violence and Ritual

REL 351-360: Special Topics

REL 390, 391- Independent Study

Capstone or Honors Thesis: all majors must complete a senior capstone *or* an honors thesis

REL 490- Senior Capstone

REL 495, 496- Honors Thesis