

NEW Religious Studies Major, Honors Concentration, and Minor (Effective Fall 2010)

The Major in Religious Studies

Majors will be required to take a total of 30 hours of courses.

I. Complete:

REST 499: Advanced Seminar in the Study of Religion

II. Select one course from each of the following areas (12 hours):

A. Europe and the Middle East

REST 311 - Ancient Hebraic Religious Traditions
REST 312 - Religious Aspects of Biblical and Classical Literature
REST 321 - New Testament and Early Christian Origins
REST 322 - Christianity in Late Antiquity
REST 332 - Classical Islam
REST 333 - Islam in the Modern World
REST 381 - Introduction to Judaism
REST 385 - Contemporary Jewish Thinkers
REST 386 - Voices of the Holocaust

B. North America and Africa

REST 351 - Religion in the United States
REST 352 - African-American Religion in United States
REST 353 - Topics in African-American Religion
REST 355 - Topics in North American Religion
REST 373 - African Religions

C. South, Southeast, and East Asia

REST 374 - Philosophy and Religion in India
REST 376 - Buddhist Philosophy and Religion
REST 378 - Theravada Buddhism
REST 379 - Religion and Philosophy in China
REST 380 - East Asian Buddhism in Asia and North America
REST 382 - Religion and Culture in Southeast Asia
REST 383 - Religion in Japan
REST 384 - Zen Buddhism

D. Methods and Issues in Religious Studies

REST 300 - Ways of Understanding Religion
REST 301 - Religious Myth, Symbol, and Ritual
REST 302 - Anthropology of Religion
REST 305 - Contemporary Religious Thought and Practice
REST 313 - Religious Aspects of Modern Literature
REST 320 - Women and Religion
REST 342 - Religious Ethics

III. Select 15 hours from any remaining Religious Studies courses. At least three hours must be at the 400 level, and no more than six hours may be taken at the 200-level.

The Minor in Religious Studies

The minor consists of 15 hours of courses in the Department of Religious Studies, which may include one 200-level course in Religious Studies. It is recommended that students minoring in Religious Studies discuss their program with a faculty member in the department.

The Honors Concentration in Religious Studies

The honors concentration consists of 30 hours. Students must have an overall GPA of 3.25 to be accepted to the honors concentration. To graduate with honors the student must maintain an overall GPA of at least 3.25 and pass 407 and 408 with at least a 3.3 in each class. Students interested in the honors concentration should consult the department's honors coordinator.

I. Complete:

- REST 499 – Advanced Seminar in the Study of Religion
- REST 407 - Honors: Senior Thesis, I
- REST 408 - Honors: Senior Thesis, II

II. Select one course from each of the following areas (12 hours):

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III. Select 6 additional honors hours from the following:

honors-by-contract courses in Religious Studies numbered 300 or above

IV. Select 3 additional hours:

any 300-level or above class in Religious Studies