

Department of Religious Studies

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Minor in Religious Studies

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Honours in Religious Studies

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RS 100 Introduction to Religious Studies (3)

and one of the following from the Tools Courses:

- RS 22 Introduction to Religious Studies (3)
- RS 21 Introduction to Religious Studies (3)
- RS 2 Introduction to Religious Studies (3)
- RS 2.5 Introduction to Religious Studies (3)

as well as

RS 2.1 Introduction to Religious Studies (3)

as well as one of the following Research Methodology Courses:

- RS 200 Introduction to Research Methodology (3)
- RS 201 Introduction to Research Methodology (3)
- RS 05 Introduction to Research Methodology (3)

as well as one of the following from the Multidisciplinary Courses:

- RS 222 Introduction to Multidisciplinary Studies (3)
- RS 25 Introduction to Multidisciplinary Studies (3)
- RS 2 Introduction to Multidisciplinary Studies (3)
- RS Introduction to Multidisciplinary Studies (3)

In addition, the Honours degree requires

RS 02 Introduction to Religious Studies (3)

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Introductory Course

RELG-1006. Introduction to Religious Studies

This course provides a broad overview of the major world religions, including their history, beliefs, practices, and social impacts. It explores the role of religion in human culture and society, and examines the ways in which religious traditions have shaped the world we live in today. The course is designed to provide students with a solid foundation in the study of religion and to prepare them for more advanced coursework in the field.

Intermediate and Advanced Courses

1. Multi-Religious Courses

RELG-2000-000 This course is a comprehensive survey of the world's major religions, covering their origins, development, and contemporary significance. It includes a detailed study of the Bible, the Quran, and other sacred texts, as well as an examination of the role of religion in modern society. The course is designed to provide students with a deep understanding of the diverse religious traditions that shape our world.

RELG-2100-100 This course focuses on the history and development of the major world religions, from their ancient roots to their modern forms. It explores the ways in which religious traditions have evolved over time and the factors that have influenced their growth and change. The course is designed to provide students with a historical perspective on the world's major religions.

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RELG-2133. Religion and Ecology (ENVS)

This course explores the relationship between religion and the environment, examining the ways in which religious traditions have shaped human attitudes toward nature and the environment. It includes a study of the role of religion in environmental ethics and the ways in which religious communities have worked to address environmental issues. The course is designed to provide students with a deep understanding of the complex relationship between religion and the environment.

RELG-2163. Contemporary Perspectives on Science and Religion

This course explores the relationship between science and religion in the modern world, examining the ways in which scientific discoveries have challenged religious beliefs and the ways in which religious communities have responded to these challenges. It includes a study of the role of religion in the development of modern science and the ways in which religious traditions have adapted to the challenges of a scientific world. The course is designed to provide students with a deep understanding of the complex relationship between science and religion in the 21st century.

RELG-2173. Religion, Conflict and Peacebuilding

This course explores the role of religion in conflict and peacebuilding, examining the ways in which religious traditions have been used to justify violence and the ways in which religious communities have worked to promote peace and reconciliation. It includes a study of the role of religion in the development of modern peacebuilding efforts and the ways in which religious traditions have adapted to the challenges of a violent world. The course is designed to provide students with a deep understanding of the complex relationship between religion and conflict in the 21st century.

RELG-2183. Religion and Politics

This course explores the relationship between religion and politics in the modern world, examining the ways in which religious traditions have shaped political thought and the ways in which religious communities have worked to influence public policy. It includes a study of the role of religion in the development of modern political systems and the ways in which religious traditions have adapted to the challenges of a political world. The course is designed to provide students with a deep understanding of the complex relationship between religion and politics in the 21st century.

RELG-2193. New Religious Movements: Cults in the New Age

This course examines the rise of New Religious Movements (NRMs) in the late 20th century, often referred to as the New Age. It explores the characteristics of these movements, their theological foundations, and their social and cultural contexts. Key figures and movements discussed include the Church of Scientology, the Unarius University, and the Heaven's Gate cult. The course also addresses the challenges these movements pose to traditional religious and societal norms.

RELG-2233. Women and Religion

This course explores the role of women in various religious traditions, including Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism. It examines the historical and contemporary challenges women face in religious communities and the ways in which they have shaped and been shaped by their faith. The course also discusses the contributions of women to religious scholarship and leadership.

RELG-2273. Death and Dying

This course examines the cultural, religious, and philosophical perspectives on death and dying. It explores the rituals and practices surrounding death in different cultures and religions, as well as the ethical and legal issues that arise in end-of-life care. The course also discusses the impact of death and dying on the living and the search for meaning in the face of mortality.

RELG-2283. Religion and Art

This course explores the relationship between religion and art, examining how religious themes and stories have been depicted in various art forms, including painting, sculpture, music, and literature. It discusses the role of art in religious education and the ways in which artists have used their work to express their faith and challenge religious authority.

RELG-2293. Religion and Sexuality

This course examines the intersection of religion and sexuality, exploring the ways in which religious beliefs and practices have shaped attitudes towards sex and gender. It discusses the challenges faced by individuals whose sexual orientation or gender identity differs from traditional religious teachings and the ways in which religious communities have responded to these challenges.

RELG-2683. Special Topics

This course is designed to explore specific topics in religious studies, such as the history of a particular religion, the life of a religious leader, or the impact of a specific religious movement. The topics are chosen to provide students with a deeper understanding of the complexities of religious life and thought.

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RELG-3953. Portrayals of Jihad and Crusade: History, Memory and Film (HIST)

This course explores the historical and contemporary significance of Jihad and Crusade. It examines the role of religion in the development of these concepts and their impact on world history. The course also explores the portrayal of Jihad and Crusade in film and literature, and the role of memory in the construction of these concepts.

RELG-3593. Moral Development

This course explores the moral development of the individual and the community. It examines the role of religion in the development of moral values and the impact of these values on society. The course also explores the role of moral development in the construction of identity and the role of religion in the development of moral values.

RELG-4163. Independent Study

This course is designed for students who wish to pursue an independent study project. The student will work with a faculty member to develop a research project and complete a thesis. The student will also be required to complete a series of assignments and a final presentation. ()12 ()1 ()2 ()3 ()4 ()5 ()6 ()7 ()8 ()9 ()10 ()11 ()12

RELG-2243. Texts and Contexts

This course provides an overview of the study of religious texts and their historical and cultural contexts. Students will explore the methods used to analyze and interpret religious texts, including textual criticism, historical criticism, and literary criticism. The course will focus on the study of the Bible and the Qur'an, and will examine the ways in which these texts have been used to shape religious belief and practice.

RELG-2313. Introduction to the Hebrew Bible

This course provides an introduction to the Hebrew Bible, also known as the Old Testament. Students will explore the historical and cultural contexts of the Hebrew Bible, and will examine the ways in which these texts have been used to shape Jewish and Christian belief and practice. The course will focus on the study of the Pentateuch, the Prophets, and the Writings, and will examine the ways in which these texts have been interpreted and used by different religious communities.

RELG-2333. Introduction to the New Testament

This course provides an introduction to the New Testament, also known as the New Testament. Students will explore the historical and cultural contexts of the New Testament, and will examine the ways in which these texts have been used to shape Christian belief and practice. The course will focus on the study of the Gospels, the Acts, the Epistles, and the Book of Revelation, and will examine the ways in which these texts have been interpreted and used by different religious communities.

RELG-2353. Introduction to the Qur'an

This course provides an introduction to the Qur'an, the holy book of Islam. Students will explore the historical and cultural contexts of the Qur'an, and will examine the ways in which this text has been used to shape Islamic belief and practice. The course will focus on the study of the Qur'an's structure, content, and interpretation, and will examine the ways in which this text has been used by different religious communities.

RELG-2413. Ritual Studies

This course provides an introduction to the study of religious rituals. Students will explore the historical and cultural contexts of religious rituals, and will examine the ways in which these rituals have been used to shape religious belief and practice. The course will focus on the study of the history and theory of religious rituals, and will examine the ways in which these rituals have been used by different religious communities.

2. Research Methodology Courses

This section of the program includes courses that provide students with the research methodology skills necessary for the study of religion. These courses will focus on the development of research questions, the selection of research methods, and the analysis and interpretation of research data.

RELG-2003. Exploring History: Critical Approaches to Historical Methods and Theories (HIST)

This course provides an introduction to the study of history, with a focus on critical approaches to historical methods and theories. Students will explore the historical and cultural contexts of history, and will examine the ways in which history has been used to shape religious belief and practice. The course will focus on the study of the history of the study of religion, and will examine the ways in which this field has been shaped by different historical methods and theories.

SOCI 2013 Research Design & Method (NATI)

This course provides students with a solid foundation in research design and methodology. It covers the theoretical and practical aspects of quantitative and qualitative research, including the selection of research questions, the design of research instruments, data collection, and data analysis. Students will also learn about the ethical considerations of research and the importance of reporting research findings.

RELG-3053. Qualitative Research Methods (GERO) (HMRT) (SOCI)

This course introduces students to the various methods and techniques used in qualitative research. It covers the selection of research questions, the design of research instruments, data collection, and data analysis. Students will also learn about the ethical considerations of research and the importance of reporting research findings.

3. Multidisciplinary Courses

This section of the program includes several multidisciplinary courses that provide students with a broad and integrated understanding of the social sciences. These courses are designed to help students develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, as well as a deep understanding of the complex interactions between different disciplines.

RELG-2223. Psychology of Religion (PSYC)

This course explores the psychological aspects of religious belief and practice. It covers the development of religious identity, the role of religion in mental health, and the impact of religious experiences on the human psyche. Students will also learn about the various psychological theories and models used to understand religious behavior.

RELG-2543. Sociology of Religion (SOCI)

This course examines the relationship between religion and society. It covers the historical and contemporary role of religion in social structures, the impact of religious movements on society, and the role of religion in social change. Students will also learn about the various sociological theories and models used to understand the relationship between religion and society.

RELG 3423. Reason and Religion (PHIL)

This course explores the philosophical foundations of religion and the role of reason in religious belief. It covers the history of religious philosophy, the development of religious thought, and the role of reason in understanding religious experience. Students will also learn about the various philosophical theories and models used to understand the relationship between reason and religion.

RELG-3643. Anthropology of Religion (ANTH)

This course examines the cultural and social aspects of religion. It covers the history of religious practices, the role of religion in social structures, and the impact of religion on human behavior. Students will also learn about the various anthropological theories and models used to understand the relationship between religion and culture.

4. Majors and Honours Required Seminars

RELG-4023. Scope and Methods

This seminar provides students with a deep and integrated understanding of the social sciences. It covers the theoretical and practical aspects of research design and methodology, including the selection of research questions, the design of research instruments, data collection, and data analysis. Students will also learn about the ethical considerations of research and the importance of reporting research findings.

RELG-4033. Honours Thesis Proposal Seminar

This seminar is designed to help students develop a research proposal for their honours thesis. The seminar will cover the process of selecting a topic, conducting research, and writing a proposal. Students will be expected to read and discuss assigned readings, and to present their own proposals to the seminar.

RELG-4066. Honours Thesis

This course is the final stage of the honours program, where students complete and defend their honours thesis. The thesis is a substantial piece of original research on a topic related to the student's field of study. The student will be expected to write a thesis of approximately 100 pages, and to defend it before a committee of faculty members.

NOTE: Not all courses listed are offered each year. Please consult with the Department Chair for more information about current and planned course offerings.