RELIGIOUS STUDIES MINOR

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The Department of Religious Studies is dedicated to the study of religions as historical and cultural phenomena. It examines the history, texts, artifacts, beliefs, values, and rituals of a variety of religious traditions, including Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, and Judaism. Inherently interdisciplinary in its approach, religious studies explores religions in light of related fields in the humanities and social sciences such as anthropology, classics, archaeology, sociology, philosophy, and history.

Department Programs

Majors

• Religious Studies Major, B.A. (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/religious-studies-major-ba)

Minors

• Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/islamic-middle-eastern-studies-minor)
• Jewish Studies Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/jewish-studies-minor)
• Religious Studies Minor (p. 1)
• Study of Christianity and Culture Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/study-christianity-culture-minor)

Graduate Programs

• M.A. in Religious Studies (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/religious-studies)
• Ph.D. in Religious Studies (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/religious-studies)

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must:

• take at least 9 credits of their minor course requirements at UNC–Chapel Hill
• earn a minimum of 12 hours of C or better in the minor (some minors require more)

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/general-education-curriculum-degree-requirements/#degreerequirements).

Minimum requirements for the minor in religious studies consist of five courses, four of which must be completed with a grade of C or better and two of which must be numbered above 400.

Minors must take at least one course in two of the department’s subfields (see lists below):

• Religion in the Americas (p. )
• Religion and Culture (p. )
• Asian religions-Islamic Studies (p. )
• Ancient Mediterranean Religions (p. )
• Medieval and Early Modern/Historical Studies (p. ).

Introductory and intermediate language courses (RELI 401, RELI 402, RELI 403, RELI 404, RELI 409, RELI 410) are recommended for their usefulness but do not count towards the minor in religious studies.

Courses listed more than once can be counted for only one subfield.

Ancient Mediterranean Religions

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Asian Religions-Islamic Studies

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Medieval and Early Modern/Historical Studies

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Religion and Culture

ANTH/FOLK/RELI Religion and Anthropology

ANTH/FOLK/RELI Observation and Interpretation of Religious Action

CMPL/GERM German Culture and the Jewish Question

JWST 100/RELI 123 Introduction to Jewish Studies

JWST/RELI 343 Religion in Modern Israel

PHIL 134/RELI 126 Philosophy of Western Religion

RELI 61 First-Year Seminar: Religion, Magic, and Science


RELI 71 First-Year Seminar: Ethics and the Spirit of the New Capitalism

RELI 74 First-Year Seminar: Person, Time, and Religious Conduct

RELI 75 First-Year Seminar: Sacrifice and Surrender

RELI 76 First-Year Seminar: Money and Morality: Divining Value in Social Life

RELI 85 First-Year Seminar: Sex, Marriage, and Family in Religion

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RELI 125 Heaven and Hell

RELI 127 The Claims of Science and Religion

RELI 134 Introduction to Religious Ethics

RELI 135 Technology, the Self, and Ethical Problems

RELI 138 Religious Freedom

RELI 222 Modern Western Religious Thought

RELI 225 Christian Cultures

RELI 232 Shrines and Pilgrimages

RELI 235 Place, Space, and Religion

RELI 236 Religious Things

RELI 246 Supernatural Encounters: Zombies, Vampires, Demons, and the Occult in the Americas

RELI 322 Theories of Religion

RELI 323 Social Theory and Cultural Diversity

RELI 325 Religion, Magic, and Science

RELI 338 Religion in American Law

RELI 390 Topics in the Study of Religion (based on topic)

RELI 421 Religion and Science

RELI 425 Psychology of Religion

RELI 438 Religion, Nature, and Environment

RELI 522 19th-Century Critiques of Religion

RELI 524 Ethnographic Approaches to Contemporary Religion

RELI 525 Seminar in Religion and Literature

RELI 528 Rituals and Rhetorics of Religion

RELI 530 Genealogies of Religion

RELI 534 Religious Ethics and Issues in Contemporary Medicine

RELI 590 Topics in the Study of Religion (based on topic)

RELI 234/SOCI 140 Historical Sociology of Christianity

RELI/SOCI 429 Religion and Society

RELI/WMST 244 Gender and Sexuality in Western Christianity

RELI/WMST 424 Gender Theory and the Study of Religion

Religion in the Americas

ANTH/FOLK/RELI African-American Religious Experience

ASIA/RELI 445 Asian Religions in America

JWST/RELI 107 Introduction to Modern Judaism

JWST/RELI 143 Judaism in Our Time

JWST/RELI 243 Introduction to American Judaism

JWST/RELI 444 Gender and Sexuality in Contemporary Judaism

RELI 60 First-Year Seminar: Religion and Racism

RELI 66 First-Year Seminar: Buddhism in America: From the Buddha to the Beastie Boys

RELI 69 First-Year Seminar: Gender and Sexuality in Contemporary Judaism

RELI 72 First-Year Seminar: Apocalypse Now? Messianic Movements in America

RELI 140 Religion in America

RELI 141 African American Religions

RELI 142 Catholicism in America

RELI 151 Religion in Latin America

RELI 235 Place, Space, and Religion

RELI 240 Religion, Literature, and the Arts in America

RELI 241 Messianic Movements in American History

RELI 242 New Religious Movements in America

RELI 245 Latina/o Religions in the United States-Mexico Borderlands

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