

STUDY OF CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE MINOR






The undergraduate minor in the study of Christianity and culture is an interdisciplinary curriculum in the humanities, arts, and social sciences that aims to refine students' understanding of the cultural, social, and political influence of Christianity.

Requirements

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

- take at least nine hours of their minor "core" requirements at UNC–Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 in the minor core requirements. Some programs may require higher standards for minor or specific courses.

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/>).

Code	Title	Hours
Requirements		
The minor requires the completion of five courses, including at least one course from each of the following categories.		
Core course:		3-9
RELI 161	 Introduction to the History of Christian Traditions ^H	
RELI 167	 Global Christianity	
RELI 209	 Varieties of Early Christianity ^H	
RELI 225	Christian Cultures	
RELI 266	 Medieval and Renaissance Christian Cultures	
RELI 332	 The Protestant Tradition ^H	
Ancient, medieval, or early modern Christianity (see list below)		3-9
Christianity in the modern world (see list below)		3-9
Total Hours		15

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Courses must be taken from at least two different departments, and at least one must be numbered 200 or above.

Students may also petition the Minor Faculty Advisory Committee for permission to count toward their minor requirements other potentially appropriate UNC–Chapel Hill courses, independent study courses, transfer courses, or study abroad courses.

Students also are encouraged to take language courses that relate to the minor in the study of Christianity and culture – such as Latin, Greek, or Hebrew – but language courses do not fulfill minor course requirements.

Although this minor is housed in the Department of Religious Studies, the director of Christianity and culture is responsible for advising all students who minor in the study of Christianity and culture.









Ancient, Medieval, or Early Modern Christianity

Code	Title	Hours
ARTH 264	Medieval Art in Western Europe	3
ARTH 290	Special Topics in Art History	3
ARTH 365	Late Medieval Art	3
CLAR/JWST/RELI 110	 The Archaeology of Palestine in the New Testament Period	3
CLAS 259	Pagans and Christians	3
ENGL 223	 Chaucer ^H	3
ENGL 224	 Survey of Medieval English Literature, excluding Chaucer ^H	3
ENGL 227	 Literature of the Earlier Renaissance ^H	3
ENGL 228	Literature of the Later Renaissance ^H	3
GSL/RELI 218	Christianity and Islam in the Middle Ages	3
HIST 106	 Ancient History	3
HIST 107	 Medieval History	3
HIST 177H	Honors Seminar in Early European History	3
HIST 428	The Later Roman Empire, 193 CE-378 CE	3
HIST 431	The Medieval Church	3
HIST 452	The Renaissance: Italy, Birthplace of the Renaissance, 1300-1550	3
HIST/RELI 454	The Reformation	3
ITAL 357	Dante, Petrarch, and Boccaccio in English	3
PHIL 215	 Medieval Philosophy	3
RELI 62	 First-Year Seminar: A History of Heresy: Christian Dissent from the Gnostics to the Pentecostals	3
RELI 70	 First-Year Seminar: Jesus in Scholarship and Film	3
RELI 104	 Introduction to the New Testament ^H	3
RELI 114	 Early Christian Worship, Ritual, and Bodies	3
RELI 163	 Critical Issues in Western Religious Thought	3
RELI 164	 Heresy and Inquisition: Religion, Ethics, Marginalization	3
RELI 201	 Ancient Biblical Interpretation ^H	3
RELI 207	 Jesus in the Early Christian Gospels	3
RELI 208	 The Birth of Christianity	3
RELI 209	 Varieties of Early Christianity ^H	3
RELI 217	 Gnosticism ^H	3
RELI 218	Christianity and Islam in the Middle Ages	3
RELI 244	 Gender and Sexuality in Western Christianity ^H	3
RELI 266	 Medieval and Renaissance Christian Cultures	3
RELI 314	 Memory and the Historical Jesus ^H	3
RELI 315	Religious Frauds: Lies, Forgeries, and Fake News ^H	3
RELI 366	Medieval Religious Texts	3
RELI 367	The Art of Devotion in Medieval and Early Modern Europe	3
RELI 371	Women Mystics	3

RELI 413	 Biblical Coptic and Early Egyptian Monasticism	3	RELI 236	 Religious Things	3
RELI 454	The Reformation	3	RELI 241	Messianic Movements in American History	3
RELI 515	 Cultural Histories of the New Testament ^H	3	RELI 242	 New Religious Movements in America	3
RELI 564	 Religion, Race, and Inquisition in the Spanish Empire	3	RELI 245	Latina/o Religions in the United States-Mexico Borderlands ^H	3
RELI 603	 The Bible and Its Translation	3	RELI 332	 The Protestant Tradition ^H	3
RELI 607	Problems in Early Christian Literature and History ^H	3	RELI 338	 Religion in American Law	3
RELI 608	The Messiah and the Apocalypse	3	RELI 340	Liberal Tradition in American Religion	3
RELI 609	 Christianity and Greco-Roman Culture	3	RELI 352	 Anthropology of Christianity	3
RELI 610	Readings in the Apostolic Fathers	3	RELI 365	 Studies in Christian Theologies and Theologians	3
RELI 614	 The Cult of Saints: Narratives, Materialities, Practices	3	RELI 421	 Religion and Science	3
RELI/GERM 227	 Luther and the Bible	3	RELI 424	 Gender Theory and the Study of Religion	3
RELI/WGST 362	 Mary in the Christian Tradition ^H	3	RELI 441	 Religion in Early America ^H	3
RELI 368/ WGST 370	 Race, Sexuality, and Disability in the History of Western Christianity ^H	3	RELI 443	Evangelicalism in Contemporary America ^H	3
RELI 665/ WGST 664	Body and Suffering in Christian Mysticism	3	RELI 446	Christian-Jewish Relations throughout the Ages	3
			RELI 448	 Native and Christian: Indigenous Engagements with Christianity	3

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Christianity in the Modern World

Code	Title	Hours
AAAD 159	The History of the Black Church and Social Change	3
AAAD 210	African Belief Systems: Religion and Philosophy in Sub-Saharan Africa	3
AAAD 286	 The African Diaspora in the Colonial Americas, 1450-1800	3
ANTH/FOLK/RELI 342	African-American Religious Experience	3
PHIL 134/ RELI 126	 Reason, Faith, and God: Philosophy of Western Religion ^H	3
RELI 72	 First-Year Seminar: Apocalypse Now? Messianic Movements in America	3
RELI 125	 Heaven and Hell	3
RELI 138	 Religious Freedom	3
RELI 140	 Religion in America ^H	3
RELI 141	 African American Religions ^H	3
RELI 142	 Catholicism in America	3
RELI 151	 Religion in Latin America	3
RELI 161	 Introduction to the History of Christian Traditions ^H	3
RELI 162	 Catholicism Today: An Introduction to the Contemporary Catholic Church	3
RELI 215	 Eastern Christian Cultures: Middle East, Asia, Africa, and Eastern Europe	3
RELI 225	Christian Cultures	3

RELI 236	 Religious Things	3
RELI 241	Messianic Movements in American History	3
RELI 242	 New Religious Movements in America	3
RELI 245	Latina/o Religions in the United States-Mexico Borderlands ^H	3
RELI 332	 The Protestant Tradition ^H	3
RELI 338	 Religion in American Law	3
RELI 340	Liberal Tradition in American Religion	3
RELI 352	 Anthropology of Christianity	3
RELI 365	 Studies in Christian Theologies and Theologians	3
RELI 421	 Religion and Science	3
RELI 424	 Gender Theory and the Study of Religion	3
RELI 441	 Religion in Early America ^H	3
RELI 443	Evangelicalism in Contemporary America ^H	3
RELI 446	Christian-Jewish Relations throughout the Ages	3
RELI 448	 Native and Christian: Indigenous Engagements with Christianity	3
RELI 540	Mormonism and the American Experience	3
RELI 541	 Evangelicalism from a Global Perspective ^H	3
RELI 542	Religion and the Counterculture ^H	3
RELI 662	Advanced Seminar in Contemporary Catholicism	3
RELI/SOCI 429	 Religion and Society	3
RELI/WGST 244	 Gender and Sexuality in Western Christianity ^H	3
RELI/WGST 371	Women Mystics	3
SOCI 290	Special Topics in Sociology ¹	3

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¹ With permission, based on topic.

See the program page here (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/religious-studies-major-ba/#opportunities>) for special opportunities.

Department Programs

Majors

- Religious Studies Major, B.A. (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/religious-studies-major-ba/>)
- Religious Studies Major, B.A. – Jewish Studies Concentration (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/religious-studies-major-ba-jewish-studies-concentration/>)

Minors

- Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/islamic-middle-eastern-studies-minor/>)
- Jewish Studies Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/jewish-studies-minor/>)

- Religious Studies Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/religious-studies-minor/>)
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Graduate Programs

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

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