

WORLD RELIGIONS, CERTIFICATE

(Code 411-601)

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The World Religions Certificate is intended for undergraduates outside of the Religious Studies major/minor who desire to enhance their marketability as potential graduate students and employees, whether their career goal is education, business, health care, psychology, music and the arts, the sciences, or the humanities. The World Religions certificate program offers students a foundational understanding of the beliefs, practices, and cultural impact of the world's major religious traditions that will enable them to negotiate the complex challenges of life in an increasingly interconnected and globalized world. The impact of religions on world events is undeniable, and students pursuing any disciplinary major can benefit greatly from the learning opportunities offered by this certificate program.

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Students are required to complete a minimum of 15 credits, including: | | |
| Three credits from: | | 3 |
| RELS 100 | Introduction to the Religions of the World | |
| RELS 110 | Basic Issues in Religion | |
| RELS 210 | Religion and Morality | |
| Six credits from Non-Western Concentration courses: | | 6 |
| RELS 312 | Buddhism: Past and Present | |
| RELS 314 | Hinduism | |
| RELS 323 | Chinese and Japanese Religions | |
| RELS/AIS 330 | Indigenous Religions of the Americas | |
| Six credits from Western Concentration courses: | | 6 |
| RELS 303 | Early Christianity | |
| RELS 304 | Modern Christianity | |
| RELS 307 | Judaism | |
| RELS 309 | Islam | |
| Total Credits | | 15 |

Note: A maximum of three credits may be applied to both the student's major and the certificate program. Students cannot pursue the Religious Studies Major and World Religions Certificate to meet graduation requirements for completing a first and second degree program.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students completing this program will be expected to meet the following learning outcomes:

- Demonstrate basic knowledge of the history, beliefs, practices, and values of the major western and non-western religious traditions.
- Deconstruct uniform conceptions of religious traditions through familiarity with the diversity of religious expression.
- Display empathetic non-judgmental engagement with alternative religious viewpoints.