

RELIGIOUS STUDIES, MINOR

Liberal Arts (Code 411-401)

Code	Title	Credits
Twenty-four semester credits, including:		
Three credits from core courses (to be taken by all minors before the completion of six credits of Religious Studies coursework):		3
RELS 100	Introduction to the Religions of the World	
RELS 110	Basic Issues in Religion	
RELS 210	Religion and Morality	
Seminar course		
Three credits taken in junior or senior year from the following:		3
RELS 490	Seminar in Religious Studies	
RELS 491	Special Topics	
RELS 499	Independent Study - Seniors	
Monotheistic Religions:		
A minimum of six credits from:		6
RELS 303	Early Christianity	
RELS 304	Modern Christianity	
RELS 307	Judaism	
RELS 309	Islam	
Asian Religions:		
A minimum of six credits from:		6
RELS 312	Buddhism: Past and Present	
RELS 323	Chinese and Japanese Religions	
RELS 314	Hinduism	
RELS 326	Asian Religious Philosophies	
The remaining coursework may be taken from the two previous categories and any of the courses listed below:		
Methodological Approaches:		
A minimum of three credits from:		3
ANTH 463	Religion and Culture	
RELS 230	Old Testament/Hebrew Bible	
RELS 240	New Testament	
RELS 315	Psychology of Religion	
RELS/PHIL 345	Philosophy of Religion	
Topical and Historical Approaches:		
RELS/WGSS 203	Women and World Religions	
RELS 210	Religion and Morality	
RELS 290	Sacred Earth: Religion and Nature	
RELS/AIS 330	Indigenous Religions of the Americas	
RELS 334	Music in Judaism, Christianity and Islam	
RELS 342	African American Religion	
RELS 348	Religious Themes in Literature	
RELS 378	The Holocaust, 1933-1945	
RELS 390	Religion in America	
RELS 490	Seminar in Religious Studies	

Other:

RELS 291	Special Topics
RELS 395	Directed Studies ¹
RELS 396	Research Apprenticeship in Religious Studies ¹
RELS 397	Student Academic Apprenticeship in Religious Studies ¹
RELS 399	Independent Study - Juniors ¹
RELS 491	Special Topics
RELS 498	Internship in Religious Studies ¹
RELS 499	Independent Study - Seniors ¹

¹ A maximum of three credits may be counted toward the minor from any combination of RELS 395, RELS 399, RELS 498, and RELS 499, and a maximum of three credits may be counted toward the minor from the combination of RELS 396 and RELS 397.

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.