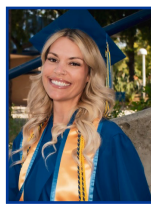


Course offerings include:

RS 3210 – Judaism
RS 3220 – Christianity
RS 3230 – Islam
RS 3240 – Hinduism
RS 3260 – Indigenous Religious Traditions of the America
RS 3270 – Religion in America
RS 3340 – Psychology of Religion
RS 3368 – Women, Religion and Sexuality
RS 3378 – Religious Diversity in California
RS 3528 – The Holocaust and Its Impact
RS 3538 – The Spiritual Quest
RS 4518 – The Meaning of Death
RS 4528 – Religion, Ethics, and Social Justice
RS 1108 – Jesus, Buddha, and the Moral Life
RS 1118 – Religion and Film: Screening the Sacred
RS 3208 – Explorations in Scripture

And many more!



Jessica Price, '24

"Religious Studies strengthened my passion for social justice and human rights, while refining my critical thinking and analytical skills. The faculty provided encouragement and mentorship that allowed me to flourish academically and creatively, and set me up for success in my education."



Celeste Osborne, '21

"Religious Studies opened the door to understanding how others' beliefs shape their world as well as how my own beliefs shape my world. The program helped expand my cultural competencies. As a therapist, I find it useful to have a working knowledge of different cultural practices, influences, and attitudes about mental health."



Casandra Domingcil, '25

"In my journey to becoming an educator, the Religious Studies program developed my understanding of others and the varied backgrounds of the people that fill our lives. My studies led me to see the world, its people, and their thinking as fluid. I think being able to relate the context you learn in the classroom to the world around you is deeply important in the learning process."

Faculty & Staff

- Shaheer Afaqi, PhD, Judaism and Early Christianity, Islam, Law and Mysticism, Religion, and International Relations
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- Patrick Emmett, PhD, Religion and Addiction, Alcoholism, and Recovery; Meaning of Death; Western Religions
- Joseph Florez, PhD, Evangelicalism, Latinx & Latin American Religions, Violence and Conflict, and Memory Studies
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"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery every day. Never lose a holy curiosity."

- Albert Einstein

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***"Deepen the mind and
widen the heart"***

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Religious Studies

Cross-cultural in content and multi-disciplinary in approach, Religious Studies investigates a wide variety of the world's spiritual practices and religious traditions. Students in Religious Studies learn to explore critically the beliefs and assumptions of the world they inhabit, and they engage in a perennial conversation with the unanswerable questions, vital ideas, and struggle for meaning exemplified by human religiousness. Such studies contribute to the quality of work and life, and offer an academic training in critical thinking and writing greatly desirable for success in a variety of professions.

Career Opportunities

Graduates in Religious Studies go on to successful and rewarding careers in a wide range of fields, including:

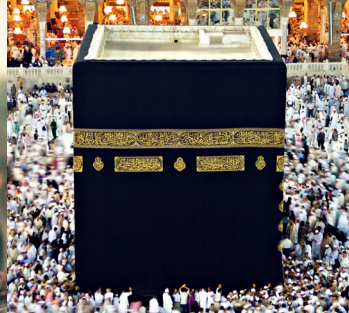
- Education
- Law
- Journalism
- Business
- Government
- Non-profit organizations
- Counseling
- Social work
- Health Professions
- Politics
- Information technology
- Marketing
- Communications
- Writing
- Research

Benefits of Double Major or Minor

A degree in Religious Studies can be combined with a major or minor in a different discipline to broaden and deepen a student's education. Many students find that Religious Studies gives them an advantage over other students pursuing careers in a variety of professions. Some common double majors include: Religious Studies and Political Science, Religious Studies and Sociology, Religious Studies and Psychology, Religious Studies and the Health Professions, Religious Studies and Business, Religious Studies and History, Religious Studies and English, Religious Studies and Engineering, Religious Studies and Physics, and Religious Studies and Art.



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Religious Studies Major Track

The Religious Studies major track is for students majoring in RS and requires 36 units (12 courses) in total.

1. Required Introductory Course RS 2900

2. Core Courses

One course chosen from each of the four areas and one additional course from any area:

Area 1. RS 3210, 3220, 3230

Area 2. RS 3240, 3250

Area 3. RS 3260, 3280

Area 4. RS 3270, 4410

3. Approaches to the Study of Religion

One course from the following list: RS 3340, 3350, 3368, RS 3360, PHIL/RS 4560

4. Religion & Culture

Three courses (one lower division, one upper division, and one elective):

Lower Division:

RS 1128, 1138, 1108, 1118, 2010, 2018, 2108

Upper Division:

RS 3208, 3518, 3528, 3538, 3548, 3558, 3608, 4420, 4518, 4528

5. Experiential

One course chosen from: RS 3480, 3378, 3388

6. Senior Seminar

RS 4908



Religious Studies Double Major Track

The Religious Studies double major track requires completion of another major degree track, plus a minimum of 27 units (nine courses).

1. Required Introductory Course RS 2900

2. Core Courses (15 units)

One course chosen from each of the four areas and one additional course from any area:

Area 1. RS 3210, 3220, 3230

Area 2. RS 3240, 3250

Area 3. RS 3260, 3280

Area 4. RS 3270, 4410

3. Approaches to the Study of Religion

One course from the following list: RS 3340, 3350, 3360, 3368, PHIL/RS 4560

4. Religion & Culture

One course, either lower or upper division:

Lower Division:

RS 1108, 1118, 1128, 1138, 2010, 2018, 2108

Upper Division:

RS 3208, 3518, 3528, 3538, 3548, 4420, 4518, 4528, RS 3608

5. Senior Seminar RS 4908

Requirements for the Minor in Religious Studies

12 units (4 courses)

At least one of the courses must be a Religious Studies Core Course.