

Religious Studies, Minor

The religious studies minor provides a short form of the religious studies major that can be tailored to the needs of the student's major.

The program in religion offers students the opportunity to acquire an understanding of religious experience within its social, historical, literary, and political context. Students study specific religious traditions such as Judaism, Islam, and Hinduism, and using a comparative approach they explore themes across faith traditions. Through the minor, a student will have the opportunity to study a range of religions and a variety of methods of understanding the key dimensions of religious life.

The religious studies minor is designed to provide the student with an introduction to a variety of religious traditions along with the analytical tools necessary to explore religious theology and praxis across five categories: comparative religion, traditions that emerge from the ancient Mediterranean and African worlds, traditions that emerge from Asia, religion and culture, and texts. Through this minor, students are exposed to the basic features of the world's religions and the ethical systems that accompany them. They also have an opportunity to explore diverse methodological approaches to the study of religions in general. This minor is designed to help students enhance their abilities in any career that requires a liberal arts education.

Minor Requirements

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Complete four of the following:		16
PHIL 1111	Introduction to World Religions	
PHIL 1120	Understanding the Bible	
PHIL 1220	The Meaning of Death	
PHIL 1260	Apocalypticism in Film	
PHIL 1275	Hinduism, Buddhism, and Beyond: Eastern Religions	
PHIL 1280	Encountering Islam: Traditions, Debates, and Crosscultural Diversity	
PHIL 2100	The Religious Worlds of Boston: Faith and Devotion in Urban Life	
PHIL 2394	Chinese Buddhism	
PHIL 2395	Japanese Buddhism	
PHIL 4390	Cults and Sects	

Elective Course

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		4
PHIL 1104	Goddesses, Witches, Saints, and Sinners: Women in Western Religions	
PHIL 1110	Introduction to Religion	
PHIL 1111	Introduction to World Religions	
PHIL 1120	Understanding the Bible	
PHIL 1130	Ethics: East and West	
PHIL 1220	The Meaning of Death	
PHIL 1230	Sound, Music, and Religion	

PHIL 1231	Image and Icon in South Asia
PHIL 1250	Jesus in the Gospels, American Culture, and the Movies
PHIL 1260	Apocalypticism in Film
PHIL 1270	Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: Abrahamic Religions
PHIL 1271	Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
PHIL 1272	Ethics in the World's Religions
PHIL 1273	Jainism
PHIL 1275	Hinduism, Buddhism, and Beyond: Eastern Religions
PHIL 1276	Indian Religions
PHIL 1280	Encountering Islam: Traditions, Debates, and Crosscultural Diversity
PHIL 1281	Islam, Gender, and Fashion
PHIL 1285	Jewish Religion and Culture
PHIL 1286	American Judaism
PHIL 1287	Modern Judaism
PHIL 1290	Chinese Philosophy and Religion
PHIL 1295	Religious Perspectives on Health and Healing
PHIL 1410	From Vodou and the Rastas to Afro-Islam: African Religions in the Americas
PHIL 1666	The Problem of Evil in Film
PHIL 2100	The Religious Worlds of Boston: Faith and Devotion in Urban Life
PHIL 2300	Mysticism
PHIL 2311	The Kabbalah: Jewish Mysticism from the Zohar to Madonna
PHIL 2313	Exploring the Jewish Diaspora—From Mountain Jews to Crypto-Jews
PHIL 2314	Biblical Prophets and Their Interpreters
PHIL 2315	Adam and Eve and Their Interpreters
PHIL 2316	Interpreting the Bible
PHIL 2322	Responses to the Holocaust
PHIL 2394	Chinese Buddhism
PHIL 2395	Japanese Buddhism
PHIL 2398	Religion and Culture in Indian Cinema
PHIL 3387	Religion, Nation, and Identity in Modern Jewish Thought
PHIL 3410	Religion and Spirituality in the African Diaspora
PHIL 4390	Cults and Sects
PHIL 4393	Asian Religions in the United States
PHIL 4395	Ramayana
PHIL 4545	Religion and Politics in South Asia
PHIL 4546	Advanced Biblical Studies: Hebrew Bible
PHIL 4547	Seminar: Apocalypticism
PHIL 4606	Seminar: Theories and Methods in Religious Studies
PHIL 4903	Seminar in Religion

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PHIL 4904	Major Figures in Religious Studies
PHIL 4906	Topics in Religious Studies
PHIL 4992	Directed Study
PHIL 5011	Comparative Religious Ethics

GPA Requirement

2.000 GPA required in the minor