

Religious Studies Major

Required Courses:

RELG 110, "Introduction to Religious Studies"

RELG 110 is designed to introduce students to the beliefs and spiritual practices of the world's major religions as well as to the methods of inquiry used by scholars of religion. It may be used in fulfilling 3 hours of the General Education requirement.

RELG 498, "Advanced Project"

RELG 498 takes the form of a supervised research project or other creative work, and is normally undertaken in the final semester of the senior year. The project is to be a major piece of writing based on research and/ or reflection on a significant problem in the study of religion. The project is defended before a faculty committee of three.

Some students, using the model of the traditional senior thesis, conduct formal research and present a substantial term paper, while others prefer a more creative style, choosing instead to write a play, a spiritual autobiography, or a cycle of poems. Whatever the approach or the topic, the aim of the Advanced Project is to give students the opportunity to reflect broadly on their study of religion in general, and to bring into focus what they have learned in other courses by concentrating on a subject of particular interest or concern.

General Major

Must complete 8 courses (24 hours) at or above the 300-level

Intensive Major

Must complete 10 courses (30 hours) at or above the 300-level.

Most students choose the General Major; an Intensive Major is sometimes recommended for students who plan on further work in Religious Studies in graduate or professional school.

All major courses must be completed with a *minimum grade of C*.