

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Religious Studies

Minor in Religious Studies

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The Program

The objectives of the religious studies major are best attained in the context of a liberal arts education. The curriculum lets students develop an awareness of the capacity for scholarship, and disciplined and objective thought on the subject of religion.

The program avoids dogmatism as well as unquestioning faith or belief, approaching this area of human inquiry with the same objectivity achieved elsewhere in the humanities: requiring fairness with regard to the evidence, respect for reasonable differences in points of view and the avoidance of any attempts to proselytize.

With differing world cultures coming into contact ever more frequently in every field of endeavor, a religious studies undergraduate degree proves highly relevant. It allows students to discover, examine and gain insight into and sensitivity toward the socio-politico-religious similarities and differences in world cultures.

The religious studies major at Humboldt State University is unique in its exploratory nature. Courses cover a variety of subjects, offering the opportunity to understand the meaning of religion as it has been developed both culturally and personally.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

Introduction

- RS 105 World Religions
- RS 120 Exploring Religion

Religion In Tradition

Five courses from the following:

- RS 320 Sacred Texts: Hebrew Bible
- RS 321 Sacred Texts: New Testament
- RS 322 Sacred Texts: Buddhist Texts
- RS 323 Sacred Texts: Hindu Texts
- RS 331 Introduction to Christianity
- RS 332 Introduction to Islam
- RS 340 Zen, Dharma, & Tao
- RS 341 Spiritual Traditions of India
- RS 342 Buddhism in India and Tibet
- RS 345 T'ai Chi Ch'üan (Taijiquan)
- RS 350 Religions of the Goddesses
- RS 351 Shamanism and Prophecy
- RS 391 Religion in Tradition: Special Topics
- RS 392 Sacred Literature: Special Topics

Religion In Myth, Culture, & Experience

Take nine units from the courses listed below, including at least one experiential workshop. No more than three units from experiential workshops.

- RS 300 Living Myths
- RS 360 Religion & Psychology
- RS 361 Consumerism & [Eco]Spirituality
- RS 362 Wisdom & Craft
- RS 363 Mysticism & Madness
- RS 364 Cinema & the Sacred
- RS 393 Religion in Myth, Culture, & Experience: Special Topics
- RS 393 Cinema and the Sacred
- RS 394 Religious Studies Workshop
- RS 394 Sufi Mysticism Weekend
- RS 394 Jewish Spirituality Weekend
- RS 394 Eastern Orthodox Christianity Weekend
- RS 394 City of 10,000 Buddhas Weekend
- RS 394 Evangelical Christianity Experiential Weekend
- RS 394 Tibetan Buddhism Weekend
- RS 394 Finding Meaning on an Endangered Planet
- RS 400 Paths to the Center
- NAS 311 Oral Literature & Oral Tradition

Senior Seminar

- RS 395 Senior Seminar

27 units must be completed in the major prior to enrollment in Senior Seminar

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR

18 units, drawn from courses for the major

Introduction

- RS 105 World Religions
- RS 120 Exploring Religion

Religion In Tradition

Three courses from Religion in Tradition courses, listed under the major requirements.

Religion In Myth, Culture, & Experience

Three units from Religion in Myth, Culture, & Experience courses, listed under the major requirements.

