RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Major:
• Bachelor of Arts, Religious Studies (p. 1)

Minors:
• Religious Studies (p. 2)
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The Department of Religious Studies sees itself as a community of scholars serving the University community and the local community by teaching, research, criticism, and action. The main concern of the department is an understanding and elucidation of the Judaeo-Christian religious experience as it is exemplified in the Roman Catholic tradition. This implies not only a deep investigation of the Roman Catholic position but also a dialogue with other Christian traditions and with other world religions.

Students majoring in religious studies ordinarily follow one of five tracks in the major:
• Students preparing for ministry in a Christian church (e.g., pastoral associates, youth ministry, parish religious educators) follow the "Ministry" track.
• Students preparing to teach religion in elementary or secondary schools follow the "Catholic Schools" track.
• Students preparing for graduate study in Christian theology, systematics, church history, ethics, etc., follow the "Graduate School Preparation" track.
• Students preparing for graduate study of religions other than Christianity and/or interested in world religions follow the "World Religions" track.
• Students wishing to study religion as a way of broadening their horizons or who are interested in religious studies as an undergraduate major follow the "General" track.

All religious studies majors must show basic practical communicative proficiency in one foreign language.

A minor in religious studies consists of 18 semester hours, which includes REL 103 or REL 198 or ASI 110. At least three semester hours are to be at the 400-level.

A minor in Catechesis consists of 19 semester hours, not including REL 103 or REL 198 or ASI 110.

Faculty
Daniel Speed Thompson, Chairperson
Professors Emeriti: Anderson, Buby, Burns, Friedland, Hater, L’Heureux, Martin, Roberts, Thimmes
Professors: Barnes, Branick, Doyle, Groppe, Inglis (Philosophy), Kallenberg, Miller, Portier, Trollinger (History), Zukowski
Associate Professors: Bennett, Bunta, Johnson, Johnston, Kozar, Moore, Orji, Salih, Smith, Thompson, Yocum
Assistant Professors: Atlas, DeAnda, Henning
Lecturer: Ryan

Bachelor of Arts, Religious Studies (REL) minimum 124 hours
Common Academic Program (CAP)

*credit hours will vary depending on courses selected

Liberal Studies Curriculum
Creative and Performing Arts (May include CAP Arts) 3
L2 Proficiency (Proficiency in a language other than English) 0-11
Literature (May include CAP Components) 3
Mathematics, excluding MTH 205 (Satisfies CAP Mathematics) 3
Natural Sciences (Satisfies CAP Natural Science) 11
Social Sciences (Includes CAP Social Science) 12

Major Requirements 1, 2, 3 36
REL 103 Introduction to Religious and Theological Studies 3-7
or ASI 110 The Roots and Development of Western Culture in a Global Context
REL 490 Capstone Seminar (Satisfies CAP Major Capstone) 3
Select one track from:
Ministry 30
REL 315 The Gospels
REL 323 History of Early Christianity
or REL 324 History of Christianity II: Medieval
REL 360 Christian Ethics
REL 437 Significance of Jesus
Minor in Religious Studies (REL)

Religious Studies

Select eighteen REL semester hours ¹ 18

Total Hours 18

¹ At least three semester hours at the 400 level.

Minor in Religious Studies-Catechesis (CTE)

The Minor in Religious Studies - Catechesis (CTE) offers students an excellent opportunity to prepare to teach religion (catechesis) in Catholic schools, or parish ministry today. The minor is grounded in the official principles of catechesis required by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The minor incorporates the basic courses required by most dioceses across the country for achieving diocesan certification in content, methodology, and praxis experiences. It is open to all students who desire to engage in a religion teaching ministry either on a full-time professional or a volunteer basis following graduation.

Religious Studies - Catechesis ³

REL 328 United States Catholic Experience ² 3

Forum for Young Catechetical Leaders 4

REL 281 Forum for Catechetical Leaders I
REL 282 Forum for Catechetical Leaders II
REL 283 Forum for Catechetical Leaders III
REL 284 Forum for Catechetical Leaders IV

Select one Liturgy course from:

REL 356 The Christian Tradition of Prayer
REL 383 Philosophy of Religious Education
REL 443 The Sacraments
REL 446 Christian Liturgy
REL 488 Spirituality & Religious Education

Select one Scripture course from:

REL 310 The Pentateuch
REL 311 The Prophets
REL 315 The Gospels
REL 318 Studies in Paul

Select one Morality or Ethics course from:

REL 360 Christian Ethics
REL 363 Faith & Justice
REL 364 Current Moral Issues

Select one Ecclesiology or Church History course from:

REL 323 History of Early Christianity
REL 324 History of Christianity II: Medieval
REL 440 The Church

Total Hours 19

¹ These hours are in addition to REL 103 (or REL 198 or ASI 110), which is usually taken in the student’s first year.

² Or equivalent.

First Year

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Total credit hours: 124