

RELIGIOUS STUDIES MINOR

<http://cola.unh.edu/interdisciplinary-studies/program/religious-studies-minor>

Description

The religious studies program at the University of New Hampshire currently offers an interdisciplinary minor, bringing together courses in several fields that address religion as a cultural, logical, or expressive phenomenon in human history. A religious studies major is available through the self-designed major program. Religious studies courses at UNH avoid theological or confessional biases and emphasize multicultural tolerance and diversity.

For more information, consult the director:

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Requirements

RS 483W/ HIST 483	History of World Religions	4
RS 699	Seminar in Religious Studies (to be taken in the senior year)	4
Select at least three courses either cross-listed in religious studies or otherwise relevant to the study of religion (by student's petition to the program director)		12
Total Credits		20

Students especially interested in religious studies are encouraged to combine the minor with further pertinent coursework in one of the established departments contributing to the program: history, philosophy, anthropology, and English. The religious studies self-designed major involves seven courses beyond the minor requirements, at least five of which are 600 level or higher. The program director can aid in advising such a major program.

Courses ordinarily have some degree of focus on issues related to the academic study of religion, conceptualizing religion, or religious influences as a principal problem, asking comparative questions, and/or developing models of cross-cultural usefulness. Courses listed here generally are offered at least once every two years:

Historical-Cultural

RS 483W/ HIST 483	History of World Religions	4
HIST 585	Medieval Islam	4
HIST 587	History of Africa from the Earliest Times to 1870	4
HIST #589	Islam in Africa	4
HIST 642	Saints, Sinners, and Heretics: Europe in the Age of Religious Reform	4

Theoretical

PHIL 417	God, Religion, and the Meaning of Life	4
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ANTH 616	Religion, Culture, and Society	4
RS 699	Seminar in Religious Studies	4
Textual		
ENGL 518	Bible as Literature	4
RS/HIST 601	Seminar in Religious Texts	4

Interested students also should be alert for special topics courses in history (HIST 600 Explorations), English, anthropology (ANTH 500 Peoples and Cultures of the World), religious studies (RS 600 Special Topics), and other disciplines that might be relevant to the study of religion.

Students interested in the religious studies minor should see the director to fill out an intent-to-minor form by the beginning of their junior year.