**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**

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<td>RS 699</td>
<td>Seminar in Religious Studies (to be taken in the senior year)</td>
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<td>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)</td>
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**Total Credits** 20

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.

**Courses**

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**

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**Textual**

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