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Program in Religious Studies

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Minor in Religious Studies

This program draws together the University's resources across many disciplines to offer a concentration in the area of Religious Studies. Religion is a complex and multifaceted phenomenon involving the overarching worldview of a culture, its social norms, ethics and politics. In the private dimension, religious experiences are among the most profound an individual can have. In the public sphere, religion has inspired powerful institutional forms, literary and artistic works throughout history and across the globe. This program is designed to foster a nuanced understanding of religious phenomena, and to cultivate critical thinking skills in the discipline of Religious Studies.

Requirements: 18 credit hours

- ☐ At least 9 credits of upper division courses
- ☐ At least 9 credits taken at UCD from CLAS faculty
- ☐ Required minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 for all UCD courses taken for the RLST Minor, with no individual course grade lower than C-
- ☐ **RLST 1610- Introduction to Religious Studies** (3 cr.)
- ☐ One 3 credit hour course in **Western Religion** from approved list
- ☐ One 3 credit hour course in **Eastern Religion** from approved list
- ☐ 9 credits of Religious Studies electives from approved list

List of Courses in Religious Studies

Introductory

RLST 1610 *Introduction to Religious Studies**
RLST 2660 *World Religions**

Traditions

RLST 2680/ETST 2606 *The American Indian Experience*
RLST 3000 *Judaism, Christianity and Islam: Affinity and Difference*
RLST 3060/HIST 4017 *History of Early Christianity*
RLST 3486/HIST 3486 *Renaissance and Reformation Europe*
RLST 3100/PSC 4165 *Islamic Politics and Culture*
RLST 3120 *Islamic Traditions*
RLST 3300-ETST 3300 *Shamanic Traditions*
RLST 3400/PHIL 3666 *Asian Philosophy & Religions*
RLST 3500 *Religions of India*
RLST 3660/PHIL 3981 *Chinese Philosophy and Culture*

Literature

RLST 1010/GREK 1010 *Biblical Greek*
RLST 2700/ENGL 2520 *The Bible as Literature*
RLST 3720/ENGL 3520 *Religious Narratives*
RLST 3740 *Biblical Traditions: Old Testament*
RLST 3760 *Biblical Traditions: New Testament*
RLST 3770 *Archaeological Discoveries Relating to the Bible*

Fields

RLST 4000 *Religion and Cultural Diversity***
RLST 4010/5010-ANTH 4130/5130 *Comparative Religious Systems*
RLST 4020/5020-SOC 4610/5610 *Sociology of Religion*
RLST 4040/5040 *Psychology of Religion*
RLST 4060/5060-PHIL 4600/5600 *Philosophy of Religion*
RLST 4070/PHIL 4710 *Western Religious Thought*
RLST 4080/PHIL 4720 *Eastern Religious Thought*

Topics

RLST 4100 *Special Topics in Religion*
RLST 4160/5160 *Mysticism*
RLST 4300/5300 *Myth and Symbol*
RLST 4320 *Spirituality in the Modern World*
RLST 4340/ENGL 3530 *The Hero's Journey*
RLST 4360/5360 *Freudian and Jungian Perspectives in Dream Analysis*
RLST 4400/5400-PHIL 4650/5655 *Differing Concepts of God*

RLST 4420/5420-WGST 4420 *Goddess Traditions*
RLST 4440/5440-PHIL 4470/5470 *Concepts of the Soul*
RLST 4460/5460 *Death and Concepts of Afterlife*
RLST 4462/5462/HIST 4462/5462 *Islam in Modern History*
RLST 4480/5480-PHIL 4480/5480 *Perspectives on Good and Evil*
RLST 4500/5500-PSCI 4057/5057 *Religion and Politics*
RLST 4710/5710-WGST 4710/5710 *Women and Religion*
RLST 4730/5730-ENGL 4510/5510 *Whores & Saints: Medieval Women*
RLST 4840 *Independent Study*
RLST 4880/5880 *Directed Research*

Fulfills Western Religion Requirement

RLST 2660 *World Religions****
RLST 3000 *Judaism, Christianity and Islam: Affinity and Difference*
RLST 3060/HIST 4017 *History of Early Christianity*
RLST 3120 *Islamic Traditions*
RLST 2700/ENGL 2520 *The Bible as Literature*
RLST 3740 *Biblical Traditions: Old Testament*
RLST 3760 *Biblical Traditions: New Testament*
RLST 3770 *Archaeological Discoveries Relating to the Bible*
RLST 4070/PHIL 4710 *Western Religious Thought*
RLST 4400/PHIL 4650 *Differing Concepts of God****
RLST 4440/PHIL 4470 *Concepts of the Soul****
RLST 4460 *Death and Concepts of Afterlife****
RLST 4462/5462/HIST 4462/5462 *Islam in Modern History*

Fulfills Eastern Religion Requirement

RLST 2660 *World Religions****
RLST 3400/PHIL 3666 *Asian Philosophy & Religions*
RLST 3500 *Religions of India*
RLST 3660/PHIL 3981 *Chinese Philosophy and Culture*
RLST 4080/PHIL 4720 *Eastern Religious Thought*
RLST 4160 *Mysticism*
RLST 4400/PHIL 4650 *Differing Concepts of God****
RLST 4440/PHIL 4470 *Concepts of the Soul****
RLST 4460 *Death and Concepts of Afterlife****

*Fulfills CLAS core requirement in Humanities

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***Fulfills requirement for either Eastern or Western Religion, but not both simultaneously

Certain other classes, such as Art History courses featuring religious themes, may count toward the minor at the discretion of the course instructor and the Director of the program.