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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
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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.