



Program Coordinator: D. Hudson

The B.S. in Religious Studies prepares students to enter theological seminaries or graduate schools of religion and philosophy in preparation for careers in the pastoral ministry, teaching, mission, or social work. Many graduates also enter fields of law, business, the social sciences, and education. The Religious Studies major focuses on the study of religion, both theory and method, and religions of the world. The purpose of the major is not only to educate students in the Christian religion, but also to explore the nature and function of the religious impulse.

The minors in Biblical Studies and Religious Studies are excellent supplemental programs, enhancing many other majors. These minors enable students to pursue advanced biblical and theological study and thereby integrate faith into their chosen field of interest.

Affiliations

Tel Azekah Archaeological Expedition Tel Aviv University, Society of Biblical Literature, American Academy of Religion, and American Society of Oriental Religion

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate a general knowledge of the basic content, history, and ideas of the Biblical canon.
2. Students will demonstrate general knowledge of theological and religious matters pertaining to the study of Christianity and other world religions.
3. Students will acquire and apply critical thinking skills which include analyzing Biblical texts, comparing divergent views of reading, and demonstrating a working knowledge of hermeneutics.

Computer Requirements: Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Adobe, and media player capabilities

A comprehensive assessment covering the major in Religious Studies will be given the semester prior to graduation. The assessment is 240 questions and will be administered online via Blackboard one month prior to the graduation date.

Core Curriculum Recommendations for Religious Studies

It will be to the advantage of Religious Studies majors to take the following courses to fulfill some of the Core Curriculum requirements.

ENGC 1110	
English Composition: Writing and Speech.....	4 s.h.
ENGL 2480	
Oxford Christian Writers	4 s.h.
ENGL 2450	
Introduction to Film Studies	4 s.h.

GREEK 2000	
Ancient Greek II	4 s.h.
(Greek 2000, and its pre-requisite Greek 1000, are recommended but not required.)	
HEBR 2000	
Ancient Hebrew II	4 s.h.
PSCI 2020	
World Politics	4 s.h.
RELG 1001	
Foundations of Christian Thought and Practice	4 s.h.

For additional course options and descriptions, please see “The Core Curriculum” section of the catalog.

Religious Studies Major Requirements

BIBL 2251	
The Old Testament and Interpretation	4 s.h.
BIBL 2252	
The New Testament and Interpretation	4 s.h.
<i>Choose from the following courses</i>	4 s.h.
PHIL 2410	
Philosophy of Religion (4 s.h.)	
PHIL 2510	
History of Philosophy I: Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (4 s.h.)	
PHIL 2520	
History of Philosophy II: Modern Philosophy (4 s.h.)	
RELG 2430	
Encountering the World’s Religions.....	4 s.h.
RELG 3020	
Theory and Method in the Study of Religion	4 s.h.
RELG 3210	
Introduction to Theology	4 s.h.
RELG 3292	
Religion and Politics in a Global Context	4 s.h.
RELG 3800 or 3830	
Internship/Cooperative Education	2 s.h.
<i>Choose from the following courses</i>	4 s.h.
BIBL 3020	
Hebrew Prophetic Literature (4 s.h.)	
BIBL 4050	
Hebrew Wisdom Literature (4 s.h.)	
BIBL 3040	
The Life and Teaching of Jesus (4 s.h.)	
<i>Choose from the following courses</i>	4 s.h.
RELG 3850	
History of the Christian Movement (4 s.h.)	
PHIL 2430	
Classical Islamic Philosophy (4 s.h.)	

RELG 4990
Comprehensive Assessment 0 s.h.

Summary of Total Credits

Core Curriculum 42 s.h.
Major..... 38 s.h.
Electives/Minor/Second Major 44 s.h.
Minimum to Earn Bachelor of Arts 124 s.h.