

RELIGIOUS STUDIES JOINT HONOURS COMPONENT (B.A.) (36 CREDITS)

Offered by: Religious Studies (Faculty of Arts)

Degree: Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Arts and Science

Program credit weight: 36

Program Description

The B.A.; Joint Honours - Religious Studies Component focuses on the methodological approaches to the study of religious traditions, including the teachings, and history of those traditions.

Students wishing to study at the Honours level in two disciplines can combine Joint Honours program components in any two Arts disciplines. For a list of available Joint Honours programs, see "Overview of Programs Offered" and "Joint Honours Programs".

Joint Honours students should consult an adviser in each department to discuss their course selection and their interdisciplinary research project (if applicable). A 3-credit Joint Honours thesis related to the student's area of focus must be submitted. The Joint Honours thesis topic must be approved by a Religious Studies adviser. A supervisor will be appointed to guide the student.

Students in Joint Honours program must maintain a program GPA and a CGPA of 3.00 (3.50 for First Class Honours) and attain a B- or higher in each program course. No overlap is allowed between the courses forming each component of the Joint Honours program.

Degree Requirements — B.A. students

To be eligible for a B.A. degree, a student must fulfil all Faculty and program requirements as indicated in Degree Requirements for the Faculty of Arts.

We recommend that students consult an Arts OASIS advisor for degree planning.

Degree Requirements — B.A. & Sc. students

This program is offered as part of a Bachelor of Arts & Science (B.A. & Sc.) degree.

To graduate, students must satisfy both their program requirements and their degree requirements.

- The program requirements (i.e., the specific courses that make up this program) are listed under the Course Tab (above).
- The degree requirements—including the mandatory Foundation program, appropriate degree structure, and any additional components—are outlined on the Degree Requirements page.

Students are responsible for ensuring that this program fits within the overall structure of their degree and that all degree requirements are met. Consult the Degree Planning Guide on the SOUSA website for additional guidance.

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Required Courses (9 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
RELG 207	Introduction to the Study of Religions.	3
RELG 456	Theories of Religion.	3
RELG 489	Joint Honours Thesis.	3

Complementary Courses (27 credits)

6 credits from core courses:

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Course	Title	Credits
CATH 220	Selected Topics in Catholic Studies.	3
RELG 201	Religions of the Ancient Near East.	3
RELG 202	Religion of Ancient Israel.	3
RELG 203	Bible and Western Culture.	3
RELG 204	Judaism, Christianity and Islam.	3
RELG 210	Jesus of Nazareth.	3
RELG 212	Introduction to African Religions and Cultures	3
RELG 252	Hinduism and Buddhism.	3
RELG 253	Religions of East Asia.	3
RELG 254	Introduction to Yoga Traditions.	3
RELG 270	Religious Ethics and the Environment.	3
RELG 271	Religion and Sexuality.	3

0-6 credits of Classical language courses:

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Course	Title	Credits
CLAS 210	Introductory Latin 1.	3
CLAS 212	Introductory Latin 2.	3
CLAS 215	Intensive Introductory Latin.	6
CLAS 220	Introductory Ancient Greek 1.	3
CLAS 222	Introductory Ancient Greek 2.	3
CLAS 225	Intensive Introductory Ancient Greek.	6
CLAS 310	Intermediate Latin 1.	3
CLAS 312	Intermediate Latin 2.	3
CLAS 315	Intermediate Latin 2: Selections.	3
CLAS 320	Intermediate Ancient Greek 1.	3
CLAS 322	Intermediate Ancient Greek 2.	3
CLAS 326	Intermediate Ancient Greek 2: Selections.	3
ISLA 322D1	Lower Intermediate Arabic.	3

ISLA 322D2	Lower Intermediate Arabic.	3	RELG 337	Themes in Buddhist Studies.	3
RELG 257D1	Introductory Sanskrit.	3	RELG 338	Women and the Christian Tradition.	3
RELG 257D2	Introductory Sanskrit.	3	RELG 341	Introduction: Philosophy of Religion.	3
RELG 264	Introductory Tibetan 1.	3	RELG 344	Mahayana Buddhism.	3
RELG 265	Introductory Tibetan 2.	3	RELG 348	Classical Hinduism.	3
RELG 357D1	Sanskrit 2.	3	RELG 350	Bhakti Hinduism.	3
RELG 357D2	Sanskrit 2.	3	RELG 352	Japanese Religions: History and Thought.	3
RELG 364	Intermediate Tibetan 1.	3	RELG 353	Gandhi: His Life and Thought.	3
RELG 365	Intermediate Tibetan 2.	3	RELG 354	Chinese Religions.	3
RELG 381	Advanced New Testament Greek.	3	RELG 355		
RELG 390D1	Elementary Biblical Hebrew.	3	RELG 358	Religion and Cinema in India.	3
RELG 390D2	Elementary Biblical Hebrew.	3	RELG 366	Rivers, Religion, and Environment in South Asia.	3
RELG 457D1	Advanced Sanskrit.	3	RELG 368	Japanese Religions in Pop Culture.	3
RELG 457D2	Advanced Sanskrit.	3	RELG 369	Tibetan Buddhism.	3
RELG 464	Advanced Tibetan 1.	3	RELG 370	Religion and Human Rights.	3
RELG 465	Advanced Tibetan 2.	3	RELG 371	Ethics of Violence/Non-Violence.	3
RELG 491	Biblical Hebrew Narratives.	3	RELG 372	Hindu Goddesses.	3
RELG 492	Biblical Hebrew Poetry.	3	RELG 373	Christian Ethics of Love.	3
15-21 credits from advanced courses at the 300 level or higher:			RELG 375	Religion, Politics and Society.	3
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Course	Title	Credits	RELG 378	Pilgrimage, Heritage, and Tourism.	3
CATH 335	Confessions of Saint Augustine.	3	RELG 380	Religion, Philosophy, Modernity.	3
CATH 375	Topics in Catholic Theology.	3	RELG 382	Contemporary Theory of Religion .	3
RELG 300	Second Temple Judaism.	3	RELG 399	Christian Spirituality.	3
RELG 302	Literature of Ancient Israel 1.	3	RELG 407	The Writings.	3
RELG 303	Literature of Ancient Israel 2.	3	RELG 408	The Prophets.	3
RELG 307	Bible, Quran and Interpretations.	3	RELG 419	Religious Heritage and Tourism.	3
RELG 309	World Religions and Cultures They Create..	3	RELG 422	Medieval Religious Texts.	3
RELG 311	Formation of the New Testament.	3	RELG 423	Reformation Thought.	3
RELG 312	The Gospels.	3	RELG 434	Advanced Theology.	3
RELG 313	Topics in Biblical Studies 1.	3	RELG 440	Global Islam.	3
RELG 315	Special Topics in Religion 1.	3	RELG 442	Pure Land Buddhism.	3
RELG 316	New Religious Movements.	3	RELG 444	Indian Ocean Religious Networks.	3
RELG 317	Special Topics in Religion 2.	3	RELG 449	The Religion of the Samurai.	3
RELG 318	Special Topics in Religion 3.	3	RELG 451	Zen Buddhism: Poetry and Art.	3
RELG 319	Special Topics in Religion 4.	3	RELG 453	Vajrayana Buddhism.	3
RELG 322	Church and Empire to 1300 .	3	RELG 454	Modern Hindu Thought.	3
RELG 323	Church and State since 1300.	3	RELG 455	Religion and the Performing Arts in South India.	3
RELG 325	Varieties Religious Experience in Christianity.	3	RELG 459	Bhagavadgita and Mahabharata .	3
RELG 326	Christians in the Roman World.	3	RELG 470	Theological Ethics.	3
RELG 331	Religion and Globalization.	3	RELG 479	Christianity in Global Perspective.	3
RELG 332	Conversations Across World Religions.	3	RELG 502	Greco-Roman Judaism.	3
RELG 333	Principles of Theology.	3	RELG 532	History of Christian Thought 1.	3
RELG 334	Theology of History.	3	RELG 533	History of Christian Thought 2.	3
RELG 336	Contemporary Theological Issues.	3	RELG 544	Ethnography as Method in Religious Studies.	3

RELG 545	Ramayana: Multiple Lives.	3
RELG 546	Indian Philosophy.	3
RELG 547	Special Topics in Hinduism.	3
RELG 548	Indian Buddhist Philosophy.	3
RELG 549	Japanese Buddhism in Historical Context.	3
RELG 551	Special Topics in Buddhism.	3
RELG 552	Advaita Vedanta.	3
RELG 556	Issues in Buddhist Studies.	3
RELG 558	Indian Tantric Traditions.	3
RELG 559	Caste and Dalits: Historical and Political Perspectives.	3
RELG 560	Buddhist Poetry.	3
RELG 570	Research in Interfaith Studies.	3
RELG 571	Ethics, Medicine and Religion.	3
RELG 572	Religion and Global Politics.	3
RELG 573	Religions in Global Society.	3