

RELIGIOUS STUDIES MINOR CONCENTRATION (B.A.) (18 CREDITS)

Offered by: Religious Studies (Faculty of Arts)

Degree: Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Arts and Science

Program credit weight: 18

Program Description

The B.A. Minor Concentration in Religious Studies focuses on the methodological approaches to the study of religious traditions, including the languages, teachings, and history of those traditions.

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Required Course (3 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
RELG 207	Introduction to the Study of Religions.	3

Complementary Courses (15 credits)

6 credits of Introductory Courses at the 200 level.

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Course	Title	Credits
ANTH 209	Anthropology of Religion.	3
CATH 200	Introduction to Catholicism.	3
CATH 220	Selected Topics in Catholic Studies.	3
HIST 207	Jewish History: 400 B.C.E. to 1000.	3
HIST 219	Jewish History: 1000 - 2000.	3
ISLA 200	Islamic Civilization.	3
ISLA 210	Muslim Societies.	3
JWST 201	Jewish Law.	3
JWST 211	Jewish Studies 1: Biblical Period.	3
JWST 216	Jewish Studies 2: 400 B.C.E. - 1000.	3
JWST 217	Jewish Studies 3: 1000 - 2000.	3
JWST 245	Jewish Life in the Islamic World.	3
JWST 254	The Jewish Holy Days.	3
JWST 261	History of Jewish Philosophy and Thought.	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 205	Death and Dying.	3
RELG 210	Jesus of Nazareth.	3
RELG 211	Theology through Fiction.	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
RELG 288	Introduction to Sikhism.	3

9 credits of Advanced Courses at the 300 level or higher.

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Course	Title	Credits
CATH 310	Catholic Intellectual Traditions.	3
CATH 315	Catholicism and Ethics.	3
CATH 320	Catholicism and Modernity.	3
CATH 325	Mystery and the Imagination.	3
CATH 330	Catholicism in a Global Context.	3
CATH 335	Confessions of Saint Augustine.	3
CATH 340	Catholicism and Public Policy.	3
CATH 370	Topics in Catholic Studies.	3
CATH 375	Topics in Catholic Theology.	3
CATH 460	Catholic Studies Seminar.	3
HIST 427	The Hasidic Movement.	3
ISLA 310	Women in Islam.	3
JWST 334	Jews and Muslims: A Modern History.	3
JWST 382	Jews, Judaism and Social Justice.	3
RELG 300	Second Temple Judaism.	3
RELG 302	Literature of Ancient Israel 1.	3
RELG 303	Literature of Ancient Israel 2.	3
RELG 307	Bible, Quran and Interpretations.	3
RELG 309	World Religions and Cultures They Create..	3
RELG 310	Canadian Church History.	3
RELG 311	Formation of the New Testament.	3
RELG 312	The Gospels.	3
RELG 313	Topics in Biblical Studies 1.	3
RELG 315	Special Topics in Religion 1.	3
RELG 316	New Religious Movements.	3
RELG 317	Special Topics in Religion 2.	3
RELG 318	Special Topics in Religion 3.	3
RELG 319	Special Topics in Religion 4.	3
RELG 322	Church and Empire to 1300 .	3
RELG 323	Church and State since 1300.	3

RELG 325	Varieties Religious Experience in Christianity.	3	RELG 451	Zen Buddhism: Poetry and Art.	3
RELG 326	Christians in the Roman World.	3	RELG 453	Vajrayana Buddhism.	3
RELG 331	Religion and Globalization.	3	RELG 454	Modern Hindu Thought.	3
RELG 332	Conversations Across World Religions.	3	RELG 455	Religion and the Performing Arts in South India.	3
RELG 333	Principles of Theology.	3	RELG 470	Theological Ethics.	3
RELG 334	Theology of History.	3	RELG 479	Christianity in Global Perspective.	3
RELG 336	Contemporary Theological Issues.	3	RELG 502	Greco-Roman Judaism.	3
RELG 337	Themes in Buddhist Studies.	3	RELG 532	History of Christian Thought 1.	3
RELG 338	Women and the Christian Tradition.	3	RELG 533	History of Christian Thought 2.	3
RELG 341	Introduction: Philosophy of Religion.	3	RELG 544	Ethnography as Method in Religious Studies.	3
RELG 344	Mahayana Buddhism.	3	RELG 545	Ramayana: Multiple Lives.	3
RELG 348	Classical Hinduism.	3	RELG 546	Indian Philosophy.	3
RELG 350	Bhakti Hinduism.	3	RELG 547	Special Topics in Hinduism.	3
RELG 352	Japanese Religions: History and Thought.	3	RELG 548	Indian Buddhist Philosophy.	3
RELG 354	Chinese Religions.	3	RELG 549	Japanese Buddhism in Historical Context.	3
RELG 355			RELG 551	Special Topics in Buddhism.	3
RELG 358	Religion and Cinema in India.	3	RELG 552	Advaita Vedanta.	3
RELG 366	Rivers, Religion, and Environment in South Asia.	3	RELG 556	Issues in Buddhist Studies.	3
RELG 368	Japanese Religions in Pop Culture.	3	RELG 558	Indian Tantric Traditions.	3
RELG 369	Tibetan Buddhism.	3	RELG 559	Caste and Dalits: Historical and Political Perspectives.	3
RELG 370	Religion and Human Rights.	3	RELG 560	Buddhist Poetry.	3
RELG 371	Ethics of Violence/Non-Violence.	3	RELG 570	Research in Interfaith Studies.	3
RELG 372	Hindu Goddesses.	3	RELG 571	Ethics, Medicine and Religion.	3
RELG 373	Christian Ethics of Love.	3	RELG 572	Religion and Global Politics.	3
RELG 375	Religion, Politics and Society.	3	RELG 573	Religions in Global Society.	3
RELG 376	Religious Ethics.	3			
RELG 378	Pilgrimage, Heritage, and Tourism.	3			
RELG 379	Eastern Orthodox Christianity.	3			
RELG 380	Religion, Philosophy, Modernity.	3			
RELG 382	Contemporary Theory of Religion .	3			
RELG 384	Religion and Public Policy.	3			
RELG 398	North American Christianity.	3			
RELG 399	Christian Spirituality.	3			
RELG 407	The Writings.	3			
RELG 408	The Prophets.	3			
RELG 419	Religious Heritage and Tourism.	3			
RELG 422	Medieval Religious Texts.	3			
RELG 423	Reformation Thought.	3			
RELG 434	Advanced Theology.	3			
RELG 440	Global Islam.	3			
RELG 442	Pure Land Buddhism.	3			
RELG 444	Indian Ocean Religious Networks.	3			
RELG 445	Modern Buddhism.	3			
RELG 449	The Religion of the Samurai.	3			
RELG 450	The Way of the Kami.	3			