

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES HONOURS (B.A.) (60 CREDITS)

**Offered by:** Religious Studies (Faculty of Arts)

**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts

**Program credit weight:** 60

## Program Description

The B.A.; Honours in Religious Studies focuses on the methodological approaches to the study of religious traditions, including the languages, teachings, and history of those traditions. A 6-credit Honours thesis related to the student's area of focus must be submitted. The Honours thesis topic must be approved by a Religious Studies adviser. A supervisor will be appointed to guide the student.

Students must maintain a program GPA and a CGPA of 3.00 (or 3.50 for First Class Honours).

### 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.

**Note:** For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

## Required Courses (12 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
RELG 207	Introduction to the Study of Religions.	3
RELG 456	Theories of Religion.	3
RELG 490	Honours Thesis.	6

## Complementary Courses (48 credits)

3-9 credits from 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

0-12 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 257D1	Introductory Sanskrit.	3
RELG 257D2	Introductory Sanskrit.	3
RELG 264	Introductory Tibetan 1.	3
RELG 265	Introductory Tibetan 2.	3
RELG 357D1	Sanskrit 2.	3
RELG 357D2	Sanskrit 2.	3
RELG 364	Intermediate Tibetan 1.	3
RELG 365	Intermediate Tibetan 2.	3
RELG 381	Advanced New Testament Greek.	3
RELG 390D1	Elementary Biblical Hebrew.	3

RELG 390D2	Elementary Biblical Hebrew.	3	RELG 334	Theology of History.	3
RELG 457D1	Advanced Sanskrit.	3	RELG 336	Contemporary Theological Issues.	3
RELG 457D2	Advanced Sanskrit.	3	RELG 337	Themes in Buddhist Studies.	3
RELG 464	Advanced Tibetan 1.	3	RELG 338	Women and the Christian Tradition.	3
RELG 465	Advanced Tibetan 2.	3	RELG 341	Introduction: Philosophy of Religion.	3
RELG 491	Biblical Hebrew Narratives.	3	RELG 344	Mahayana Buddhism.	3
RELG 492	Biblical Hebrew Poetry.	3	RELG 348	Classical Hinduism.	3
33-39 credits of Advanced Courses at the 300 level or higher.			RELG 350	Bhakti Hinduism.	3
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<b>Course</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	RELG 353	Gandhi: His Life and Thought.	3
CATH 310	Catholic Intellectual Traditions.	3	RELG 354	Chinese Religions.	3
CATH 315	Catholicism and Ethics.	3	RELG 355		
CATH 320	Catholicism and Modernity.	3	RELG 358	Religion and Cinema in India.	3
CATH 325	Mystery and the Imagination.	3	RELG 366	Rivers, Religion, and Environment in South Asia.	3
CATH 330	Catholicism in a Global Context.	3	RELG 368	Japanese Religions in Pop Culture.	3
CATH 335	Confessions of Saint Augustine.	3	RELG 369	Tibetan Buddhism.	3
CATH 340	Catholicism and Public Policy.	3	RELG 370	Religion and Human Rights.	3
CATH 370	Topics in Catholic Studies.	3	RELG 371	Ethics of Violence/Non-Violence.	3
CATH 375	Topics in Catholic Theology.	3	RELG 372	Hindu Goddesses.	3
CATH 460	Catholic Studies Seminar.	3	RELG 373	Christian Ethics of Love.	3
HIST 427	The Hasidic Movement.	3	RELG 375	Religion, Politics and Society.	3
ISLA 310	Women in Islam.	0-3	RELG 376	Religious Ethics.	3
JWST 314	Denominations in North American Judaism.	3	RELG 378	Pilgrimage, Heritage, and Tourism.	3
JWST 334	Jews and Muslims: A Modern History.	3	RELG 380	Religion, Philosophy, Modernity.	3
JWST 382	Jews, Judaism and Social Justice.	3	RELG 382	Contemporary Theory of Religion .	3
RELG 300	Second Temple Judaism.	3	RELG 384	Religion and Public Policy.	3
RELG 302	Literature of Ancient Israel 1.	3	RELG 398	North American Christianity.	3
RELG 303	Literature of Ancient Israel 2.	3	RELG 399	Christian Spirituality.	3
RELG 307	Bible, Quran and Interpretations.	3	RELG 407	The Writings.	3
RELG 310	Canadian Church History.	3	RELG 408	The Prophets.	3
RELG 311	Formation of the New Testament.	3	RELG 410	Paul and His Legacy.	3
RELG 312	The Gospels.	3	RELG 419	Religious Heritage and Tourism.	3
RELG 313	Topics in Biblical Studies 1.	3	RELG 422	Medieval Religious Texts.	3
RELG 315	Special Topics in Religion 1.	3	RELG 423	Reformation Thought.	3
RELG 316	New Religious Movements.	3	RELG 434	Advanced Theology.	3
RELG 317	Special Topics in Religion 2.	3	RELG 440	Global Islam.	3
RELG 318	Special Topics in Religion 3.	3	RELG 442	Pure Land Buddhism.	3
RELG 319	Special Topics in Religion 4.	3	RELG 444	Indian Ocean Religious Networks.	3
RELG 322	Church and Empire to 1300 .	3	RELG 445	Modern Buddhism.	3
RELG 323	Church and State since 1300.	3	RELG 449	The Religion of the Samurai.	3
RELG 325	Varieties Religious Experience in Christianity.	3	RELG 450	The Way of the Kami.	3
RELG 326	Christians in the Roman World.	3	RELG 451	Zen Buddhism: Poetry and Art.	3
RELG 331	Religion and Globalization.	3	RELG 453	Vajrayana Buddhism.	3
RELG 332	Conversations Across World Religions.	3	RELG 454	Modern Hindu Thought.	3
RELG 333	Principles of Theology.	3	RELG 455	Religion and the Performing Arts in South India.	3

RELG 459	Bhagavadgita and Mahabharata .	3
RELG 470	Theological Ethics.	3
RELG 479	Christianity in Global Perspective.	3
RELG 502	Greco-Roman Judaism.	3
RELG 532	History of Christian Thought 1.	3
RELG 533	History of Christian Thought 2.	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