

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.

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 (9 credits)

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| Course | Title | Credits |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 457D1 | Advanced Sanskrit. | 3 |
| RELG 457D2 | Advanced Sanskrit. | 3 |
| RELG 464 | Advanced Tibetan 1. | 3 |
| RELG 465 | Advanced Tibetan 2. | 3 |

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| RELG 491 | Biblical Hebrew Narratives. | 3 |
| RELG 492 | Biblical Hebrew Poetry. | 3 |

15-21 credits from advanced courses at the 300 level or higher:

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| Course | Title | Credits |
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| CATH 335 | Confessions of Saint Augustine. | 3 |
| CATH 375 | Topics in Catholic Theology. | 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 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 326 | Christians in the Roman World. | 3 |
| RELG 331 | Religion and Globalization. | 3 |
| RELG 332 | Conversations Across World Religions. | 3 |
| RELG 333 | Principles of Theology. | 3 |
| RELG 334 | Theology of History. | 3 |
| RELG 336 | Contemporary Theological Issues. | 3 |
| RELG 337 | Themes in Buddhist Studies. | 3 |
| RELG 338 | Women and the Christian Tradition. | 3 |
| RELG 341 | Introduction: Philosophy of Religion. | 3 |
| RELG 344 | Mahayana Buddhism. | 3 |
| RELG 348 | Classical Hinduism. | 3 |
| RELG 350 | Bhakti Hinduism. | 3 |
| RELG 352 | Japanese Religions: History and Thought. | 3 |
| RELG 353 | Gandhi: His Life and Thought. | 3 |
| RELG 354 | Chinese Religions. | 3 |
| RELG 355 | | |
| RELG 358 | Religion and Cinema in India. | 3 |
| RELG 366 | Rivers, Religion, and Environment in South Asia. | 3 |
| RELG 368 | Japanese Religions in Pop Culture. | 3 |
| RELG 369 | Tibetan Buddhism. | 3 |
| RELG 370 | Religion and Human Rights. | 3 |
| RELG 371 | Ethics of Violence/Non-Violence. | 3 |

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| RELG 372 | Hindu Goddesses. | 3 |
| RELG 373 | Christian Ethics of Love. | 3 |
| RELG 375 | Religion, Politics and Society. | 3 |
| RELG 376 | Religious Ethics. | 3 |
| RELG 378 | Pilgrimage, Heritage, and Tourism. | 3 |
| RELG 380 | Religion, Philosophy, Modernity. | 3 |
| RELG 382 | Contemporary Theory of Religion . | 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 449 | The Religion of the Samurai. | 3 |
| RELG 451 | Zen Buddhism: Poetry and Art. | 3 |
| RELG 453 | Vajrayana Buddhism. | 3 |
| RELG 454 | Modern Hindu Thought. | 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 |