

CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Religion is pervasive in many societies and is therefore essential to how we and others see the world. Students of religious studies will learn and analyze how religious beliefs and values undergird politics, economics, business, art, literature, and many other aspects of society. In our globalizing world, the skills and knowledge gained by understanding religions adds a layer of historical context, critical thinking, and cultural awareness that can be beneficial in many different careers, such as diplomacy, business, law, education, non-profits, and more. The academic study of religion prepares students to be attentive to the histories and cultures of religion that affect our present and shape our futures.

Getting Started

Declare your intent to complete the certificate by filling out the appropriate form in the SASW Department office (204 Waters Hall).

Once registered, complete at least 15 credits of the appropriate course work (6-credits must be at or above the 500-level) from the list of approved courses. Maintain a minimum of a 2.5 GPA across the courses that count toward the certificate (courses cannot be taken pass/fail).

How it Works

Complete a minimum of 5 different courses from two categories: 1) CORE: 3 hours from ANTH 314; 2) ELECTIVES: 12 hours from the elective courses approved for this certificate. (credits must be taken in at least two different programs. At least 6 of these elective credits must be at or above the 500 level.)



Core Course

ANTH 314: Introduction to the World's Religions



Elective Courses	
ANTH 305	Cultures of South Asia
ANTH 508	Asian Religions
ANTH 509	Cultures of Africa
ANTH 515	Creativity and Culture
ANTH 616	Anthropology of the Future
ANTH 618	Religion in Culture
ANTH 710	Ethnographic Methods*
ANTH 715	Digital Ethnography*
ANTH 720	Field Methods in Linguistics*
ART 195	Survey of Western Art History 1
ART 196	Survey of Western Art History 2
ART 612	History of Italian Renaissance Art
ART 613	History of Northern Renaissance Art
CLSCS 310	Introduction to Classical Mythology in Translation
ENGL 233	Reformation to Enlightenment
ENGL 470	The Bible
ENGL 575	Holocaust Literature
HIST 520	Death and Dying in History
HIST 521	History of Christianity
HIST 522	Religion in American History
HIST 523	A History of the Occult and Witchcraft
HIST 569	The Reformation
HIST 585	Medieval Christianity

PHILO 115	Introduction to Philosophy of Religion
PHILO 337	Religious Freedom and Democracy
PHILO 615	Philosophy of Religion
POLSC 524	Political Islam
POLSC 661	Ancient and Medieval Political Thought
POLSC 675	Religion and Politics
SOCIO 505	South Asian Civilizations
SOCIO 618	Religion in Culture
SOCIO 643	Sociology of Religion
SOCIO 742	Society and Change in South Asia

*Courses with asterisks are methods courses that permitted to count for the Religious Studies certificate *only* if the semester-long student research project is focused upon a religious studies topic

Questions? Talk to us!

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