Undergraduate Religious Studies Minor

Required Courses on the Study of Religion
(must take both courses)

Introduction to the Study of Religion
(to be taken early in the student's program)
HUM 215 (H) – usually offered every Fall and Spring Semester

Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Study of Religion
(to be taken near the end of the student's program)
HUM 510 (WR) – usually offered only once every Spring Semester

Introductory Comparative Courses on Religion
(choose at least one course)

Introduction to Asian Religious Traditions
HUM 218 (HCD2) – usually offered every Fall Semester

Introduction to Monotheistic Religions:
Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
HUM 219 (HCD2)

Religions of Native American Peoples
(may count as an introductory *or* a focused topics course but not both)
HUM 336

African Religions
(may count as an introductory *or* a focused topics course but not both)
PAS 351

Please note: Some other courses may be permitted to fulfill requirements upon the approval of the Religious Studies Adviser, such as:

HUM 515: Topics in Gender and the Humanities.

Also note: HUM 216: Introduction to World Religions does not contribute to the Undergraduate Religious Studies Minor.

Advanced Courses on Religious Traditions
(choose at least three courses)

Islam

Introduction to the Qur'an
HUM 313

Survey of Islamic Thought and Culture
HUM 306

Modern Islamic Thought
HUM 316

Judaism

Hebrew Bible/Old Testament
HUM 311

Survey of Jewish Thought and Culture
HUM 309

Alternative Judaisms
HUM 315 (CD2)

Modern Jewish Thought
HUM 317

Christianity

New Testament and Early Christian Literature
HUM 312 – usually offered every Fall Semester

Survey of Christian Thought and Culture
HUM 319 – usually offered every Spring Semester

Modern Christian Thought
HUM 335 – usually offered every-other Fall Semester

Asian Religions

Buddhist Scriptures
HUM 314

South Asian Religious Thought and Culture
HUM 341 / AST 340 (CD1) – usually offered every Fall Semester

East Asian Religious Thought and Culture
HUM 343 / AST 344 – usually offered every Spring Semester

Eastern Mysticism
HUM 342 – usually offered every Fall and Spring Semester

Focused Topics Courses
(choose at least one course)

Greek Mythology
HUM 338

Studies in World Mythology
HUM 339 (CD2)

Women and Religion
HUM 340 / WGST 340

The Holocaust and the Western Imagination
HUM 387 / HIST 387 (CD2)

Religions of Native American Peoples
(may count as an introductory *or* a focused topics course)
HUM 336

African Religions
(may count as an introductory *or* a focused topics course)
PAS 351

Religions of the African Diaspora
PAS 521

African Americans and Islam
HUM 349 / PAS 349

African American Religion
HUM 377 / PAS 317

Religion in the United States
HUM 344

Topics in the Interpretation of Sacred Texts
HUM 511

Topics in Contemporary Religious Thought
HUM 512

Topics in Comparative Religions
HUM 513

Topics on Religious Coexistence and Conflict
HUM 514

Topics in the Histories of Religion
HUM 516

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Humanities Division
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The Religious Studies Program and Minor

The Religious Studies Program at the University of Louisville can turn your interest in religion into a Minor in Religious Studies, OR you may select Religious Studies as a concentration in the Humanities Major for a Bachelor of Arts degree.

As an integral part of the Humanities Division of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Religious Studies Program offers a variety of introductory and upper-division college level courses in the academic study of religion. These courses include:

- the various disciplinary approaches and lenses through which scholars define and study religious traditions and phenomena;
- the survey of philosophical, theological, and ethical thought of particular religions as found in their texts and practices, including artistic and other cultural expressions;
- and the comparative, historical, and global engagement between religions as well as between the religious and other domains of human life.

Many of these courses fulfill General Education requirements as well as cross-list with other interdisciplinary areas, such as Asian Studies, Pan-African Studies, and Women's and Gender Studies.

For interested students, several courses contribute toward an undergraduate Minor in Religious Studies combined with a major and possible additional minor in other academic areas. The Religious Studies Minor is intentionally designed for students who wish to choose to either:

1. pursue a broad study of various religions or religion in general, or
2. concentrate on a particular religious tradition

depending on a student's

- general interests,
- major (if not also other minor), and/or
- specific aims toward further graduate work in religious studies.

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