Religion and Media, Minor

Requirements

The undergraduate minor in religion and media requires a minimum of 18 s.h., including 12 s.h. in courses taken at the University of Iowa. Students must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.00 in all courses for the minor and in all UI courses for the minor. Coursework for the minor may not be taken pass/nonpass.

The departments of Religious Studies and Communication Studies collaborate to offer the minor in religion and media. The minor is administered by the Department of Religious Studies.

Students completing a communication studies major or a religious studies major also may complete this minor. Students may count up to 6 s.h. of coursework for the religion and media minor with other programs of study. Courses with GE CLAS Core status are excluded from this policy.

The minor in religion and media requires the following coursework. Students must complete at least 6 s.h. in communication studies coursework (prefix COMM) and at least 6 s.h. in religious studies coursework (prefix RELS).

Methods and Approaches in Media Studies

These courses convey major methodological approaches to the study of media.

Course #   Title                                               Hours
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One of these:
RELS:1050/  Big Ideas: Introduction to      3
POLI:1050 Information, Society, and Culture
COMM:1168  Music and Social Change         3
COMM:1174  Media and Society               3

Methods and Approaches in Religious Studies

These courses convey major methodological approaches to the study of religion.

Course #   Title                           Hours
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One of these:
RELS:1001  Judaism, Christianity, and Islam 3
RELS:1015  Global Religious Conflict and Diversity 3

Themes of Religion and Media

These courses raise broad thematic questions about the relationship between religion and media in diverse historical, geographical, and social contexts.

Course #   Title                                             Hours
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At least 6 s.h. from these:
RELS:2182/  Ancient Mediterranean 3
CLSA:2482   Religions
RELS:2272   Gods and Superheroes: Mythologies for a Modern World 3
RELS:2930/  Digital Media and Religion 3
COMM:2079

Religion and Media in Context

These courses engage specific historical, geographical, and cultural contexts in which a relationship between religion and media is important. They teach students to think about the way religion and media matter in everyday life.

Course #   Title                                             Hours
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At least 6 s.h. from these:
RELS:2260/  Hard Cases in Healthcare at the Beginning of Life 3
GHS:2260
RELS:2265/GHS:2265 End of Life 3
ASP:2265
RELS:2877/  Sport and Religion in America 3
SPST:2077
RELS:3243/  Pagans and Christians: The Church from Jesus to Muhammad 3
CLSA:3443
RELS:3247/  Banned from the Bible: Pseudepigrapha and Apocrypha 3
CLSA:3247
RELS:3745/  Twentieth- and Twenty-first-Century African American Religion: Civil Rights to Black Lives Matter 3
AFAM:3245
COM:2080/   Public Life in the U.S.: Religion and Media 3
REL:2080
COMM:2088  Media and Democracy 3