Religious Studies, BA

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts in religious studies requires 30 s.h. of coursework, including one 3 s.h. course in each of five core areas: social justice, equity, inclusion and religion; religion in history; religion in global context; religion, values, and culture; and special topics and events. The remaining 15 s.h. may be taken from any core area or any religious studies course (prefix RELS). Of the 30 s.h., at least two courses (6 s.h.) must be numbered 3000 or above. A minimum of 15 s.h. for the major must be earned at the University of Iowa. Students must maintain a grade-point average of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major. Courses for the major may not be taken pass/nonpass. Students must complete the college’s graduation requirements, which include at least 120 s.h. of coursework and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core. A number of the courses for the major count toward the GE CLAS Core. Students can identify courses approved for the GE CLAS Core by viewing the course descriptions.

The BA with a major in religious studies requires the following coursework.

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Core Area Courses

Students select one 3 s.h. course from each of the five core areas.

Social Justice, Equity, Inclusion, and Religion

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<td>Global Religious Conflict and Diversity</td>
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<td>Happiness in a Difficult World</td>
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<td>Engaging Religious Diversity for Leadership and Entrepreneurship</td>
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<td>Wealth, Inequality, and Islam</td>
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<td>Twentieth- and Twenty-first-Century African American Religion: Civil Rights to Black Lives Matter</td>
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Religion in History

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<td>RELS:1225</td>
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<td>The Bible Matters: Biblical Studies for Our Modern World</td>
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<td>The Bible and the Holocaust</td>
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<td>Digital Media and Religion</td>
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<td>Medieval to Modern: The Birth of Protestantism</td>
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<td>RELS:3385</td>
<td>Early Modern Catholicism</td>
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<td>RELS:3520</td>
<td>Religious Violence and Nationalism</td>
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Religion in Global Context

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<td>Korea in the World</td>
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<td>Women in Islam and the Middle East</td>
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Religion, Values, and Culture

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<td>Religion in America Today</td>
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<td>Hard Cases in Healthcare at the Beginning of Life</td>
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<td>Gods and Superheroes: Mythologies for a Modern World</td>
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<td>Love: Philosophy, Psychology, Religion, and Art</td>
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<td>Sport and Religion in America</td>
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<td>Quest II: Sex, Love, and Death</td>
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Special Topics and Current Events

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<td>Harry Potter and the Religion of Fandom</td>
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<td>The Place of Animals in the Hebrew Bible</td>
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<td>Food, Body, and Belief: A Global Perspective</td>
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<td>Religion and Contemporary Popular Culture</td>
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<td>RELS:3055</td>
<td>Death, Dying, and Beyond in Asian Religions</td>
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<td>RELS:3267</td>
<td>Dissent and Rebellion in Islamic Societies: Was There an Arab Spring?</td>
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<td>Classical Arabic: Vocabulary, Syntax, and Grammar</td>
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<td>RELS:4930</td>
<td>Internship in Research on Rights and Remedial Justice</td>
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Additional Coursework

Students select 15 s.h. from any core area listed above or any other religious studies course.