Religious Studies, B.A.

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. The remaining 15 s.h. may be taken from any core area or from the list of elective courses. 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 g.p.a. 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 B.A. 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>Engaging Religious Diversity for Leadership and Entrepreneurship</td>
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<td>Wealth, Inequality, and Islam</td>
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<td>Politics, Sex, and the Bible</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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Religion in Global Context

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Religion, Values, and Culture

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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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Special Topics and Current Events

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Additional Coursework

Students select 15 s.h. from any core area listed above or from the elective courses listed below. Courses used to fulfill the core area courses requirement may not be used to fulfill the additional coursework requirement.

Elective Courses

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<td>Civilizations of Asia: South Asia</td>
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<td>Bhagavad Gita: Essential Teachings of Indian Religion</td>
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<td>Middle East and Mediterranean: Alexander to Suleiman</td>
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<td>Pagans and Christians: The Church from Jesus to Muhammad</td>
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