Religious Studies, BA

A religious studies major enables students to gain competency in global religious diversity and develop the skills necessary for living and working effectively in an increasingly complex and interconnected world.

A degree in religious studies is often added as a second major to enhance students’ education and training, by stimulating their curiosity, expanding their imaginations, deepening their thinking, and helping them to better understand themselves and other people.

Learning Outcomes

Courses in religious studies help students gain competency in global religious diversity by:

• understanding key religious ideas and major traditions;
• learning critical approaches to interpreting historical events;
• gaining essential analytical writing and reading skills and cross-cultural communication strategies;
• applying new knowledge and analytical skills to explain the role of religion in societies;
• developing practical skills to function well in diverse societies and a globalized world; and
• employing technologies to interpret ancient texts, images, artifacts, and study output of new tools including radio, television, and digital media.