Religious Studies, M.A.

Requirements

The Master of Arts program in the Department of Religious Studies requires a minimum of 30 s.h. of graduate credit. Students must complete 24 s.h. of the credit required for the degree at the University of Iowa and must maintain a cumulative g.p.a. of at least 3.20. The M.A. is offered with or without thesis.

Requirements for languages and other research tools vary according to the student's focus of study. Students are supervised by a three-person committee consisting of an advisor and two additional faculty members.

All M.A. students must complete the following five courses.

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Students select remaining coursework depending on their area of interest and in consultation with their advisory committee.

In their M.A. thesis work, students demonstrate and refine their research and writing skills. They may count a maximum of 6 s.h. of thesis credit toward the degree. Students must defend their thesis to their committee. Those who choose not to write a thesis must pass an examination that tests their competence in completed coursework.