

Religious Studies, M.A.

Requirements

The Master of Arts program in 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 study focus. Students are supervised by a three-person committee consisting of an advisor and two additional faculty members.

All students complete the following five courses.

Code	Title	Hours
RELS:5100	Teaching and Public Engagement	1
RELS:5200	Varieties of Religion in the Contemporary World	3
RELS:5300	Genealogies of Religion	3
RELS:5400	Methods and Theories in the Study of Religion	3
One graduate seminar		3
Total Hours		13

Students select remaining coursework depending on their interest area and in consultation with their core 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. Those who choose not to write a thesis must pass an examination that tests their competence in completed coursework.