Religious Studies, Minor

Requirements
The undergraduate minor in religious studies requires a minimum of 15 s.h. in religious studies courses, including 12 s.h. in courses taken at the University of Iowa. Students may count up to 3 s.h. of transfer credit toward the minor with approval of the department’s undergraduate committee. All students must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.00 in all departmental and UI courses for the minor. Coursework for the minor cannot be taken pass/nonpass.

A number of courses for the minor count toward the GE CLAS Core. Students can identify courses approved for the GE CLAS Core by viewing the course descriptions.

The minor in religious studies requires the following coursework.

Core Area Courses
Students select one course from at least three different core areas for a total of 9 s.h.

Social Justice, Equity, Inclusion, and Religion

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<td>Introduction to African American Religions</td>
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<td>U.S. Latina/o/x Religions</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>The Bible Matters: Biblical Studies for Our Modern World</td>
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Religious Conflict: Early Modern Period

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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>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>Quest for Human Destiny</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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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>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 an additional 6 s.h. from any core area listed above or any other religious studies course to reach the required minimum of 15 s.h.