

Religious Studies, B.A.

Religious Studies includes a comparative focus on world religions, emphasizing broad cultural understanding, exposure to global philosophies, and clear written expression. Religious Studies graduates bring these skills, along with cultural fluency, and greater comfort with complexity, to their next phase of life.

Many Religious Studies students combine religious studies with other majors and minors including English, art, philosophy, biology, mathematics, business administration, history, political science, sociology, and psychology. These combinations provide a unique educational experience in the liberal arts that opens doors for many vocational paths.

Religious Studies students may focus on various areas that reflect their interests, such as World Religions, Judaism/Christianity/Islam, Jainism and South Asia, and Religion and Environment. Students are encouraged to speak with the director of the Religious Studies program to explore these options.

All students must meet the University Requirements (<http://catalogue.uci.edu/informationforadmittedstudents/requirementsforabachelorsdegree/>).

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Requirements for the Major

A. Complete:	
REL STD 5A/HISTORY 16A	World Religions I
REL STD 5B/HISTORY 16B	World Religions II
REL STD 5C/HISTORY 16C	Religious Dialogue
REL STD 110W	Thinking about Religion: Theories and Methodologies
B. Select eight upper-division electives from the following, when topics are appropriate, with at least three in each of the following categories: ¹	
1. World Religious Traditions	
2. Thematic Approaches to Religion	

Electives

ANTHRO/REL STD 60	Global Themes in Sikh Studies
ANTHRO 125Z/ASIANAM 142	Arabs and Muslims in the US
ANTHRO 129	Special Topics: Social and Economic Anthropology
ANTHRO 139	Special Topics in Cultural and Psychological Anthropology
ANTHRO 149	Special Topics in Archaeology
ANTHRO 165A	Modern Iran: Cinema and the City
ANTHRO 169	Special Topics in Area Studies
ART HIS 40A	Ancient Greek and Roman Art, and Architecture
ART HIS 40B	Arts of Europe: Medieval and Renaissance
ART HIS 42D	History of Asian Art: Arts of Islam
ART HIS 100	Studies in Ancient Art
ART HIS 114	Studies in Western Medieval Art
ART HIS 125	Studies in Southern Baroque Art
ART HIS 150	Studies in Asian Art
ART HIS 155A/HISTORY 170A/REL STD 122	Ancient India
ART HIS 155B/HISTORY 170B/REL STD 123	Medieval India
ART HIS 155D	Topics in the Art and Architecture of India
ART HIS 198	Advanced Seminar: Topics in Art History
ASIANAM 150	Special Topics in Asian American Studies
CLASSIC 45A	Classical Mythology: The Gods
CLASSIC 45C	Classical Mythology: Ancient and Modern Perspectives of Classical Mythology
CLASSIC 150	Classical Mythology
CLASSIC 45A	Classical Mythology: The Gods

CLASSIC 45C	Classical Mythology: Ancient and Modern Perspectives of Classical Mythology
CLASSIC 150	Classical Mythology
CLASSIC 176	International Studies and the Classics
COM LIT 100A	Nations, Regions, and Beyond
COM LIT 105	Topics in Comparative Multiculturalism
EAS 55	Introduction to East Asian Cultures
EAS 116	Topics in East Asian Religions
EAS 150	Topics in East Asian Literature in Translation
EAS 190	Junior-Senior Colloquium
ECON/REL STD 17	An Economic Approach to Religion
ENGLISH 10	Topics in English and American Literature
ENGLISH 101W	Undergraduate Seminar in Critical Writing: Topics in Literary History
ENGLISH 102A	Topics in Medieval and Renaissance Literature
ENGLISH 106	Advanced Seminar: Topics in English Literature
EURO ST 103	Topics in Modern European History and Culture: Post-1789
FLM&MDA 160	National/Regional Cinemas and Media
FRENCH 171	Politics and Literature
GEN&SEX 60C/REL STD 61	Gender and Religion
GERMAN 150	German Literature and Culture in Translation
HISTORY 10	The Holocaust
HISTORY 12	Introductory Topics in History
HISTORY 18A	Major Jewish Texts
HISTORY 70B	Problems in History: Europe
HISTORY 70E	Problems in History: Middle East and Africa
HISTORY 100W	Writing About History
HISTORY 114	Topics in Modern European History
HISTORY 130C	Topics in the Jewish History
HISTORY/REL STD 130D	History of Antisemitism
HISTORY 130F/POL SCI 154J/REL STD 130F	Jews and Power
HISTORY/REL STD 131A	History of Zoroastrianism
HISTORY 131B	Ancient Persia
HISTORY 131C	Medieval Persia
HISTORY 132D	Armenians and Armenia in Ancient to Early Modern World History
HISTORY 169	Topics in Latin American History
HISTORY 174G	Topics in the History of South Asia
HISTORY 190	Colloquium
INTL ST 151B/POL SCI 146B/REL STD 115	Religion and World Politics
INTL ST 161A/SOC SCI 188K	Political Islam
INTL ST 179	Special Topics: Geographic Focus in International Studies
ITALIAN 150	Topics in Italian Literature and Culture
PHILOS/REL STD 21	Philosophy and Religion
PHILOS/LPS 113	Topics in Modern Philosophy
PHILOS 117	Topics in Asian Philosophy
PHILOS 123	Topics in Philosophy of Religion
PHILOS 130	Topics in Moral Philosophy
PHILOS 131A	Applied Ethics
PHILOS 131C	Medical Ethics
PHILOS/LPS 140	Topics in Philosophy of Science
POL SCI 159	Special Topics in Comparative Politics

REL STD 100	Topics in the Study of Religion
REL STD 103	Topics in the Philosophy of Religion
REL STD 120	Topics in Asian Religious Traditions
REL STD 124	Topics in Modern Indian Religion
REL STD 125	Jain History, Culture, and Ethics
REL STD 126	Topics in Jain Studies
REL STD 130	Jewish, Islamic, and Middle Eastern Religious Traditions
REL STD 140	Early Western Religious Traditions
REL STD 150	Religion in the Americas
REL STD 170	Topics in Comparative Studies in Religion
SOC SCI 189	Special Topics in Social Sciences
SOCIOL 56	Religion and Society
SOCIOL 150	Sociological Lens on Religion
SOCIOL 179	Special Topics: Societies and Social Inequality

¹ With the approval of the Director, other relevant courses may satisfy the requirements for the major. One relevant lower-division course may be substituted for an upper-division course, with prior approval.

Studying Abroad: Students are encouraged to study abroad and may be able to satisfy a significant portion of their requirements abroad. Courses taken abroad must be approved by the Director of Religious Studies in order to be applied toward major requirements.

Residence Requirement for the Major: A minimum of five upper-division courses required for the major must be completed successfully at UCI.

Majoring in Religious Studies provides an excellent preparation for living and working in multicultural communities, including nonprofit leadership, mediation, counseling, education, journalism, technology, business, or graduate study in law, medicine, public health, diplomacy, and more. Check out the Religious Studies website (<https://www.humanities.uci.edu/religiousstudies/>) for additional information.

The UCI Division of Career Pathways provides services to students and alumni including career counseling, information about job opportunities, a career library, and workshops on resume preparation, job search, and interview techniques. See the UCI Division of Career Pathways website (<http://career.uci.edu/>) for additional information.

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