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. Talk to the director 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

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B. Select eight upper-division electives from the following, when topics are appropriate, with at least three in each of the following categories:

1. World Religious Traditions
2. Thematic Approaches to Religion

Electives

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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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