RELIGIOUS STUDIES MINOR

The Department of Religious Studies is dedicated to the study of religions as historical, social, and cultural phenomena. It offers courses on Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, Christianity, indigenous religions, ancient religions, and a variety of traditions across the globe. Faculty employ diverse and interdisciplinary methods to better understand the rituals, texts, celebrations, pilgrimages, beliefs, and everyday practices that constitute religious lives. The minor in religious studies allows students to explore all of these topics and more across a wide range of cultures and with a variety of methodological approaches.

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must:

- take at least nine hours of their minor "core" requirements at UNC— Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 in the minor core requirements. Some programs may require higher standards for minor or specific courses.

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/).

Code	Title	Ho	ours
Core Requi	rements		
which mus	t be numbered above	minor consist of five courses, two of e 400	15
Additional	Requirements		
At least on below).	e course in two of th	e department's subfields (see lists	
Total Hours			15

Introductory and intermediate language courses (RELI 401, RELI 402, RELI 403, RELI 404, RELI 409, RELI 410) are recommended for their usefulness but do not count towards the minor in religious studies.

Courses listed more than once can be counted for only one subfield.

Ancient Mediterranean Religions

Code	Title	Hours
RELI 63	First-Year Seminar. The Archaeology of Qumra and the Dead Sea Scrolls	an 3
RELI 65	First-Year Seminar. Myth, Philosophy, and Science in the Ancient World	3
RELI 70	First-Year Seminar. Jesus in Scholarship and Film	3
RELI 78	First-Year Seminar. Reading the Bible: Now an Then	nd 3
RELI 80	First-Year Seminar. Religion and Writing in the Ancient World	3
RELI 104	Introduction to the New Testament H	3
RELI 105	Religions of the Greco-Roman World	3
RELI 109	History and Culture of Ancient Israel H	3
RELI 114	Early Christian Worship, Ritual, and Bodies	3

RELI 117	Culture of the Ancient Near East	3
RELI 201	Ancient Biblical Interpretation H	3
RELI 205	Sacrifice in the Ancient World H	3
RELI 207	Jesus in the Early Christian Gospels	3
RELI 208	The Birth of Christianity	3
RELI 209	₩ Varieties of Early Christianity H	3
RELI 211	Classical Hebrew I: A Linguistic Introduction to the Hebrew Bible	3
RELI 212	Classical Hebrew II: A Linguistic Introduction to the Hebrew Bible	3
RELI 215	Eastern Christian Cultures: Middle East, Asia, Africa, and Eastern Europe	3
RELI 217	Gnosticism ^H	3
RELI 314	Memory and the Historical Jesus ^H	3
RELI 315	Religious Frauds: Lies, Forgeries, and Fake News ^H	3
RELI 390	Topics in the Study of Religion (based on topic)	3
RELI 411	Advanced Akkadian	3
RELI 412	Ugaritic	3
RELI 413	Biblical Coptic and Early Egyptian Monasticism	3
RELI 414	Syriac	3
RELI 501	The History of the Bible in Modern Study	3
RELI 504	Readings in Hebrew Bible	3
RELI 590	Topics in the Study of Religion (based on topic)	3
RELI 602	What Is Scripture? Formations of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Canon	3
RELI 603	The Bible and Its Translation	3
RELI 607	Problems in Early Christian Literature and History H	3
RELI 608	The Messiah and the Apocalypse	3
RELI 609	Christianity and Greco-Roman Culture	3
RELI 610	Readings in the Apostolic Fathers	3
RELI 614	The Cult of Saints: Narratives, Materialities, Practices	3
RELI 617	Death and Afterlife in the Ancient World H	3
RELI/CLAR 375	Archaeology of Cult	3
RELI/CLAR/ JWST 110	The Archaeology of Palestine in the New Testament Period	3
RELI/CLAR/ JWST 512	Ancient Synagogues	3
RELI/FOLK 502	Myths and Epics of the Ancient Near East H	3
RELI/JWST 103	Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Literature H	3
RELI/JWST 106	Judaism in the Time of Jesus	3
RELI/JWST 206	Prophecy and Divination in Ancient Israel and Judah ^H	3
RELI/JWST 503	Exploring the Dead Sea Scrolls ^H	3

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Asian Religions-Islamic Studies

Code	Title	Hours
ANTH/ASIA/RELI 574	Chinese World Views	3
ARAB/ASIA/RELI 681	Readings in Islamicate Literatures	3
ASIA/COMM/ RELI 386	Dance and Embodied Knowledge in the Indian Context	3
ASIA/COMM/ RELI 387	Disciplining the Body and Mind: The Martial Arts of East Asia in Religion, History, and Culture	3
ASIA/RELI 180	Introduction to Islamic Civilization	3
ASIA/RELI 181	Modern Muslim Societies	3
ASIA/RELI 183	🕸 Asian Religions	3
ASIA/RELI 280	Hindu Gods and Goddesses H	3
ASIA/RELI 284	The Buddhist Tradition: East Asia	3
ASIA/RELI 285	Monks, Magic, & Meditation: Theravada Buddhism Across Space and Time	3
ASIA/RELI 382	The Story of Rama in Indian Culture– Experiential	3
ASIA/RELI 383	The Mahabharata: Remembered and Reimagined–Experiential	3
ASIA/RELI 384	Religion and Globalization in Southeast Asia	3
ASIA/RELI 445	Asian Religions in America	3
ASIA/RELI 486	🖫 Islam and Feminism/Islamic Feminism	3
ASIA/RELI/WGST 482	Sex, Gender, and Religion in South Asia	3
ASIA/RELI 487	Mountains, Pilgrimage, and Sacred Places in Japan	3
ASIA/RELI 488	Shinto in Japanese History	3
ASIA/RELI 489	Animals in Japanese Religion	3
ASIA/RELI 581	Sufism	3
ASIA/RELI 582	Islam and Islamic Art in South Asia	3
ASIA/RELI 583	Religion and Culture in Iran, 1500-Present	3
ASIA/RELI 584	The Qur'an as Literature	3
ASIA/RELI 587	lslam and Sexual Diversity	3
ASIA 300/ RELI 283	The Buddhist Tradition: India, Nepal, and Tibe	t 3
ASIA 301/ RELI 286	Premodern Japanese Religions	3
ASIA 302/ RELI 287	Modern Japanese Religions	3
ASIA 303/ RELI 288	Chinese Religions	3
HNUR/RELI 592	Religious Conflict and Literature in India	3
PWAD/RELI 481	Religion, Fundamentalism, and Nationalism	3
RELI 64	First-Year Seminar: Reintroducing Islam	3

RELI 66	First-Year Seminar. Buddhism in America: From the Buddha to the Beastie Boys	3
RELI 73	First-Year Seminar. From Dragons to Pokemon: Animals in Japanese Myth, Folklore, and Religion H	3
RELI 165	Mysticism ^H	3
RELI 184	East Asian Religions	3
RELI 185	Women/Gender/Islam ^H	3
RELI 248	Introduction to American Islam ^H	3
RELI 279	Islamic Law, Ethics, and Practice	3
RELI 289	Wuhammad and the Qur'an	3
RELI 381	Religions of South Asia	3
RELI 385	Modern Muslims and the Qur'an	3
RELI 390	Topics in the Study of Religion (based on topic)	3
RELI 474	Buddhist Meditation, Mindfulness, and Modernity	3
RELI 480	Modern Muslim Literatures	3
RELI 485	Gender and Sexuality in Islam	3
RELI 524	Ethnographic Approaches to Contemporary Religion	3
RELI 580	African American Islam	3
RELI 585	Religion and Culture of Turkey	3
RELI 586	Women and Gender in Japanese Religions	3
RELI 590	Topics in the Study of Religion (based on topic)	3

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Medieval and Early Modern/Historical Studies

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Code	Title	Hours
ASIA/RELI 180	Introduction to Islamic Civilization	3
ASIA/RELI 284	The Buddhist Tradition: East Asia	3
ASIA/RELI 488	Shinto in Japanese History	3
ASIA/RELI 581	Sufism	3
ASIA 301/ RELI 286	Premodern Japanese Religions	3
ASIA 303/ RELI 288	Chinese Religions	3
EURO/RELI 270	Religion in Western Europe H	3
GSLL/RELI 218	Christianity and Islam in the Middle Ages	3
GERM/RELI 227	Luther and the Bible	3
HIST/RELI 263	Gender and Religion in Premodern Europe H	3
HIST/RELI 454	The Reformation	3
RELI 62	First-Year Seminar. A History of Heresy: Christian Dissent from the Gnostics to the Pentecostals	3
RELI 77	First-Year Seminar. Martyrs and Warriors: Religion and the Problem of Violence	3
RELI 87	First-Year Seminar. Confessions	3

RELI 88	First-Year Seminar. Religion and Society in Historical Novels	3
RELI 108	Classic Jewish Texts: From Bible and Dead Sea Scrolls to Kabbalah and Hassidism	3
RELI 161	Introduction to the History of Christian Traditions H	3
RELI 162	Catholicism Today: An Introduction to the Contemporary Catholic Church	3
RELI 163	Critical Issues in Western Religious Thought	3
RELI 164	Heresy and Inquisition: Religion, Ethics, Marginalization	3
RELI 165	Mysticism H	3
RELI 166	Ideals, Cultures, and Rituals of the University H	3
RELI 184	East Asian Religions	3
RELI 209	Varieties of Early Christianity H	3
RELI 215	Eastern Christian Cultures: Middle East, Asia, Africa, and Eastern Europe	3
RELI 220	Religion and Medicine H	3
RELI 266	Medieval and Renaissance Christian Cultures	3
RELI 365	Studies in Christian Theologies and Theologians	3
RELI 366	Medieval Religious Texts	3
RELI 367	The Art of Devotion in Medieval and Early Modern Europe	3
RELI 368	Race, Sexuality, and Disability in the History of Western Christianity H	3
RELI 390	Topics in the Study of Religion (based on topic)	3
RELI 450	Sexuality in Jewish Tradition and History	3
RELI 465	Monotheistic Mysticism	3
RELI 565	Medieval Jews and the Bible	3
RELI 564	Religion, Race, and Inquisition in the Spanish Empire	3
RELI 566	Islamic and Jewish Legal Literature	3
RELI 569	Interfaith Marriages and Intimacy in World Religions	3
RELI 586	Women and Gender in Japanese Religions	3
RELI 590	Topics in the Study of Religion (based on topic)	3
RELI 617	Death and Afterlife in the Ancient World ^H	3
RELI 662	Advanced Seminar in Contemporary Catholicism	3
RELI/WGST 362	Mary in the Christian Tradition H	3
RELI/WGST 371	Women Mystics	3
RELI 665/ WGST 664	Body and Suffering in Christian Mysticism	3

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Religion and Culture

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Code		lours
ANTH/FOLK/RELI	Religion and Anthropology ^H	3
	Observation and Interpretation of Religious Action	n 3
CMPL/GSLL 270/ JWST 239/RELI 239	German Culture and the Jewish Question	3
HIST/RELI 263	Gender and Religion in Premodern Europe H	3
JWST 100/ RELI 123	Introduction to Jewish Studies	3
JWST/RELI 343	Religion in Modern Israel	3
JWST/RELI/ WGST 533	Women, Gender, and Judaism	3
PHIL 134/ RELI 126	Reason, Faith, and God: Philosophy of Western Religion H	3
RELI 60	First-Year Seminar. Religion and Racism	3
RELI 61	First-Year Seminar. Religion, Magic, and Science	e 3
RELI 67	First-Year Seminar: Nature/Culture/Self-Identity Religion in the Construction of Social Life	
RELI 68	FYS: Charisma in Religion, Science, and Poetry Studies in the Entrepreneurial Imagination	3
RELI 71	First-Year Seminar. The Spirit of Capitalism	3
RELI 74	First-Year Seminar: Person, Time, and Religious Conduct H	3
RELI 75	First-Year Seminar. Sacrifice and Surrender	3
RELI 76	First-Year Seminar: Money and Morality: Divining Value in Social Life	3
RELI 77	First-Year Seminar. Martyrs and Warriors: Religion and the Problem of Violence	3
RELI 79	First-Year Seminar. Human Animals in Religion and Ethics	3
RELI 85	First-Year Seminar: Sex, Marriage, and Family in Religion	n 3
RELI 101	Introduction to Religious Studies	3
RELI 102	🥮 World Religions	3
RELI 121	introduction to Religion and Culture H	3
RELI 122	Introduction to Philosophical Approaches to Religion H	3
RELI 125	Heaven and Hell	3
RELI 127	The Claims of Science and Religion	3
RELI 130	Religion and Popular Culture	3
RELI 134	Introduction to Religious Ethics ^H	3
RELI 135	Religion, Ethics, and Technology H	3
RELI 138	Religious Freedom	3
RELI 163	Critical Issues in Western Religious Thought	3
RELI 166	Ideals, Cultures, and Rituals of the University H	3
RELI 167	Global Christianity	3

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RELI 205	Sacrifice in the Ancient World H	3
RELI 220	Religion and Medicine H	3
RELI 222	Modern Western Religious Thought	3
RELI 224	Modern Jewish Thought H	3
RELI 225	Christian Cultures	3
RELI 226	Human Animals in Religion and Ethics	3
RELI 232	Shrines and Pilgrimages	3
RELI 233	Religion and Violence	3
RELI 235	Place, Space, and Religion	3
RELI 236	Religious Things	3
RELI 245	Latina/o Religions in the United States-Mexico Borderlands ^H	3
RELI 246	Supernatural Encounters: Zombies, Vampires, Demons, and the Occult in the Americas	3
RELI 322	Theories of Religion H	3
RELI 323	Social Theory and Cultural Diversity	3
RELI 325	🤹 Religion, Magic, and Science	3
RELI 338	Religion in American Law	3
RELI 345	Black Atlantic Religions H	3
RELI 352	Anthropology of Christianity	3
RELI 390	Topics in the Study of Religion (based on topic)	3
RELI 420	Post-Holocaust Ethics and Theology H	3
RELI 421	Religion and Science	3
RELI 423	Ethnicity, Race, and Religion in America	3
RELI 425	Psychology of Religion ^H	3
RELI 426	The Sacrifice of Abraham H	3
RELI 427	Spirit Possession and Mediumship	3
RELI 430	Dimensions of Evil	3
RELI 438	Religion, Nature, and Environment H	3
RELI 452	Documenting Religion	3
RELI 474	Buddhist Meditation, Mindfulness, and Modernity	3
RELI 522	19th-Century Critiques of Religion	3
RELI 524	Ethnographic Approaches to Contemporary Religion	3
RELI 525	Seminar in Religion and Literature	3
RELI 527	Religious Metaphor and Symbol	3
RELI 528	Rituals and Rhetorics of Religion	3
RELI 530	Genealogies of Religion	3
RELI 564	Religion, Race, and Inquisition in the Spanish Empire	3
RELI 590	Topics in the Study of Religion (based on topic)	3
RELI 620	Feminism and Religion	3
RELI/SOCI 429	Religion and Society	3
RELI/WGST 244	Gender and Sexuality in Western Christianity H	3
RELI/WGST 362	Mary in the Christian Tradition H	3

RELI 368/ WGST 370	Race, Sexuality, and Disability in the History of Western Christianity H	3
RELI/WGST 424	Gender Theory and the Study of Religion	3
RELI 665/ WGST 664	Body and Suffering in Christian Mysticism	3

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Hours

Religion in the Americas

Title

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Code	Title 11	iouis
ANTH/FOLK/RELI 342	African-American Religious Experience	3
ASIA/RELI 445	Asian Religions in America	3
JWST/RELI 107	Introduction to Modern Judaism	3
JWST/RELI 143	Judaism in Our Time	3
JWST/RELI 243	Introduction to American Judaism	3
JWST/RELI 343	Religion in Modern Israel	3
JWST/RELI 444/ WGST 448	Gender and Sexuality in Contemporary Judaism	3
RELI 60	First-Year Seminar. Religion and Racism	3
RELI 66	First-Year Seminar. Buddhism in America: From the Buddha to the Beastie Boys	3
RELI 69	First-Year Seminar. Gender and Sexuality in Contemporary Judaism	3
RELI 71	First-Year Seminar. The Spirit of Capitalism	3
RELI 72	First-Year Seminar. Apocalypse Now? Messianic Movements in America	3
RELI 87	First-Year Seminar. Confessions	3
RELI 130	Religion and Popular Culture	3
RELI 135	Religion, Ethics, and Technology H	3
RELI 140	Religion in America H	3
RELI 141	African American Religions H	3
RELI 142	Catholicism in America	3
RELI 151	Religion in Latin America	3
RELI 235	Place, Space, and Religion	3
RELI 240	Religion, Literature, and the Arts in America	3
RELI 241	Messianic Movements in American History	3
RELI 242	New Religious Movements in America	3
RELI 245	Latina/o Religions in the United States-Mexico Borderlands ^H	3
RELI 246	Supernatural Encounters: Zombies, Vampires, Demons, and the Occult in the Americas	3
RELI 247	Uncertain Truths: Conspiracy Theories, Aliens, and Secret Societies in America	1 3
RELI 248	Introduction to American Islam H	3
RELI 332	The Protestant Tradition H	3
RELI 338	Religion in American Law	3
RELI 340	Liberal Tradition in American Religion	3

RELI 345	Black Atlantic Religions ^H	3
RELI 390	Topics in the Study of Religion (based on topic)	3
RELI 423	Ethnicity, Race, and Religion in America	3
RELI 441	Religion in Early America ^H	3
RELI 442	History of Religion in America since 1865	3
RELI 443	Evangelicalism in Contemporary America ^H	3
RELI 446	Christian-Jewish Relations throughout the Ages	3
RELI 448	Native and Christian: Indigenous Engagements with Christianity	3
RELI 452	Documenting Religion	3
RELI 501	The History of the Bible in Modern Study	3
RELI 540	Mormonism and the American Experience	3
RELI 541	Evangelicalism from a Global Perspective H	3
RELI 542	Religion and the Counterculture ^H	3
RELI 580	African American Islam	3
RELI 590	Topics in the Study of Religion (based on topic)	3

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Department Programs

Majors

- Religious Studies Major, B.A. (https://catalog.unc.edu/ undergraduate/programs-study/religious-studies-major-ba/)
- Religious Studies Major, B.A.—Jewish Studies Concentration (https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/religious-studies-major-ba-jewish-studies-concentration/)

Minors

- Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies Minor (https://catalog.unc.edu/ undergraduate/programs-study/islamic-middle-eastern-studiesminor/)
- Jewish Studies Minor (https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/ programs-study/jewish-studies-minor/)
- Religious Studies Minor (p. 1)
- Study of Christianity and Culture Minor (https://catalog.unc.edu/ undergraduate/programs-study/study-christianity-culture-minor/)

Graduate Programs

- M.A. in Religious Studies (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/religious-studies/)
- Ph.D. in Religious Studies (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/ schools-departments/religious-studies/)

Courses

- · Religious Studies (RELI) (https://catalog.unc.edu/courses/reli/)
- Jewish Studies (JWST) (https://catalog.unc.edu/courses/jwst/)

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