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Major: Religious Studies, BA

The Department of Religious Studies offers students the opportunity to engage in the academic study of religion. Drawing on a host of academic disciplines, religious studies challenges students to encounter the traditions of the world in all their rich diversity.

What skills do students develop in this program?

Critical thinking, textual analysis, writing, general analytical skills, and knowledge of religion in general and particular forms and contexts.

What kind of student is a good fit for Religious Studies?

This major would be a good fit for a student who is curious about the nature of human belief and the way in which it is culturally expressed, as well as students who are interested in the moral and social dimensions of religious organizations.

Are there any popular classes in the program that you would suggest or recommended classes for a student who is just starting to explore the major?

- REL 200: Debates About God
- REL 212: Religion and Popular Culture
- REL 217: Islamic Cultures and Societies
- REL 224: Religion and Politics in the United States
- REL 226: Technology, Ethics, and Society

What are examples of internships and/or research opportunities that students in this major are currently working on or have access to as majors in this program?

Our faculty have active research programs and have frequently worked with students through our Undergraduate Research Assistant program.

What are students doing after graduation?

Our students have pursued a wide variety of professions after graduation, including working for the United Nations, working to create sustainable plastics, teaching, and working with youth.

Other interesting facts about the Religious Studies major?

We have a fabulous faculty that care deeply about our students and who offer a wide array of courses. One does not have to be religious to major in Religious Studies!