

Religion Minor (18 credits) Pre-2021

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Please note that departmental contact is strongly recommended to further aid your academic planning. Irregularities in offerings do occur as a result of sabbaticals and medical leaves.

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Only one introductory course (i.e. RELI 101, 102, 103, 104, or 105) may count toward the RELI minor.

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Electives must be selected from RELI courses or may include PHIL 217 and GREK 303.

_____ RELI 405, 415, 425, 435, or 444 and 445

Important information for minors:

- Because there are few pre-requisites within the Religion coursework, it is easy to double major or even minor in religion.
- Students may be interested in participating in one or more of the campus ministry organizations and take advantage of non-profit service activities on campus or within the local community. Common co-curricular programs of interest include the McRae Program for Religion and Society, the Hobbie Business Ethics Program and the Wilson Center Public Service Program. Students may also wish to consider INDS 320- Philanthropy in Theory & Practice.
- Students interested in the McRae Program for Religion and Society should plan on taking Religious Autobiography the fall of their sophomore or junior year.
- Students interested in graduate work in religious studies should complete RELI 245.
- Religion as a minor is a guaranteed conversation starter that can often make you stand out from the crowd of otherwise qualified applicants.
- There are many courses in RELI which compliment other majors. Alternative Religions in America would be a perfect for a student interested in law. Biblical Studies may be a wonderful complement for those studying Classics or English. Courses in world religions may help a GOVT or FA major. Religion in American Life I & II is a nice way for HIST and GOVT majors to enhance their studies. RELI ethics courses may round out the educations of economics and business majors.
- Very rarely is it to a student's advantage to opt out of RELI 444, even if he is a minor. A student enrolled in RELI 444 will have a higher success rate in completing his senior thesis in a manner that matches the quality of the student's work to his potential to do well.

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Successful completion of the above items does not alone guarantee that graduation requirements have been met. Please see advisor.

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