

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Religious Studies Concentration, Professor Paul Dietrich, Advisor

Religion has been taught as an academic discipline at the University of Montana since 1924. Located within the Global Humanities and Religions Program, the study of religion is pursued in the University in an interdisciplinary setting that offers opportunities for exploration and discovery in many areas of the humanities, art, and sciences. Our Religious Studies courses emphasize the scholarly analysis and interpretation of the history, literature, beliefs, myths, symbols, rituals, ethical and legal codes, and communities and institutions of the world's religious traditions.

We investigate how the world's religions address enduring human questions and influence responses to daily problems, and we explore how religious traditions shape lives and societies, from the emergence of the earliest civilizations to 21st-century global conflicts. Our students engage ideas about the good life and death, suffering and happiness, war and peace, revelation and salvation, God, mysticism, and religious experience. The curriculum is designed to provide students with a broad and deep understanding of religion as a field of human activity and inquiry. Students acquire the skills necessary to investigate specific religious traditions in historical depth and to understand the forms, expressions, and roles of religion in the world today.

Bachelor of Arts - Global Humanities and Religions; Religious Studies Concentration

College Humanities & Sciences

Degree Specific Credits: 39

Required Cumulative GPA: 2.0

Catalog Year: 2017-2018

General Education Requirements

Information regarding these requirements can be found in the General Education Section (<http://catalog.umt.edu/academics/general-education-requirements>) of the catalog.

Summary

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Introduction to the Humanities	
Introduction to Asian Humanities	
Near Eastern/Mediterranean courses	
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Theory & Method in the Study of Religion	
Religious Studies Courses	
Liberal Studies Courses with Religious Studies content	
Modern and Classical Language Requirement	
Total Hours	44

Religious Studies Lower-Division Requirements

Rule: 20 credits.

Minimum Required Grade: C-

15 Total Credits Required

Introduction to Western Humanities

Rule: Take the following 2 courses.

Note: WRIT 101 is a pre-requisite or co-requisite. General Education fulfillment: GH 151L and GH 152L satisfy both the "designated writing course" and "Literary & Artistic Studies" requirements.

GH 151L	Introduction to Western Humanities Antiquity	3
GH 152L	Introduction to the Humanities Medieval to Modern	3
Total Hours		6

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Introduction to Asian Humanities

Rule: Take the following course.

GH 161H	Asian Humanities	3
Total Hours		3

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Near Eastern/Mediterranean Courses

Select one of the following: 3

RLST 204H	Intro to the Hebrew Bible	
RLST 205L	Introduction to New Testament	
RLST 225L	Christianity	
Total Hours		3

Minimum Required Grade: C-

South or East Asian Courses

Select one of the following: 3

RLST 232H	Buddhism	
RLST 234X	Hindu Religious Traditions	
RLST 238X	Japanese Religions	
Total Hours		3

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Religious Studies Upper-Division Requirements

Rule: 24 credits.

Minimum Required Grade: C-

24 Total Credits Required

Theory & Method in the Study of Religion

Rule: Take the following course.

Note: Please see the GHR Director for possible course substitution approval.

RLST 300	Theory & Method Study of Relig	3
Total Hours		3

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Religious Studies Courses

Select 7 from the following:	21	
GH 326	Stories East and West	
GH 327L	Gender & Sexuality in Eng Fict	
GH 329	Fathers and Daughters in Western Literary Traditions	
GH 391	Special Topics	
GH 316E	Talking to God: Bhagavad Gita	
HSTA 347	Voodoo, Muslim, Church: Black Religion	
HSTA 417	Prayer & Civil Rights	
RLST 310	Topics in Biblical Studies	
RLST 320	Anct Judaism & Early Christnty	
RLST 335	Western Religious Thought I	
RLST 336	Western Religious Thought II	
RLST 353	Topics in South Asia Religions	
RLST 354	Topics in East Asia Religions	
RLST 366	Tibetan Civilization	
RLST 368	Contemporary Buddhism in S/SEAsia	
RLST 369	Contemplative Traditions of Asia	
RLST 370	Mysticism	
RLST 376	Contemporary Religious Thought	
RLST 391	Special Topics	
RLST 392	Independent Study	
RLST 491	Special Topics	
RLST 492	Independent Study	
Total Hours		21

Minimum Required Grade: C-