

Religious Studies (Minor)

To see more about what you will learn in this program, visit the Learning Outcomes website (<https://apps.oirp.ncsu.edu/pgas/>)!

Students who take the minor program in Religious Studies are required to complete, with a grade of C or better, fifteen (15) hours of courses in selected fields of Religious Studies. In order to ensure a wide study of the field, students are required to select at least one course in each of the following categories: Historical Methods, Textual Methods, and Critical/Theoretical Methods. As part of these requirements, it is expected that at least one of these classes focus on Western religious traditions and at least one on non-Western traditions. Electives may be filled from any of these courses or from other Religious Studies course offerings. No courses for the minor may be taken for S/U credit.

Admissions and Certification of Minor

The minor must be completed no later than the semester in which the student expects to graduate from his or her degree program. Paperwork for certification should be completed no later than during the registration period for the student's final semester at NC State. To be admitted to the program, a student must have a GPA of at least 2.0. Application for admission to any University minor program is now available via MyPack Portal. Admission will be based upon the student's academic record, and in most cases no longer requires departmental review. Go to the Add a Minor (<https://studentservices.ncsu.edu/your-degree/coda-home/add-a-minor/>) page to apply.

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Plan Requirements

- 15 hours (5 courses) of course work is required to complete the minor in Religious Studies.
- Students are required to select at least 1 course in Western Religious Traditions and at least 1 course in non-Western religious traditions.
- A minimum grade of 'C-' is needed in all courses taken toward the minor.
- A maximum of **two** (2) courses may be used (double-counted) towards departmental major requirements and/or requirements for additional minor(s).

Required Courses

The department will determine whether courses which have been transferred from other institutions qualify for the minor. No more than two courses from other institutions may count toward the minor. Students

must select at least one course in each of the following categories: Textual Methods, Historical Methods and Critical/Theoretical methods.

Historical Methods Courses

Code	Title	Hours	Counts towards
REL 230	Asian Religions	3	
REL 317	Christianity	3	
REL/HI 320	Religion in American History	3	
REL 331	The Hindu Tradition	3	
REL 332	The Buddhist Traditions	3	
REL 333	Chinese Religions	3	
REL 334	Japanese Religions	3	
REL 340	Islam	3	
REL 350	Judaism	3	
REL/HI 402	Early Christianity to the Time of Eusebius	3	
REL/HI 407	Islamic History to 1798	3	
REL/HI 408	Islam in the Modern World	3	

Textual Methods Courses

Code	Title	Hours	Counts towards
REL 311	Introduction to the Old Testament	3	
REL 312	Introduction to the New Testament	3	
REL 314	Introduction to Intertestamental Literature	3	
REL 412	Advanced Readings in the Christian Gospels	3	
REL 413	The Life and Letters of the Apostle Paul	3	

Critical/Theoretical Methods Courses

Code	Title	Hours	Counts towards
REL 200	Introduction to the Study of Religion	3	
REL 220	Religion in the Contemporary World	3	
REL/SOC 309	Religion and Society	3	

REL 323	Religious Cults, Sects, and Minority Faiths in America	3
REL 327	Issues in Contemporary Religion	3
REL 383	Religion, Globalism, and Justice	3
REL 423	Religion and Politics in America	3
REL 424	Religion and Politics in Global Perspective	3
REL/STS 471	Darwinism and Christianity	3
REL/WGS 472	Women and Religion	3
REL 473	Religion, Gender, and Reproductive Technologies	3
REL 482	Religion and Conflict	3
REL 489	Interpretations of Religion	3

Western Traditions

Code	Title	Hours	Counts towards
REL 311	Introduction to the Old Testament	3	
REL 312	Introduction to the New Testament	3	
REL 314	Introduction to Intertestamental Literature	3	
REL 317	Christianity	3	
REL/HI 320	Religion in American History	3	
REL 323	Religious Cults, Sects, and Minority Faiths in America	3	
REL 350	Judaism	3	
REL/HI 402	Early Christianity to the Time of Eusebius	3	
REL 412	Advanced Readings in the Christian Gospels	3	
REL 413	The Life and Letters of the Apostle Paul	3	

REL 423	Religion and Politics in America	3
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Non-Western Traditions

Code	Title	Hours	Counts towards
REL 230	Asian Religions	3	
REL 331	The Hindu Tradition	3	
REL 332	The Buddhist Traditions	3	
REL 333	Chinese Religions	3	
REL 334	Japanese Religions	3	
REL 340	Islam	3	
REL/HI 407	Islamic History to 1798	3	
REL/HI 408	Islam in the Modern World	3	