

**The Ohio State University  
Colleges of the Arts and Sciences**

**Religious Studies Minor (Rel Stds, 433)**

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The religious studies minor employs an academic approach to religion, stressing its role as an important dimension of human experience in different cultural contexts. A minor in religious studies consists of a minimum of 35 credit hours of core and additional courses. All students must take Comparative Studies/Religious Studies 270 and 620. Two core courses must be chosen from those listed below. Additional courses must include 10 credit hours in a single tradition and five in a second tradition. Traditions from which students may choose are Abrahamic (Judaism, Christianity, Islam); Indo-Sinitic (Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism); and Indigenous/Folk/Archaic (Native American, Shinto, African). Up to 10 credit hours of overlap with the GEC is permitted.

After the coordinating adviser in the Department of Comparative Studies has approved the Minor Program Form, you should file the form with your college or school counselor. For further information about the minor program, contact the department.

**Required courses (10 credit hours)**

Comparative or Religious Studies 270 and 620

**Religious studies core courses (10 credit hours)**

Philosophy 270 and either:  
Anthropology 620.11 or Sociology 467 or Comparative or Religious Studies 541  
(Appropriate substitutes may be made with the approval of the religious studies adviser.)

**Additional courses** 10 credit hours in one tradition and five credit hours in a second tradition.

Buddhism

History of Art 213, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 677.02, 681  
Japanese 641  
Philosophy 215, 641  
Comparative or Religious Studies 323, 641

Christianity

English 280  
Classics 323, 325, 326  
Hebrew 621  
History 506, 507, 508.01, 508.02, 511, 533.01, 578  
History of Art 211, 315(515), 525, 524(624), 625, 527(627)  
Medieval and Renaissance Studies 215, 218  
Philosophy 302, 602, 670

Hinduism

History 543.01, 543.02  
History of Art 671, 672, 675, 676  
Comparative or Religious Studies 321

Indigenous/folk/archaic

Classics 222, 322, 323, 324  
Comparative or Religious Studies 322, 324, 526, 542, 641, 677.04  
History 368, 568.01, 568.02  
History of Art 210, 216, 610, 611, 615, 616, 617, 521(621), 677.01, 681  
Medieval and Renaissance Studies 240  
Near Eastern Languages and Cultures 370  
Persian 370  
Philosophy 215

Scandinavian 222

Islam

African-American and African Studies 541(643)  
Arabic 626, 671  
History 340, 540.01, 540.02, 540.03, 540.04, 540.05, 541.01, 541.02, 542.01, 543.02, 543.03  
History of Art 663, 664, 675  
Medieval and Renaissance Studies 214, 226  
Near Eastern Languages and Cultures 271, 341, 351, 372, 671  
Turkish 371

Judaism

English 280  
Hebrew 241, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 376, 378, 425, 620, 621, 623, 671, 680  
History 330.01, 330.02, 331, 332, 530.01, 530.02, 530.03

Philosophy 321, 323, 521  
Comparative or Religious Studies 376

**Arts and Sciences minor program guidelines**

The following guidelines govern minors.

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required A minimum of 20 (some minors require more)

Transfer credit hours allowed A maximum of 10

Overlap with the GEC Permitted, unless specifically disallowed by an individual minor program.

Overlap with the major Not allowed and

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The same courses cannot count on the minor and on the major.

Overlap between minors Each minor completed must contain 20 unique hours.

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.

Approval required The minor program description sheet indicates if the minor course work must be approved by:

- The academic unit offering the minor, or
- A college/school counselor.

Filing the minor program form The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

Changing the minor Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by:

- The academic unit offering the minor, or
- A college/school counselor (depending on the minor).

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