Religious Studies Minor (RELSTDS-MN)

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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 25 credit hours. All students must take Comparative Studies 270 and either 520 or 620. Two core courses must be chosen from those listed below. One additional course must be chosen from the list of courses in specific traditions ("additional courses"). 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.

Required courses (10 credit hours)
Comparative Studies 270 and either 520 or 620

Religious studies core courses (10 credit hours, at least five in Comparative Studies)
Anthropology 620.11
Comparative Studies 515, 525, 541, or 651 (with an approved topic)
Philosophy 270
Sociology 467
(Appropriate substitutes may be made with the approval of the religious studies adviser.)

Additional courses (five credit hours in a single tradition)

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

Christianity
Classics 323, 325, 326
English 280
Hebrew 621
History 506, 507, 508.01, 508.02, 511, 533.01, 578
History of Art 301, 315, 316, 524, 525, 527, 529, 625, 628
Medieval and Renaissance Studies 215, 218
Philosophy 302, 602, 670

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

Indigenous/folk/archaic
Classics 222, 322, 323, 324
Comparative Studies 322, 324, 526, 542, 641, 677.04 (with approved topic)
History 368.01, 368.02, 543.01, 568.01, 568.02
History of Art 216, 610, 611, 615, 616, 617, 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
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 341, 351, 372, 671
Turkish 371

Judaism
Comparative Studies 376
English 280
History 330.01, 330.02, 331, 332, 530.01, 530.02, 530.03, 530.04, 531.01, 531.02, 531.03
Philosophy 321, 323, 521

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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