

RELIGIOUS STUDIES - MINOR

The Religious Studies Minor offers students the opportunity to better understand how religion addresses core concerns about human existence across cultures.

The interdisciplinary Religious Studies Minor at Texas A&M University encourages students to explore the many ways people experience and articulate the sacred.

Students who minor in Religious Studies select from a range of courses that match their interests and goals from a variety of disciplines in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students have the opportunity to study specific religious traditions, to approach religion through the study of rituals, symbols, and literature, and to examine religion as a human phenomenon situated in culture and history. Topics of study include the history of religious traditions, religion in contemporary life, religion in the arts and literature, and many other topics. Students gain perspective on the complexity of religious thought and practices in world cultures.

The Religious Studies Minor emphasizes a number of skills that are important to success in the workplace and as a citizen of the world: critical thinking, problem solving, cultural understanding, and written, oral, and visual communication. The ability to understand the significance of religion at individual, interpersonal, social, and cultural levels can serve students in nearly every career path, even those that do not focus on religion. The skills that students learn through the study of religion as a human endeavor provide an intellectual foundation for future careers in education, international development, non-profit agencies and NGOs, public relations and marketing, government service, international law, international business, engineering, global health, and research.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
RELS 200-499 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/rels/) ¹		6
RELS 300-499 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/rels/)		9
Total Semester Credit Hours		15

¹ Six semester credit hours in approved languages, including: ARAB 201, ARAB 202, ARAB 301, ARAB 302; CLAS 211, CLAS 221, CLAS 222, CLAS 311, CLAS 312, CLAS 313, CLAS 321, CLAS 322 will be accepted in lieu of RELS 200-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/rels/>).

Students must make a grade of C or better in all courses.

At least 9 semester credit hours must be 300-400 level courses.