Religious Studies - Minor

The interdisciplinary Religious Studies minor at Texas A&M University encourages students to explore the many ways people experience and articulate the sacred. The Religious Studies minor offers students the opportunity to better understand how religion addresses core concerns about human existence across cultures.

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 Liberal Arts. Students have the opportunity to study specific religious traditions, to approach religion through the study or rituals, symbols, and literature, and to approach 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 on nearly every career path, even those that do not focus on religion, because the skills that students learn through the study of religion as a human endeavor provides an intellectual foundation for any future career.

Program Requirements

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Select up to five of the following:

- CLAS 211 Intermediate Greek
- CLAS 221 Intermediate Latin I
- CLAS 222 Intermediate Latin II
- CLAS 311 Advanced Greek: New Testament
- CLAS 312 Advanced Classical Greek Poetry
- CLAS 313 Advanced Classical Greek Prose
- CLAS 321 Advanced Latin Prose
- CLAS 322 Advanced Latin Poetry
- ARAB 201 Intermediate Arabic I
- ARAB 202 Intermediate Arabic II
- ARAB 301 Reading and Composition
- ARAB 302 Reading and Composition II

Total Semester Credit Hours: 15

1 Up to six semester credit hours may be in approved languages.

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

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