



RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts

College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

Program Overview

Religious Studies aims to understand how faith shapes the thoughts, lives, and ethics of individuals and communities. Fields of study include Theology, Biblical Studies, Spirituality, World Religions, Ethics, and Religion and Culture. Students become familiar with several major religious traditions in the world in addition to Roman Catholicism. Students explore perennial questions concerning the reality of God, the meaning of human existence, the significance of the Bible, the dignity and liberation of the person, and ways to live ethically in a global world. To this end, students learn to appreciate religious diversity and the roles of religions and religious faith in shaping human life, as exemplified particularly in the Roman Catholic tradition. The department is committed to the university's mission of social justice and addresses such issues throughout its curriculum.

Career Opportunities

This liberal arts major prepares students for graduate studies in religion, teaching, ministry, literary studies, history, and psychology as well as law school, medical school, and business school. Students are strong candidates for careers in business, communications, and non-profit organizations. Recent graduates work as university administrators, non-profit program directors, entrepreneurs, high school teachers, lawyers, campus ministers, and lay directors of church education programs.

Faculty

Dr. Adrienne Nock Ambrose, Assistant Professor (Ph.D., Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley, CA): History of Christianity
Dr. Glenn Ambrose, Associate Professor (Ph.D., Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley, CA): Systematic Theology
Dr. Martha Ann Kirk, CCVI, Professor (Th.D., Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley, CA): Christian Spirituality, Religion and the Arts
Dr. Julie Miller, Associate Professor and Chair (Th.D, Harvard University): Ethics, Women in Christianity
Dr. Jakob. K. Rinderknecht, Assistant Professor (Ph.D., Marquette University): Ecumenical Theology, Ecclesiology, Cognitive Mapping, Sacramental Theology
Horacio Vela, Assistant Professor (ABD, University of Notre Dame)

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Freshman Year: Fall		Hrs.
DWHP 1200 (or DWHP 3200) and 1-hour lifelong physical activity course	3	
ENGL 1311L Composition I	3	
MATH Core	3	
Modern Language I	3	
RELS 1315 Origins of Christianity	3	
Total hours	15	
Sophomore Year: Fall		
ENGL 2310 World Literature	3	
HIST Core: Recommend HIST 1311 World History I OR HIST 1312 World History II	3	
RELS 1325 The Religious Quest	3	
Minor or Elective	3	
ENGL 2310 World Literature	3	
Total hours	15	
Junior Year: Fall		
RELS Religion & Culture Elective (ADV)	3	
RELS Biblical Studies Elective (ADV)	3	
Minor or Electives (ADV)	9	
Total hours	15	
Senior Year: Fall		
RELS elective in student's chosen track (CATHOLIC, THEOLOGICAL, or BIBLICAL) OR RELS Elective for General Track majors (ADV)	6	
Electives	9	
Total hours	15	

Freshman Year: Spring		Hrs.
ENGL 1312 Composition II	3	
Fine Arts Core	3	
Modern Language II	3	
PHIL 1381 Introduction to Philosophy	3	
RELS 1305 Introduction to Theology and Ethics	3	
Total hours	15	
Sophomore Year: Spring		
Natural Science and Lab Core	4	
RELS 1335 Spirituality and Prayer	3	
RELS 3345 World Religions	3	
Social Science Core	3	
Minor or Elective	3	
Total hours	16	
Junior Year: Spring		
RELS Theological Studies Elective (ADV)	3	
RELS elective in student's chosen track (CATHOLIC, THEOLOGICAL, or BIBLICAL) OR RELS Elective for General Track majors (ADV)	3	
Electives (ADV)	6	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15	
Senior Year: Spring		
RELS 4370 Senior Seminar	3	
Electives	12	
Total hours	15	

Core Curriculum - Total Hours 43
Major - Total Hours 78
Degree - Total Hours 121