



Religious Studies Program

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Course Guide Summer and Fall 2018



What is Religious Studies?

Religious Studies is an interdisciplinary academic program that explores “what matters” to people and how beliefs, symbols, rituals, spaces, etc. serve as resources in a variety of contexts as human beings make sense of and live out their lives. It engages a variety of professional fields and provides important preparation for thinking, communicating and functioning professionally and personally in a complex, multi-dimensional world.

Religious Studies offers flexible major and certificate programs. Students often combine the RS programs with work in other majors, service learning, internships and interdisciplinary research projects. For information about degrees and courses contact:

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Summer 2018 Course

New summer course! Cross listed with Gender & Women’s Studies!

RS 305 (Int)	Women Gender and Religion	HUM	Swartzentruber	7/16–8/12	MTWR	9:30AM-12:00PM
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Explores religious and cultural understandings of women and gender, contributions of women to religions and the influence of religion on the situations of women across the world. Honors option available.

Fall 2018 Gateway Course

Open to all students, a great intro to Religious Studies and the Impact of religion

RS 102 (Ele)	Exploring Religion in Sickness & Health	HUM or SSci	Norman	MW +sec	11:00AM-11:50AM
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How do people understand and live in sickness and health? How are physical and spiritual well-being connected? We’ll examine how medicine and meaning-making interact in several religious contexts, globally and locally. 3 credits. 4 FIG sections, 1 Honors section, 5 open sections.

Skills: interdisciplinary analysis, writing, cultural and religious literacy, conversing across viewpoints.

Meets gateway requirement for RS Major and RS and Health-Humanities certificates.

Counts toward Global Health Certificate and CALS International Studies requirement. HUM or SocSci credit (Z).

See reverse for complete list of Fall 2018 courses. Consult instructor content in the course schedule.

All Fall 2018 Courses

Elementary—More courses open to all students without pre-requisites

RS 102	Exploring Religion in Sickness & Health <i>HUM or SS</i>		Norman	MW +sec	11:00AM–11:50AM
RS 112	Late Antiquity (200-900 C.E.) <i>HUM or SS</i>		Neville	TR	1:00PM–2:15PM
RS 173	Consuming Happiness		TBA	RT	9:30AM–10:45AM
RS 200	Art & Science of Human Flourishing	<i>HUM</i>	Dunne	MW	9:55AM–10:45AM
RS 206	Introduction to the Qur'an	<i>HUM</i>	Gade	TR +sec	1:00PM–2:15PM
RS 211	Introduction to Judaism	<i>HUM</i>	Rosenblum	TR +sec	2:30PM–3:45PM
RS 267	Asian Religions	<i>HUM</i>	Hansen	MW +sec	2:30PM–3:45PM
RS 274	Religion in South Asia	<i>HUM</i>	Cerulli	TR	11:00AM–12:15PM

Intermediate—Other courses to begin or continue studies in religious traditions, texts, themes

RS 208	West Intell & Rel Hist to 1500 <i>HUM or SS</i>		Carlsson	TR	1:00PM–2:15PM
RS 227	Intro to Biblical Lit (Hebrew Bible) <i>LIT</i>		Hutton	TR +sec	11:00AM-12:15PM
RS 234	Genres-Western Relig Writing <i>HUM; open to Fresh</i>	<i>COMMB</i>	Rosenhagen	TR	1:00PM–2:15PM
RS 270	Environment, Religion & Ethics <i>HUM</i>		Gade	TR +sec	9:55AM–10:45AM
RS 300	America and Religions <i>HUM</i>		Ridgely	MW	2:30PM–3:45PM
RS 333	Christian Lit: Matthew-Revelation (New Testament) <i>LIT; open to Fresh</i>		Norman	TR	9:30AM–10:45AM
RS 343	Anthropology of Religion <i>SS</i>		TBA	TR	1:00PM–2:15PM
RS 350	Introduction to Taoism <i>HUM</i>		TBA	TR	2:30PM–3:45PM
RS 406	The Amish <i>HUM</i>	<i>meets HH cert B req</i>	Louden	MWF	9:55AM–10:45AM
RS 478	Art & Relig Practice Medieval Japan <i>HUM</i>		Phillips	MWF	9:55AM–10:45AM

Advanced Courses

RS 500	Death and the Afterlife <i>HUM</i>		Dale	TR	11:00AM-12:15PM
RS 600	Religion-Critical Perspective		Ridgely	M	4:00PM–6:30PM
RS 601	Senior Capstone Res & Colloq		Norman	M	4:00PM–6:00PM
RS 624	Meditation-Buddhism & Hinduism <i>HUM</i>		Buhnemann	TR	1:00PM–2:15PM

*Many faculty waive sophomore standing requirement. Most courses have honors option.
Consult instructor content in the course schedule.*