



Religious Studies Program  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

## RS Course Guide: Fall 2020 *Preview*

For further information about the RS major, certificate and courses, see RS website and contact: Dr. Corrie Norman, Associate Director and Advisor, 226 Bradley Memorial Building | [cenorman@wisc.edu](mailto:cenorman@wisc.edu) | <http://religiousstudies.wisc.edu>  
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### Elementary Level

**RELIG ST 102: Religion in Sickness & Health** - Norman MW 11:00-11:50am (*RS Gateway Course*)

**RELIG ST 173: Consuming Happiness** - Whelan MW 9:55-10:45am

**RELIG ST 200: Topic: Religion and the Media** - Ridgely TTh 11:00am-12:15pm (*FIG only*)

**RELIG ST 203: Jewish Law, Business, and Ethics** - Rosenblum MW 12:05-12:55pm

### Intermediate Level – *Many instructors will waive Soph standing requirement*

**RELIG ST 227: Intro to Biblical Literature** - Hutton TTh 9:30-10:45am

**RELIG ST 234: Genres of Western Religious Writing** - Rosenhagen TTh 11:00am-12:15pm (*Comm B*)

**RELIG ST 236: Asia Enchanted: Ghosts, Gods, & Monsters** – D'Etcheverry MW 9:55-10:45am

**RELIG ST 274: Religion in South Asia** – Cerulli MW 9:30-10:45am

**RELIG ST 305: Women, Gender, and Religion** – Rock-Singer MW 2:30-3:45pm

**RELIG ST 307: A Survey of Tibetan Buddhism** - Khedup MW 2:30-3:45pm

**RELIG ST 342: In Translation: Mythology of Scandinavia** - Mellor TTh 1:00-2:15pm

**RELIG ST 400-001: Topic: Christianity in the Atlantic World 1500-1800** – Carlsson TTh 9:30am-10:45am

**RELIG ST 473: Meditation in Indian Buddhism & Hinduism** – Buhneemann TTh 1:00-2:15pm

### Advanced Level

**RELIG ST 600: Religion in Critical Perspective** – Rock-Singer M 4:00-6:30pm

*(Capstone for certificates/majors; must be authorized to enroll; contact Dr. Norman)*

**RELIG ST 601: Senior Capstone Research and Colloquium** – Norman W 4:00-6:00pm

*(Capstone for majors; must be authorized to enroll; contact Dr. Norman)*

## Summer 2020

**RELIG ST 400-001: Topic: Religious Studies Leadership in Practice** - 3cr, HUM cr.

Jun 22 - Jul 19 (EDD term) ONLINE Instructor: Michael Naparstek

*Looks at case-studies at the local, national, and global level, to provide a conceptual toolbox to ask critical questions of how local leaders, state agencies, national militaries, and global corporations engage with people and their environment. Will evaluate real-world situations formulating useful responses to challenges in light of religious cultures.*

**RELIG ST 403-001: Topics in Religious Studies-US Ethnic Studies**

Topic: US Religions, Race & Gender, 3cr, HUM or Soc Sci; meets Ethnic Studies req. May 26 - Jun 21 (ADD term), MTWR 9:30AM - 12:00PM Instructor: Elaine Schwarzentruher

*Focuses on minority forms of religion in the US including African American Islam, Native American, LatinX Christianity and others with special attention to interrelations of race, gender, ethnicity and religion in identity formation.*

### Spring 2020 RS Events

Monday, March 23, 4-5:15pm – Join us for a talk by RS Assistant Professor Cara Rock-Singer on, 332 Bradley Memorial Building. Title: “Miscarrying Genesis: American Jewish Textual Immersions, Bodily Knowledge, and Divine Biotechnologies.” The talk will be held in the Religious Studies Conference Room, 332 Bradley.

Celebrating 20 years of the Religious Studies Program at UW-Madison in 2020! See our website or Facebook for details.

# Consider the RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR OR CERTIFICATE

- as preparation for any profession and a way to distinguish yourself in a competitive pool of applicants with common qualifications.
- to build key skills and experience that employers find desirable: written and oral communication, project organization and implementation, complex multi-pronged analysis, cross-cultural and inclusive perspective.
- because RS students say it's fascinating and alums say it "enriches life" personally and professionally long after graduation.

**90% of all RS alumni respondents ranked Program satisfaction as "very high" and valuable for professional life. Graduates from the past six years ranked it at 95%.**

RS alums are educators, doctors, business people, veterinarians, tech experts, scientists, architects, social workers, librarians, ministers; the list goes on.

**Here's what some say about RS:**

- *The analytical and critical thinking skills I picked up have been immensely helpful in my job as a software tester.*
- *RS has given me a different perspective than other professionals in social work. I feel more comfortable discussing religion with my clients and what is meaningful to them.*
- *RS equipped me with empathy, adaptability, and cross-cultural sensitivity, making me an expert communicator and facilitator.*
- *I work with immigrants and refugees; my training in RS allows me to be more compassionate, aware and globally-minded.*
- *As a military officer I have an enhanced appreciation and understanding of the dynamics of religious traditions in defining a culture.*
- *As a physician, I deal with death, dying, and crises on a daily basis. Studying religion and how it shapes human interaction has been, in many ways, more valuable to me than any science or math class I took in college.*
- *Got me a job right out of college.*

## Requirements

### The Major

Gateway Course: RS 101, 102, 103 or 104 (3 cr)

Capstone Sequence: RS 600 (3 cr) + RS 601 (4 cr)

Additional 20 RS credits of your choosing (following L&S guidelines)

*RS offers honors-in-major, which awards 13 credit hours for a student-designed project*

### The Certificate

Gateway course: RS 101, 102, 103 or 104 (3 cr)

Capstone Course: RS 600 (3 cr)

Additional 12 RS credits of your choosing

*RS has for-credit, paid internships with local organizations and other experiential learning opportunities.*

*Many RS Majors are double-majors. It's do-able, flexible & complements work in other fields. Talk with us about how it can work in your 4-year plan.*

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**RS majors have the lowest unemployment rate of all college graduates in the nation.**