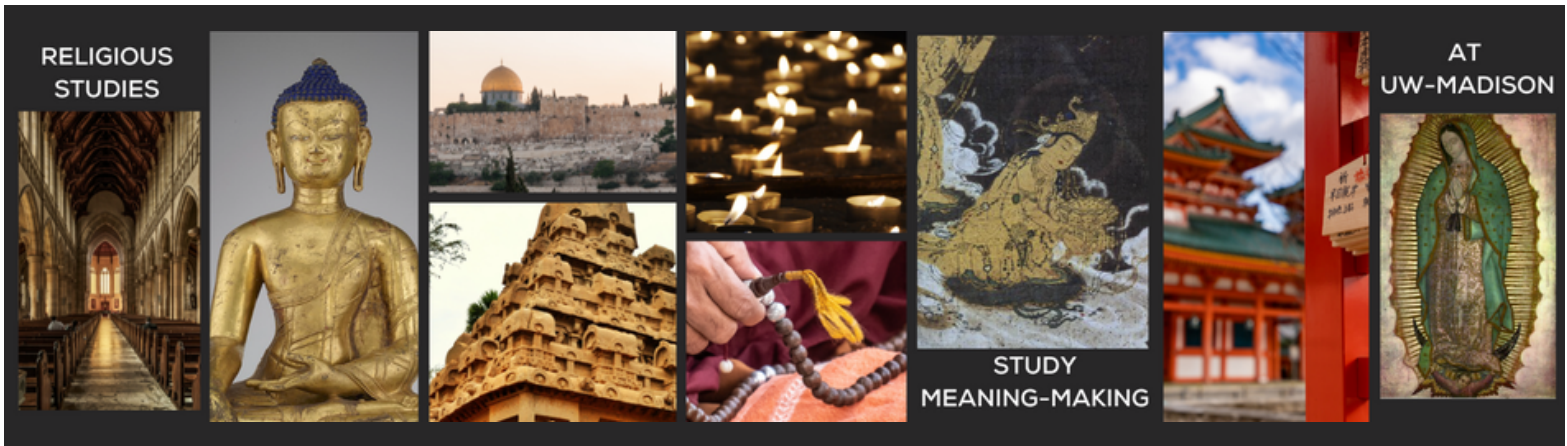


The Religious Studies Major & Certificate at UW-Madison

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Why Religious Studies?

Build skills and knowledge for identifying and interpreting how religions, worldviews, and other forms of meaning-making impact societies, individual, and social decision-making.

Prepare for a wide variety of professions and distinguish yourself in competitive applicant pools.

Religious Studies hones your written and oral communication abilities, project organization and implementation, multi-pronged analysis, and other desirable skills.

Over 95% of our recent alumni ranked Program Satisfaction as "very high" and valuable for professional life.

A fascinating, valuable, and flexible major or double major!

Our alumni work in the following fields:

International Business, Medicine, Law, Social Work, the Military, Education, Journalism, Media, Non-Profit Organizations, Computer Science & Technology, Counseling & Psychology, Ministry, and more!

MAJOR

3-credit gateway course (101, 102, 103, 104, 105)

15 RELIG. ST. credits at 300 level or above

9 RELIG. ST. elective credits (any level)

3-credit capstone (RELIG. ST. 600)

Total: 30 Credit Major

HONORS MAJOR

3-credit gateway course (101, 102, 103, 104, 105)

9 RELIG. ST. credits at 300 level or above, 3 of which must be HONORS

9 RELIG. ST. elective credits (any level)

6 Credits on HONORS Thesis Project (RELIG. ST. 681/682)

3-credit capstone (RELIG. ST. 600)*

*counts as accelerated HONORS credit

Total: 30 Credit Major

Note the additional requirements to graduate with honors: 3.5 GPA required in RS/Major Coursework, Minimum of 3.0 GPA overall, & Grades of B or higher for HONORS-level classes

CERTIFICATE

3-credit gateway course (101, 102, 103, 104, 105)

9 RELIG. ST. elective credits (any level)

3-credit capstone (RELIG. ST. 600)

Total: 15 Credit Certificate

***REQUIREMENTS EFFECTIVE FALL 2023**

What our Alumni say:

"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."

"The analytical and critical thinking skills I picked up have been immensely helpful in my job as a software tester."

"As a military officer I have an enhanced appreciation and understanding of the dynamics of religious traditions in defining a culture."

"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."

"Got me a job right out of college."