Components of Religious Studies BA

- Nine hours core courses
- Nine hours thematic concentration courses
- Twelve hours REL electives
  - At least 21 upper division REL hours
  - Minimum grade of C for all courses in major
  - Transfer courses from sectarian institutions cannot be used in major
- 15 hours related area courses
  - At least 9 upper division hours
  - Minimum grade of C in all related area courses

Religious Studies BA: Thematic Concentration courses

Students choose three courses (nine credit hours) of courses in a single thematic concentration. This will provide structure within the degree and encourage students to delve more deeply into a topic of interest in religious studies.

Religion in Global Contexts

Students study the dynamics of religious continuity and change, both historically and in the contemporary global context. Religion is approached as a site where cultures meet and transformation takes place. Students may choose from the following courses to satisfy the 9 hours required for this concentration:

- REL 100 Religions of the World
- REL 201 Religion in the Modern World
- REL 321 Religion in America
- REL 332 South American Indian Religions
- REL 351 Buddhism
- REL 366 Islam in the Modern World
- REL 374 Witchcraft & Heresy in Europe
- REL 390 Women and Religion
- REL 480 Religion & Global Politics

Text, Practice, Representation:

Students are introduced to the ways in which religion is lived, engaged, and contested in everyday life, and how it serves as a basis for knowing, being, expressing and assigning value to the human experience. Students may choose from the following courses to satisfy the 9 hours required for this concentration:

- REL 203 Saints/Sinners: Exploring Sacred Biography
- REL 205 Living and Dying
- REL 315 Hebrew Bible
- REL 320 American Religious Traditions
- REL 351 Buddhism
- REL 366 Islam in the Modern World
- REL 371 New Testament
- REL 374 Witchcraft and Heresy in Europe
- REL 382 Religion, Magic and Science

Religion in the Modern World:

Students study religions and religious life in current contexts to uncover the variety of ways that contemporary communities are imagined, sustained and contested. By confronting existing understandings, phenomena and problematic issues, this study will highlight the dynamic nature of religious life and understanding. Students may choose from the following courses to satisfy the 9 credit hours required for this concentration:
REL 201 Religion and the Modern World
REL 202 Religion and Popular Culture
REL 320 American Religious Traditions
REL 366 Islam in the Modern World
REL 382 Religion, Magic and Science
REL 480 Religion and Global Politics
REL 486 Holocaust on Film

Suggested prefixes for Related Area courses

ARS, ASB, HST, JUS, PHI, SOC, WST

Career Options

- **Government**
  - Intelligence
  - Foreign service
  - Immigration
  - Law enforcement
  - Social welfare work

- **Private sector**
  - Business
  - Counseling
  - Cultural archives
  - Hospice
  - Non-profit
  - Publishing

- **Preparation for further study in**
  - Counseling
  - Divinity
  - International business
  - Law
  - Medicine
  - Rabbinical studies
  - World cultures