

RELIGIOUS STUDIES, B.A.

Requirements

Requires a minimum of 28 hours, of which 18 must be in courses above the 100-level:

Code	Title	Hours
Select courses above the 100-level		18
REL 200	Approaches to the Study of Religion	3
Select one three hour course (or two 1.5 hour courses) from each of the three groups designated:		9
I. Biblical Studies		
II. Religion, History and Society		
III. World Religions		
REL 399	Senior Colloquy (senior year)	1

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in all courses completed in religious studies at Wake Forest is required for graduation with the major. Up to 3 hours from NLL courses 200 or above may be counted toward the major. Up to 9 hours of coursework completed outside the department and no more than 6 hours of directed reading may be counted toward the major. Majors may not take 100-level courses during their senior year.

A concentration in religion and public engagement for declared majors and minors in religious studies requires 15 hours and provides an opportunity for students to undertake a community-based study of educational, economic, cultural and political development strategies, and action.

Code	Title	Hours
REL 332	Religion and Public Engagement	3
Select one of the following:		3
REL 200	Approaches to the Study of Religion	
REL 305	Ethnography of Religion	
REL 336	Religious Traditions and Human Rights	
REL 338	Religion, Ethics, and Politics	
REL 288	Field Program in Religion and Public Engagement (an internship)	3
Select two Elective Courses related to the community partner's context, history, and values*		

* Elective courses may be chosen from other departments and programs with approval from the RPE committee.

I: Biblical Studies

Code	Title	Hours
REL 261	Foundations of Traditional Judaism	1.5
REL 308	Sacred Scripture in the Traditions of Abraham	3
REL 310	The Prophetic Literature	3
REL 312	The Critical Study of the Pentateuch	3
REL 313	Near Eastern Archeology	3
REL 315	Field Research in Biblical Archeology	3
REL 316	Field Research in Biblical Archeology	3
REL 317	Wisdom Literature	3

REL 318	Feminist and Contemporary Interpretations of the New Testament	3
REL 320	The Search for Jesus	3
REL 323	Jesus Traditions	3
REL 324	Early Christian Literature	3
REL 328	Jewish-Christian Relations and the New Testament	3

II: Religion, History, and Society

Code	Title	Hours
REL 210	Jerusalem in History and Tradition	3
REL 230	Religion and the U.S. Constitution	3
REL 242	Sex, Death and Salvation	3
REL 244	Religion, Terrorism, and Violence	3
REL 246	Religion and Race	3
REL 266	Religious Sects and Cults	3
REL 267	Religion and Popular Culture	3
REL 330	Pope, Jefferson and Imam: A Study in Comparative Ethics	3
REL 331	Religion and Law	3
REL 332	Religion and Public Engagement	3
REL 335	Religious Ethics and the Problem of War	3
REL 336	Religious Traditions and Human Rights	3
REL 338	Religion, Ethics, and Politics	3
REL 341	Religion and Ecology	3
REL 342	Religious Intolerance in the U.S	3
REL 344	Religion, Poverty, and Social Entrepreneurship	3
REL 345	The African-American Religious Experience	3
REL 346	Religious Utopias and the American Experience	3
REL 347	Religion, Gender, & Sexuality	3
REL 348	Race, Memory, and Identity	3
REL 355	Jewish Identities: Religion, Race, and Rights	3
REL 356	Faces of Modern Judaism	3
REL 357	Jews in the United States	3
REL 364	Topics in U.S. Religious History	1.5-3
REL 365	History of Religions in America	3
REL 367	Christian Mysticism	3
REL 368	Protestant and Catholic Reformations	3
REL 369	Radical Christian Movements	3
REL 372	History of Christian Thought	3
REL 373	Special Topics in African-American Religious Traditions	3
REL 374	Black Messiahs and Uncle Toms	3
REL 375	Race, Myth, and the American Imagination	3
REL 376	Race, Religion, and Film	3
REL 378	Latin American Liberation Theologies	3

III: World Religions

Code	Title	Hours
REL 265	Culture and Religion in Contemporary Native America	3
REL 280	God, Gods, and the Ultimate	3
REL 306	Ritual Studies	3
REL 329	Chinese Medicine	3
REL 339	Religion, Power, and Society in Modern Africa	3
REL 343	Religion, Culture, and the Body	3
REL 349	Asian Meditation Practices	3
REL 359	Hinduism in America	3
REL 360	Hindus, Muslims, & Sikhs in North America	3
REL 361	Topics in Buddhism	3
REL 362	Topics in Islam	3
REL 363	The Religions of Japan	3
REL 381	Zen Buddhism	3
REL 382	Religion and Culture in China	3
REL 383	The Quran and the Prophet	3
REL 384	Islam and Law: Varieties in Interpretation and Expression	3
REL 385	Topics in South Asian Religions	3
REL 386	Indian Epics	3
REL 387	Priests, Warriors and Ascetics in Ancient India	3
REL 388	South Asian Women: Religion, Culture and Politics	3
REL 389	Islam in the West: Changes and Challenges	3
REL 391	Topics in East Asian Religions	3
REL 392	Topics in First Peoples' Traditions	3
REL 393	Topics in Religions of Africa	3

Honors

Highly qualified majors are encouraged to apply for admission to the honors program. Students who wish to pursue this option should refer to the honors guidelines, available on the Department website, for an overview of requirements and procedures. Upon completion of all requirements, a recommendation of honors at graduation will be made by the department based upon the student's overall academic record and the quality of the final project.