



Program Coordinator: D. Hudson

The B.S. in Religious Studies prepares students to enter theological seminaries or graduate schools of religion and philosophy in preparation for careers in the pastoral ministry, teaching, missions, or social work. Many graduates also enter fields of law, business, the social sciences, and education. Many graduates also enter fields of law, business, the social sciences, and education. The Religious Studies major focuses on the study of religion, both theory and method, and the religions of the world. The purpose of the major is to not only educate students in the Christian religion but also to explore the nature and function of the religious impulse.

Affiliations

Tel Azekah Archaeological Expedition Tel Aviv University, Society of Biblical Literature, American Academy of Religion, and American Society of Oriental Religion

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate a general knowledge of the basic content, history, and ideas of the Biblical canon.
2. Students will demonstrate general knowledge of theological and religious matters pertaining to the study of Christianity and other world religions.
3. Students will acquire and apply critical thinking skills which include analyzing Biblical texts, comparing divergent views of reading, and demonstrating a working knowledge of hermeneutics.

Computer Requirements: Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Adobe, and media player capabilities

A comprehensive assessment covering the major in Religious Studies will be given the semester prior to graduation. The assessment is 240 questions and will be administered online via Blackboard one month prior to the graduation date.

Religious Studies Core Recommendations

It will be to the advantage of Religious Studies majors to take the following courses to fulfill some of the Core Curriculum requirements.

- ENGC 1110
English Composition: Writing and Speech..... 4 s.h.
- ENGL 2480
Oxford Christian Writers 4 s.h.
- ENGL 2450
Introduction to Film Studies 4 s.h.
- GREEK 2000
Ancient Greek II 4 s.h.
(Greek 2000, and its pre-requisite Greek 1000, are recommended but not required.)

HEBR 2000	
Ancient Hebrew II	4 s.h.
PSCI 2020	
World Politics	4 s.h.
RELG 1001	
Foundations of Christian Thought and Practice	4 s.h.

For additional course options and descriptions, please see “The Core Curriculum” section of the catalog.

Religious Studies Major Requirements

BIBL 2250	
Bible Study That Matters.....	4 s.h.
BIBL 2251	
The Old Testament and Interpretation	4 s.h.
BIBL 2252	
The New Testament and Interpretation	4 s.h.
BIBL 3520	
Historical Geography and Archaeology of Israel.	4 s.h.
BIBL 4140	
Paul	4 s.h.
RELG 2430	
Encountering the World’s Religions.....	4 s.h.
RELG 3210	
Introduction to Theology	4 s.h.
RELG 3292	
Religion and Politics in a Global Context.	4 s.h.
RELG 2500	
Introduction to Islam.....	4 s.h.
PHIL 2410	
Philosophy of Religion	4 s.h.
<i>Choose from the following courses</i>	<i>4 s.h.</i>
BIBL 4030	
Pentateuch (4 s.h.)	
BIBLE 4050	
Hebrew Wisdom Literature (4 s.h.)	
<i>Choose from the following courses</i>	<i>4 s.h.</i>
BIBL 3040	
Life and Teaching of Jesus (4 s.h.)	
BIBLE 4060	
The Gospel and Epistles of John (4 s.h.)	
RELG 4990	
Comprehensive Assessment	0 s.h.

Summary of Total Credits

Core Curriculum	30 s.h.
Major.....	48 s.h.
Electives/Minor/Second Major	46 s.h.
Minimum to Earn Bachelor of Science	124 s.h.