

Individualized Major in Religious Studies (BA)

This program is offered by the College of Arts & Sciences/ History, Politics, International Relations and Religious Studies Department and is only available at the St. Louis home campus.

Program Description

The individualized major in religious studies challenges students to construct their own interdisciplinary curriculum in order to explore religions as living phenomena touching every aspect of life. The students construct the degree with the help of a faculty advisor.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, students will have:

- Studied a broad range of the world's religious systems and traditions and learned about their various influences on human cultures, societies, histories and personal values.
- Learned to compare and contrast diverse religions and their cultural contexts.
- Developed skills in critical thinking and open inquiry, clear and thoughtful oral and written communication, and informed analysis.

Degree Requirements

For information on the general requirements for a degree, see Baccalaureate Degree Requirements under the Academic Policies and Information section of this catalog.

- 36 required credit hours
 - Of the 36 required credit hours, at least 6 credit hours must be completed at the 3000-level or above, including one course at the 4000-level.
- Applicable University Global Citizenship Program hours
- Electives

Courses in religious studies completed with a grade lower than C- will not count toward fulfilling the major.

The requirements for the major consists of the completion of 9 hours of core courses, a senior portfolio review (0 hours), 15 additional hours in religious studies coursework and 12 hours of relevant coursework in other programs as approved by the program director. Three credit hours of non-religious-studies electives must demonstrate cross-cultural understanding. This requirement may be met by an elementary language course.

Of the required 36 credit hours, a minimum of 18 credit hours must be taken at Webster University.

Special Requirements

- 6 credit hours of ungraded (pass/fail) coursework may be used to satisfy the major requirements.

Curriculum

The 36 credit hours required for the individualized major in religious studies include the following:

Core Courses

- RELG 2070 Introduction to Eastern Religions (3 hours)
- RELG 2080 Introduction to Western Religions (3 hours)
- RELG 4000-level elective (3 hours)
- RELG 4800 Portfolio Review (0 hours)