RELIGIOUS STUDIES MINOR

Offered at: San Luis Obispo Campus

The Religious Studies minor program is designed for students who want to enhance their understanding of the great religious traditions of the contemporary world and some of the social issues involving these religions. Interested students are invited to contact the Philosophy Department Office for more information and application forms.

Program Learning Objectives

1. Demonstrate general knowledge of how various disciplines approach religious phenomena and be able to apply a variety of methodological frameworks to data in the field of Religious Studies.
2. Develop basic religious literacy regarding the literary expressions, worldview, historical formations, ritual & practice, sacred texts, material world, and engagement with contemporary issues for several world religions representing diverse cultural backgrounds.
3. Analyze how a religion interacts with the culture to which it belongs, explaining how it shapes and is shaped by its surrounding society.
4. Demonstrate how religions inform, shape, and shed light upon contemporary issues, concerns, and debates.
5. Show how religious diversity contributes to overall diversity on the planet and specifically how Religious Studies advances student obtainment of Cal Poly's Diversity Learning Objectives.
6. Analyze how religions can both contribute to and detract from the productive harmony between groups (convivencia).

Minor Requirements and Curriculum

The minor must be completed prior to, or at the same time as, the requirements for the bachelor's degree. A major and a minor may not be taken in the same degree program, and a minor is not required for a degree. Requirements for the minor include:

- At least half of the units must be from upper-division courses (3000-4000 level).
- At least half of the units must be taken at Cal Poly (in residence).
- No more than one-third of the units will be taken with credit-no credit grading (CR/NC), not counting courses with mandatory CR/NC. Departments may further limit CR/NC grading if desired.
- A minimum 2.0 GPA is required in all units counted for completion of the minor.

Code	Title	Units
REQUIRED COURSES		
History of World Religion Traditions		
Select from the following:		6
ENGL 3354	The Bible as Literature and in Literature and the Arts	
HIST 4452	Renaissance and Reformation Europe	
RELS 2205	Jesus	
RELS 3301	Religions of Asia	
RELS 3302	Abrahamic Religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	
RELS 3304	Judaism	
RELS 3306	Hinduism	
RELS 3307	Buddhism	
RELS 3310	Christianity	
RELS 3311	Islam	
Method and Theory in the Study of Religion		
Select from the following:		3
PHIL 3342	Philosophy of Religion	
PHIL 3361	Indian Philosophy	
PHIL 3362	Chinese and East Asian Philosophy	
RELS 3344	Approaches to Religion and Spirituality	
Issues and Themes in the Contemporary Study of Religion		
Select from the following:		3
HIST 3306	The Witch-Hunts in Europe: 1400-1800	
HIST 4453	Religious Wars and Absolutism	
POLS/RELS 3380	Religion and Politics in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict	
RELS 2201	Religion, Dialogue, and Society	

RELS/WGQS 3370	Religion, Gender, and Society	
RELS 3372	Spiritual Extremism: Asceticism, Mysticism, and Madness	
RELS 3374	Religion and Violence	
RELS 3378	Religion and Contemporary Values	
RELS 3390	Topics in Religious Studies	
RELS 4400	Special Problems for Advanced Undergraduates	
RELS 4470	Special Advanced Topics	
RELS 4490	Advanced Topics in Religious Studies	
Approved Electives		
Select any RELS courses		6
Total Units		**18**