Religious Studies (Religion, Culture and Public Life), BA

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Look around and you will see religion everywhere --- from politics to media to people's personalities. Present-day context and source materials help students understand the role of religion in modern day society, as well as explain religion's duty in forming the past, present and future.

Program Description

The BA program in religious studies with a concentration in religion, culture and public life approaches religion as a mode of human culture, as it is constituted in intellect, language, emotion, practice, art and everyday life. The program focuses on the role religions play in the formation of cultural identities, traditions, norms and memories, and it examines in particular the impact religions have on culturally specified ways people reason, communicate, socialize, work, entertain, dress, eat, live and die. Special consideration is given to the influence of religion on gender roles and sexual norms, the formation of images of the body and the moral assessment of medical practices, and the reflection and reproduction of religion in film, popular culture, and conventional, digital and social media.

The concentration will address present-day interests and prepare students for jobs in a variety of professions, including education, journalism, media studies, gender studies, health care, politics, law, education, migration and international studies.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus or online
- **Additional Program Fee:** No
- **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
**Required Courses (Major Map)**

2018 - 2019 Major Map (On-campus)
2018 - 2019 Major Map (Online)
Major Map (Archives)

**Admission Requirements**

**General University Admission Requirements**:  
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

**Change of Major Requirements**

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors. Students should refer to https://students.asu.edu/changingmajors for information about how to change a major to this program.

**Attend Online**

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

**Transfer Agreements**

ASU has partnered with colleges and universities in Arizona, California, Illinois and Washington to provide transfer curriculum pathways. Students should select their current institution to see if there is a partnership agreement between the institution and ASU for this degree program. Students who do not see their state or institution listed should check back as ASU is always working on creating new partnerships.
Transfer from a Maricopa Community College in Arizona

Select a college

- Chandler-Gilbert Community College
- Estrella Mountain Community College
- GateWay Community College
- Glendale Community College
- Mesa Community College
- Paradise Valley Community College
- Phoenix College
- Rio Salado College
- Scottsdale Community College
- South Mountain Community College

Transfer from an Arizona Community College

Select a college

- Arizona Western College
- Central Arizona College
- Cochise College
- Coconino Community College
- Dine College
- Eastern Arizona College
- Gila Community College
- Mohave Community College
- Northland Pioneer College
- Pima Community College
- Tohono O'odham Community College
- Yavapai College

Select a state

- California
- Illinois
- Washington
- Another state

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in religious studies (religion, culture and public life): http://links.asu.edu/SAO.religious-studies.

Career Opportunities
The concentration provides career opportunities in a number of professional areas, in particular:

- diversity management
- education
- gender studies
- health care
- journalism
- languages and cultures
- media studies

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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