Religious Studies, Minor

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Explore religious traditions around the world while also examining human interactions within and among those traditions. Develop critical thinking skills and an understanding of various cultures, both of which can accompany and enrich any degree you are currently pursuing.

Description

The minor in religious studies engages students in a comparative exploration of religions and cultures. This exploration leads to a deeper understanding of human nature, religious traditions, and the roles religion plays in a pluralistic and globalizing world.

Students may pursue the minor in religious studies with regional, national, hemispheric, global and a variety of thematic emphases.

At a Glance

- College/School: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Location: Tempe campus or online

Program Requirements

Minor Map (Archives)
2021 - 2022 Minor Map

The minor in religious studies consists of 18 credit hours, at least 12 of which must be completed at the upper-division level. At least six upper-division hours must be in courses offered by The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. All courses must be passed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher.
Required Course -- 3 credit hours

REL 101: Religion, Culture and Public Life ((L or HU) & G) (3)

Electives -- 15 credit hours

REL Elective (3)
REL Upper Division Elective (12)

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

Enrollment Requirements

GPA Requirement: None

Incompatible Majors: BA in religious studies; BA in religious studies (religion, culture and public life); BA in religious studies (religion, politics and global affairs)

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Students interested in pursuing a minor should consult their academic advisor to declare the minor and to ensure that an appropriate set of courses is taken. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and the minor. Students should contact their academic advisor for more information.

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.

Career Opportunities

A minor can help students enhance the marketable skills they acquire in their major program and help them develop new skills apart from it, though most career areas do require more training than a minor alone can provide. A minor in religious studies is of benefit to those who intend to pursue careers in education, law, or journalism.

Contact Information