Religious Studies (Religion, Politics and Global Affairs), BA

Religion, politics and global affairs are intertwined, influencing topics such as public health and migration that affect the daily lives of humans. This program allows you to explore questions regarding religion and its relationship with governments and ethics. With a foundation in religious studies, you are able to solve real-world problems in a multitude of careers.

Program Description

The BA program in religious studies with a concentration in religion, politics and global affairs considers how the study of religion expands the understanding of political culture, communal formation, governance, nationalism, statehood and citizenship in both domestic and global contexts.

Students explore the role religion has in shaping political values, social movements, civic organizations and communal norms, with particular attention on how religion impacts issues of health, the environment, migration, peace, conflict, violence and various issues of social justice. Special consideration is given to the religious intersections of nationality, ethnicity, race, gender and other vital facets of human community and identity.

Students currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts in religious studies (religion, politics and global affairs) may not pursue a concurrent degree with the BA in religious studies or the BA in religious studies (religion, culture and public life) due to the high level of overlap in curriculum. Students should speak with their academic advisor for any further questions.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe campus](#)
Required Courses (Major Map)

2020 - 2021 Major Map
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://changingmajors.asu.edu/request for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the Transfer Map search to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

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/](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/)

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in religious studies with a concentration in religion, politics and global affairs: [http://links.asu.edu/SAO.religious-studies](http://links.asu.edu/SAO.religious-studies).

Career Opportunities

Religious studies majors seek jobs in many professional areas, including:

- chaplaincy
- diversity management
- education
- foreign service
- health care
- journalism
- law
- mental health and counseling
- non-profit organizations
- non-governmental organizations
- public policy
- public service
- publishing

Religious studies is an excellent foundation for graduate and professional studies in:

- anthropology
- gender studies
- health care
- history
- law
- justice studies
- philosophy
- political science
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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<th>Career</th>
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<td>Advocate</td>
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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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