Religious Studies

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** Doctoral Faculty Member - membership is required to chair doctoral examination or dissertation committees. Graduate faculty membership is a prerequisite for Doctoral faculty membership.

Undergraduate

• BA in Religious Studies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/religiousstudies/ba-religious-studies)
• Minor in Religious Studies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/religiousstudies/minor-religious-studies)

The department's field of study includes religious expressions from many cultures and in every period of history. Systematic study of this rich world of expression employs the widest range of academic tools and competencies, from the skills of the literary critic and historian to the analytic abilities of the social scientist and anthropologist. Because of this broad base, study in the department promotes fundamental academic skills and critical judgment and provides deeper understanding of national and international cultures. Thus, the religious studies major provides students with a foundation to pursue careers in business, government, counseling, law, medicine and journalism, as well as advanced professional study in religion. The department offers BA and MA degrees with majors in Religious Studies. A minor is also available.

Double Majors

Students are encouraged to pursue dual majors that combine religion with other interests.

Graduate

• MA in Religious Studies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/religiousstudies/ma-religious-studies)

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About the Religious Studies MA Program

The master's program in religious studies at the University of Missouri is a two-year stand-alone graduate program in the academic study of religion. Many of the program's alumni have gone on to PhD programs in religious studies or related disciplines, while others have completed the master's degree in order to enrich their educational lives or to prepare for work in journalism, education, law, or other fields that demand critical thinking and analytical skills.

The master's program offers training in the academic study of religion, with particular emphasis on theory and methods in religious studies. Students work closely with their advisors and mentors in order to develop and grow as scholars of the discipline. The department offers courses in the areas of Biblical Studies, History of Christianity, Religion in America, Islam, Judaism, Indigenous Religions, Hinduism, Buddhism, Women and Religion, and Religion and Neuroscience.

Students must complete a total of 30 credit hours at the graduate level, pass comprehensive exams in theory and methods in the academic study of religion, and complete a Master's thesis or portfolio.