

Religious Studies Minor

Religion has existed in all human cultures and continues to play an important role in most societies and in many conflicts. The Religious Studies curriculum is designed to help students understand these facts, regardless of whether they are themselves religious or not. Students in need of more information should contact Professor Henry Munson, the coordinator, at henry_munson@umit.maine.edu.

Requirements

A minor in Religious Studies shall consist of at least 18 credit hours, of which at least 9 must be upper-level (300 and 400-level) courses. Students must achieve a grade of “C” or better in all courses used for the Religious Studies minor. All Religious Studies students must take ANT 120, Religions of the World, PHI 105, Introduction to Religious Studies, and at least one course in a discipline other than Anthropology or Philosophy.

Religious Studies students must take at least three courses in Category I (Courses with a primary focus on religion), and at least one course in Category II (Courses that focus on religion to a significant degree). Students can also request permission from the minor coordinator to receive credit for “Topics” courses with a primary focus on religion.

Category I: Courses with a primary focus on religion

ANT 249 Religion and Violence
ANT 261 Islamic Fundamentalism
ANT 469 Theories of Religion
ANT 470 Religion and Politics
CLA 202 Mythology of the Ancient Near East, North Africa, and Greece
PAX 350 Buddhism, Peace, and Contemplative Traditions
PAX 400 Martin Luther King and the Beloved Community
ENG 435 The Bible and Near Eastern Literature: A Multicultural Perspective
HTY 433 Greek and Roman Mythology
PHI 220 Introduction to the Jewish Bible
PHI 223 Modern Jewish Thought.
PHI 286 Religions and Philosophies of the East: Hinduism
PHI 287 Religions and Philosophies of the East: Buddhism
PHI 346 The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi
PHI 364 Views of Self: East and West
PHI 382 Theories of Myth
POS 386 Religion and Politics in the United States
POS 302 Medieval Political Thought
SOC 482 The Sociology of Religion

Category II: Courses that focus on religion to a significant degree

ANT 256 Ethnic Conflict

ANT 451 Native American Cultures
ANT 454 Cultures and Societies of the Middle East
ARH 252 Mediterranean Medieval Art and Architecture
ARH 253 Northern European Medieval Art and Architecture
ARH 255 Italian Renaissance Art
ARH 257 Northern Renaissance Art
ARH 258 Baroque Art and Architecture
ARH 362 Medieval Culture Seminar
ARH 363 Renaissance Culture Seminar
ARH 492 Baroque Research Seminar
ARH 493 Mediaeval Research Seminar
ARH 494 Renaissance Research Seminar
CLA 201 Women in the Ancient World
CLA 400 Hero: Myth and Meaning
ENG 451 Chaucer and Medieval Literature
ENG 457 Victorian Literature & Culture
HBR 101 Beginning Modern Hebrew I
HBR 102 Beginning Modern Hebrew II
HTY 398 Creation of the Atlantic World, 1450-1888
HTY 401 History of Greece
HTY 402 Roman History
HTY 403 Early Middle Ages
HTY 404 Late Middle Ages
HTY 436 History of China II
HTY 437 History of Modern Japan
MUL 101 The Art of Listening to Music: Elements
MUL 120 World Music
MUL 202 The Art of Listening to Music: Historical Survey
PAX 351 This Sacred Earth: Ecology and Sacred Traditions
PAX 491 Forgiveness: Creating a Culture of Peace and Reconciliation