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BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONORS)

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Religious Studies is the critical academic study of religious beliefs, practices, texts, institutions, and communities.

Our approach is interdisciplinary, non-religious, and often comparative. The Religious Studies Honors program allows you to complete a major research project that you design, working closely with a professor.

OFFERS COURSES IN...

- Buddhist studies
- Hindu studies
- Jewish studies
- Christian studies
- Islamic studies
- Ancient religions
- Witchcraft and the occult
- Method and theory in the study of religion
- Sanskrit
- Hebrew

COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR MAJOR

Complete your major requirements and test out different classes. *Design your academic plan — you're in control!*

RELIGIOUS STUDIES HONORS REQUIREMENTS:

- Two 100-level surveys covering the world's major religious traditions
- Two 200-level courses in different religious traditions
- RELIG 375 - Approaches to the Study of Religion
- Additional courses at the 200 to 400 levels, chosen from RELIG or a rich variety of cross-listed courses across Arts
- RELIG 499, Honors Thesis

Honors students take more credits in RELIG (and cross-listed courses) than majors do. They also have the opportunity to spend a year conducting research and writing a thesis, working closely with a professor in the program.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A RS HONORS DEGREE?

I COULD BE A... lawyer, social worker, public servant, non-profit advocate, film or TV producer, journalist, editor, writer, high school teacher, museum director, heritage professional, archivist or librarian.

SUCCESSFUL GRADUATES ALSO WORK IN... law, social work, public policy, non-profit organizations, education, international organizations, academia, hospitality, or business.

TOP 5 REASONS TO STUDY RELIGIOUS STUDIES:

- 1 We are interdisciplinary! Supplement core Religious Studies courses with a diverse array of Arts offerings that count toward your major or minor.
- 2 Build career skills. Our courses teach you to discover new connections, analyze data, evaluate arguments, think creatively, and communicate effectively.
- 3 Fulfil your Language Other than English requirement by taking Sanskrit, Biblical Hebrew, or another scriptural language.
- 4 Gain international and cultural awareness, including the skills to critically interpret media coverage and public policies related to religion.
- 5 Join the Religious Studies Undergraduate Association! Religious Studies courses draw students from all faculties, who share a respectful curiosity about religion and religious traditions.

WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE

The University of Alberta respectfully acknowledges that we are situated on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis people.

STUDENT SUPPORTS

These are services that enable you to pursue academic and personal success.

- Academic advising
- Student Ombuds
- Indigenous Student supports
- Academic support
- Health & Wellness
- Campus Food Bank
- Libraries
- International Student supports
- Accessibility resources
- Financial aid & awards
- Professional & career development
- Mental health supports

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ENHANCE YOUR HONORS DEGREE

ADD A CERTIFICATE IN:

Peace and Post-Conflict Studies, Engaged Leadership and Citizenship in Arts and Science, International Learning, Community Engagement and Service-Learning.

STRENGTHEN YOUR CREDENTIALS:





Study abroad; learn a scriptural language; add a major or pursue a Combined Honors degree; conduct research; explore Arts Work Experience.

BA HONORS RELIGIOUS STUDIES

DEGREE GUIDE


Your University experience is about what happens inside and outside of the classroom. This map is a tool to help you complement your academics with hands-on learning outside of the classroom and take advantage of student activities. Each new step will help you explore your options, take measured risks, and inform your next step. Being informed and engaged leads to a richer journey throughout your degree and beyond!


LEGEND


-  GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE
-  GAIN EXPERIENCE
-  SEEK OUT CONNECTIONS
-  NAVIGATE COURSES


EARLY DEGREE

Expand your career options, be proactive and get involved in campus life.

 Take Biblical Hebrew, Sanskrit, or another Language Other than English.


 Meet with your Religious Studies undergraduate advisor to plan your degree path.


 Join the Religious Studies Undergraduate Association.


 Volunteer, travel, get a summer job, read! Reflect on what you're learning and practise self-care.


MID-DEGREE


Take risks, try new things, ask for and offer help to people you know and people you meet.


 Learn more about Indigenous peoples, perspectives, and worldviews.

 Go overseas to study another language, do academic coursework, or do an internship.

 Apply to conduct research through the Undergraduate Research Initiative or the Roger S. Smith award.


 Take advantage of office hours! Your professors reserve this time to answer your questions and mentor you one-on-one.


 Ask a professor to be your Honors mentor and supervise your thesis project.


 Stay on track to graduate: complete a Program Check on Bear Tracks.

LATE DEGREE

Develop and revise your career story based on your values, interests, and what you learn.

 Submit a paper to Axis Mundi, the student-run Religious Studies journal.

 Add a Certificate in International Learning to your degree.

 Ask two or three professors to be academic references.