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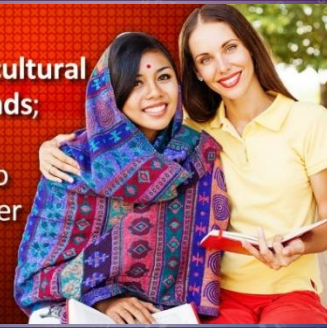
RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Welcome to Religious Studies
at East Carolina University

WHY CHOOSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES?

- Religion informs everyday life experiences.
- Choose religious studies to:
 - Examine religion as a historical & cultural phenomenon
 - For a deeper understanding of humanity.
 - To cultivate cultural and global awareness for a peaceful coexistence
 - To inform your personal life and to formulate principles of life
 - To reflect upon existential questions of life.
 - What is the meaning of life?
 - Who created us?
 - Does the afterlife exist?
- **“An unexamined life is not worth living” - Socrates!!**

We have different cultural backgrounds; being sensitive to one another results in harmony.



CAN I MAJOR IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES?

- Definitely!
- We offer a major and a minor ~~Religious~~ Religious Studies.
- Our major is in the Multidisciplinary Studies unit
- Some of our students tend to double major if they already have another major.
- To graduate with a BA in religious Studies, you need 120 S.H. They include:
 - **General Education (40 s.h.)**
 - **Foreign Language (12 s.h.)**
 - **Required Core (6 s.h.)**
 - **Elective courses (24 s.h.)**
 - **Minor (18 s.h.)**
 - **Study abroad (6 s.h.) etc.**

Why Major in Religious Studies?

Religion has always existed

- Throughout history, religion has expressed the deepest questions human beings can ask
- It has held a central place in the lives of all civilizations and cultures.
- Since the dawn of human consciousness, religion has existed everywhere we turn.

It is in

- Television
- Film
- Popular music
- Politics
- In our towns and neighborhoods

To study religion is to choose a path of learning that never really ends.



WHAT SKILLS DOES A RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR OFFER?

• **Acquires liberal art skills** that apply across the job market.

- **Critical thinking**
- **Effective communication**
- **Writing skills**

• Our graduates find satisfying careers in Government, public, nonprofit, or private sector.

• **Unique skills include:**

- Understanding diversity and social justice.
- Connect learning with service.
- Developing a global perspective.
- Studying abroad to experience cultures.



WHY MINOR IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES?

- You need a minor to graduate
- A minor in Religious studies earns you 18 s.h.
- A Religious Studies is a good supplement to any major requirements
- To earn Global and Domestic diversity credits necessary for graduation
- Towards becoming an open minded, inclusive and to operate as a successful citizen

Why Double Major?

- To increase opportunities of employment
- To stand out on the job market as a thinker and a creative employee.
- You get two areas of specialization.
- You get to double-count two or more courses toward completing both majors.

- Dan Berrett, "Double Majors Produce Dynamic Thinkers, Study Says," *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (3/15/2013)

FAMOUS PEOPLE CARE ABOUT RELIGIOUS STUDIES



“In a world where people of all faiths are migrating and mingling like never before, we ignore the global impact of religion at our peril”

Madeline Albright, Former, United States Secretary of State



- “If I went back to college today, I think I would probably major in comparative religion, because that’s how integrated it is in everything that we are working on and deciding and thinking about in life today.”

John F. Kerry, Former, United States Secretary of State

ECU RELIGIOUS STUDIES GRADUATES



Mansi Trivedi

- Double major in Religious Studies and Biology.
- Studying to be a physician at ECU's Brody School of Medicine

Video link available here:
<https://religionprogram.ecu.edu/>



- Tony Beall
- Double major in Religious Studies and English.
- Completed a Masters Degree at the University of Chicago
- Admitted for a PhD at the University of Virginia
- Plans to be professor

SAMPLE 4 YEAR PLAN

[HTTPS://RELIGIONPROGRAM.ECU.EDU/WP-CONTENT/PV-UPLOADS/SITES/128/2019/08/REVISED-RELIGIOUS-STUDIES-MAJOR-MAP4-20.PDF](https://religionprogram.ecu.edu/wp-content/pv-uploads/sites/128/2019/08/REVISED-RELIGIOUS-STUDIES-MAJOR-MAP4-20.PDF)

<u>Freshman Year</u>	<u>Second Year</u>	<u>Third Year</u>	<u>Fourth Year</u>
<p>Complete 31 credits RELI 1000 or RELI 1690; General electives; Foreign Languages 1001 & 1002; ENGL 1100; Social Science; Science (3); Science lab (1); EXSS 1000 (3); Math 1050 (3)</p>	<p>Complete 31 credits: RELI 2000 level courses or RELI 3500 (6); Humanities/Fine Arts (5); Science (4); Social Science or ENGL 2201 (6); HLTH 1000 (2); Foreign Language 2003 & 2004 (6); Minor course (3); Consider a double major to enhance your degree</p>	<p>Complete 30 credits: RELI 3500 & RELI Elective 2999 & up (9); Elective (6); Minor course above 2999 (3); Humanities/ Fine Arts (3); Social Science (3). Courses become more complex at this level. Learn to read and write more critically.</p>	<p>Complete 30 credits: RELI 3000 and RELI 4500 (6); RELI Elective above 2999 (6); Minor courses (9); Electives (9); Complete remaining required units; Complete elective courses; Complete minor or major course requirements; Apply to graduate school or for jobs</p>

FOUR YEAR PLAN BY SEMESTER -- RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE

Freshman Year		Freshman Year	
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Foreign Language 1001	3	ENGL 1100 OR Fine Arts	3
Fine Arts or ENGL 1100	3	Foreign Language 1002	3
Social Science	3	EXSS 1000	1
Science, Science Lab	3,1	RELI 1000 or 1690	3
	13	MATH 1050	3
		Social Science	3
			16
Sophomore Year		Sophomore Year	
Foreign Language 1003	3	Foreign Language 1004	3
RELI 2000 Level or RELI 3500	3	RELI 2000 Level or RELI 3500	3
Humanities	3	Minor Course	3
Science	3	HLTH	2
Social Science or ENGL 2201	3	Humanities /Fine Arts	2
	16	ENGL 2201 or Social Science	3
			16
Junior Year		Junior Year	
Elective	3	RELI Elective Above 2999	3
RELI Elective above 2999	3	RELI Elective	3
RELI Elective Above 2999	3	Elective	3
Minor Course	3	Minor Course above 2999	3
Humanities / Fine Arts	3	Social Science	3
	15		15
Senior Year		Senior Year	
RELI 4500 or RELI 3000	3	RELI 4500 or RELI Elective above 2999	3
RELI Elective Above 2999	3	Minor Course	3
Minor Course	3	Elective	3
Minor Course	3	Elective	3
Elective	3		12
	15	tal Hours Completed	120

RELIGIOUS STUDIES COURSES - FALL 2021

RELI 1691	World Religions	11:00-12:15	TR
RELI 1690	World Religions	2:00 – 3:15	TR
RELI 1000	Introduction to Religious Studies	1:00-1:50	MWF
RELI 2693	Classical Islam	12:30-1:45	TR
RELI 2695	Old Testament	9:30-10:45	TR
RELI 2696	New Testament	2:00-2:50	MWF
RELI 3500	Methodology	2:00-3:15	TR
RELI 3796	Paul and His Letters	10:00-10:50	MWF
RELI 4500	Religion and the Environment	11:00- 12:15	TR
RELI 3113	Archaeology of the Old Testament World	10:00-10:50	MWF
FORL 2600	Literature in Tradition: The Holocaust	11:00-12:15	TTH
ENGL 4030	Milton	11:00 -12:15	TTh
GRK 2003	Ancient Greek Level III	11:00-12:15	TTh
HIST 3820	History of South Africa	2:00-3:15	TTh
POLS 3090	Religion and American Politics	11:00-11:50	MWF

FALL 2021 REGISTRATION ADVICE

Recommended Courses

RELI 1000 Intro. to Religious Studies or
RELI 1690 World Religions
Fine Art or ENGL 1100
Foreign Language 1001
Social Science
Science, Science Lab
Explore a minor

Also, add any general education (GE)
course

MATH 1050 Explorations in Math
Natural Sciences with a lab
HLTH 1000 (closes quickly. You have
plenty of time to take it)
KINE 1000 (closes quickly. You have
plenty of time to take it)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

YOUR BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIRES FOREIGN LANGUAGE THROUGH LEVEL FOUR (1001-2004)

ECU Offers the following languages

French (FREN)

German(GERM)

Ancient Greek (GRK)

Japanese (JAPN)

Latin (LATN)

Russian (RUSS)

Spanish (SPAN) (placement test is required for Spanish)

Online placement test is available at the resources link for - Spanish, French, or German. Visit

www.ecu.edu/foreign

Look for test under the 'resources' link. Instructions are on website.

Students who take the "placement test" can receive bypass credit without a grade, only upon successful completion of the course into which they place, as follows:

- Upon passing 1002, students receive bypass credit for 1001
- Upon passing 2003, students receive bypass credit for 1001, 1002
- Upon passing 2004, students receive bypass credit for 1001, 1002, 2003,
- Upon passing a course above level 2004, students receive bypass credit for 1001, 1002, 2003, 2004.

"Students may drop down one level if they feel their placement score is inaccurate

If you continuing with a language in which you have prior experience, it is recommended to start your foreign language as soon as possible.

GENERAL EDUCATION: HUMANITIES

MUST HAVE AT LEAST 1 TO GRADUATE

Class 1300 Greek & Latin
CLAS 1500 Classical Mythology (GD)
CLAS 1600 Sex, Spells & Sacrifices: (GD)
CLAS 2000 Intro to Classics
CLAS 2220 Great Works of Ancient Lit: Greece (GD)
CLAS 2230 Great Works of Ancient Lit:Rome (GD)
CLAS 2400 Women in Classical Antiquity
CLAS 2500 Greek Tragedy in Translation
ENGL 1000 Appreciating Literature
ENGL 1500 Topics in Words, Images and Ideas
ENGL 2000 Interpreting Literature
ENGL 2100 Major British Writers
ENGL 2200 Major American Writers
ENGL 2230 Sounthern Literature
ENGL 2400 World Literature in English(GD)
ENGL 2420 Short Story
ENGL 2470 Topics in Popular Literature
ENGL 2480 Science Fiction
ENGL 2570 The Supernatural
ENGL 2630 The Bible as Literature
ETHN 2001 Intro to Ethnic Studies
FILM 2900 Intro to Film Studies
FORL 1060 Global Understanding through Literature (GD)
FORL 1551 Intro to Russia: Land of the(GD)
FORL 1662 Intro to Hispanic Studies(GD)
FORL 2220 Sci-Fi: East and West (GD)
FORL 2520 French Cinema Classes(GD)
FORL 2600 Literature in Translation- the Holocaust(GD)
FORL 2620 French Literature in Translation(Written in English)(GD)
FORL 2622 Francophone Literature of the Americas (Written in English)(GD)

FORL 2624 Francophone Linterature of Africa (Written in English)
FORL 2660 Soanish Literature (Written in English)
FORL 2661 Latin American Literature (written in English)
FORL 2662 Special Topics in Hispanic Cinema (GD)
FORL 2665 Don Quixote (witten in English)(GD)
FORL 2666 Latino Texts (written in English)(DD)
FORL 2680 German Literature (Written in English)(GD)
FORL 2690 Intro to German Cinema (GD)
FORL 2760 Special Topics in Hispanic Studies
GLST 1000 Intro to Global Studies(GD)
GRBK 2000 Intro to the Great Books
GRBK 2010/ASIA 2010 Great Books of Modern China
GRBK 2400 Great Books of the Middle Ages & Renaissance
GRBK 2500 Great Books of the Enlightenment
GRBK 2600 Great Books of the 19th & 20th Centuries
HIST 1030 World Civilizations to 1500(GD)
HIST 1031 World Civilizations since 1500(GD)
HIST 1050 American History to 1877 (DD)
HIST 1051 American History from 1877(DD)
HIST 2300 Passion and Sex in Asian History
INTL 2003 Intro to Chinese Culture
LING 2700 Intro to Language Studies(DD)
LING 2720 Invented Languages
LING 2740 Language in the USA (DD)
MRST 2000 Intro to Medieval and Renaissance Studies
MRST 2400 Intro to Medieval Studies
MRST 2500 Intro to Renaissance Studies
PHIL 1110 Into to Philosophy
PHIL 1175 Intro to Ethics (* any ethics course good for pre-med students)
PHIL 1176 Intro to Social and Political Philosophy

PHIL 1180 Critical Reasoning
PHIL 1290 Intro to Philosophy of Religion
PHIL 1500 Intro to Logic (Not for students weak in Math)
PHIL 2261 Intro to Philosophy of Science
PHIL 2271 Intro to Philosophy of Art
PHIL 2274 Business Ethics
PHIL 2275 Professional Ethics
PHIL 2280 Intro to Philsofhy of Sport
PHIL 2282 Philosophy of Law
PHIL 2453 Existentialism and Phenomenology
PHIL 3281 Intro Phil Ethics in Healthcare
RELI 1000 Intro to Religious Studies
RELI 1500 Use and Abuse of the Bible (DD)
RELI 1600 Sex, Spells and Sacrifices: Religion in the Classical World(GD)
RELI 1690 World Religions
RELI 2340 Religion and Science
RELI 2350 Religion and Sexuality
RELI 2400 Religion and Film (GD)
RELI 2691Classical Islam (GD)
RELI 2692 Buddhism (GD)
RELI 2693 Hinduism (GD)
RELI 2694 Indigenous Religions (GD)
RELI 2695 Intro to Old Testament (GD)
RELI 2696 Intro to New Testament (GD)
RELI 2697 Judaism (GD)
RUSS 2001 Intro to Russian Studies (taught in English)
RUSS 2120 Intro to Rusian Culture (taught in English)
THEA 2235 Global Theatre (GD)

GENERAL EDUCATION: NATURAL SCIENCES

MUST HAVE 7 HOURS (INCLUDING 1 LAB) TO GRADUATE

Sciences with Labs

ANTH 2015/2016 Introduction to Biological Anthropology (3,1)

BIOL 1050/1051 General Biology (3,1)

BIOL 1060/1061 Environmental Biology (3,1)

BIOL 2015/2016 Intro. To Biological Anthropology (3,1)

GEOG Water & Environment (3,1)

GEOL 1500/1501 Dynamic Earth (3,1)

GEOL 1550/1551 Oceanography (3,1)

PHYS 1081/1081 Physics & Universe/Astronomy (3,1)

Sciences without Labs

TMO 1300 OR GEOG Weather & Climate

CHEM 1020 General Descriptive Chemistry

EHST 2110 Intro to Environmental Health Science

GEOG 1010 Geology Goes to Hollywood; Natural Disasters

GEOG 1700 Environmental Geology

GEOG 1600 Earth & Life through time

GEOG 1800 Geology of National Parks

PHYS 1050 Physics & Environment

GENERAL EDUCATION: SOCIAL SCIENCES

MUST HAVE 3 COURSES (FROM DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES)

AAAS 1000 Introduction to African & African American Studies (DD)
ANTH 1000 Introduction to Anthropology (GD)
ANTH 1001 Aliens, Atlantis and Archaeology
ANTH 1050 Global Understanding (GD)
ANTH 1200-001 Anthropology of Monsters, Zombies, and Vampires
ANTH 1200-002 Anthropology of War and Violence
ANTH 2000 Archaeology Around the World
ANTH 2005 Environmental Anthropology
ANTH 2010 Societies Around the World
ANTH 2200 Cultural Anthropology (GD)
ANTH 2250 Race & Ethical Relations (DD)
COMM/LING 2050 English for Global Communication (GD)
ECON 2113 Principles of Microeconomics
ECON 2133 Principles of Macroeconomics (pre-req: ECON 2113)
ETHN 2002 Intro to Ethnic Studies
GEOG 1000 People, places and Environments
GEOG 2003 Geography in the Global Economy
GEOG 2019 Geography of Recreation
GEOG 2100 World Geography: Developed regions (GD)
GEOG 2110 World Geography: Less developed regions (GD)
GEOG 2300 Geography of Environmental Resources
GEOG 2350 Climate Change: Science and Society
GENS 2400 Intro to Gender Studies

GERO/HDFS/SOCW 2400 Intro to Gerontology
HIST 2012 American Business History
HIST 2150 Shop Til You Drop: Consumerism (GD)
HIST2222 Western Europe Since 1500
HIST 2444 History of Sports in Western Society
INTL 1000 Intro to International Studies
LING 2710 English Grammar
PLAN 1900 Sustainable Cities (GD)
PLAN 2030 Global Cities (GD)
POLS 1010 National Government
POLS 1050 Politics and Global Understanding (GD)
POLS 2010 Intro to Comparative Gov't and Politics (GD)
POLS 2020 International Relations
PSYCH 1000 Intro to Psychology
PSYCH 2777 Ethnocultural Psychology (pre-req: PSYCH 1000) (DD)
RCSC 2601 Leisure in Society
RUSI 2002 Intro to Russian Studies (taught in English)
SECA 1000 Intro to Security Studies
SOC 1010 Race, Gender, Class (DD)
SOC 1025 Courtship and Marriage
SOC 1050 Global Understanding: Sociological Perspectives (GD)
SOC 2110 Intro to Sociology (DD)
SOC 2111 Modern Social Problems (pre-req: SOC 2110) (DD)

GENERAL EDUCATION : FINE ARTS

MUST HAVE AT LEAST 1 TO GRADUATE

ART 1001 Color and Design
ART 1105 Ceramics Appreciation
ART 1250 Digital Photography for non-art majors
ART 1910 Art Appreciation (GD)
COMM 2020 Fundamentals of Speech
COMM 2410 Public Speaking
DNCE 1000 Intro to Dance (DD)
DNCE 1001 Fundamentals of Ballet
ENGL 2815 Intro to Creative Writing
ETHN 2003 Intro to Ethnic Studies
MUSC 1008 Music for non-music majors
MUSC 1018 Music Reading and Fundamentals for non-music majors (2 s.h.)
MUSC 1208 Non-music major group piano I (must contact instructor)
MUSC 1308 Non-music major group guitar 1 (s.h.)
MUSC 1625 Concert Choir (audition only-contact instructor) (1 s.h.)
MUSC 1635 University Chorale (audition only – contact instructor) (1 s.h.)
MUSC 1705 Marching Band
MUSC 1715 Concert Band (1 s.h.)
MUSC 2207 Enjoyment of Music (GD)
MUSC 2249 Music in World Culture (GD)
MUSC 2257 Jazz Appreciation
RUSI 2003 Intro to Russian Studies (taught in English)
THEA 1000 Intro to Theater (GD)
THEA 1010 Intro to Acting *typically open to non-majors in spring
THEA 2015 Voice & Articulation *typically open to non-majors in spring

REGISTER

- You will receive your registration pin upon completion of the PIER quiz. Then follow the guidance on the previous slides
 - For step by step instruction on how to register, visit:
<https://thcasadvising.ecu.edu/registration-process-resources/>
 - If you run into registration PROBLEMS, visit:
<https://thcasadvising.ecu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/225/2019/08/HANDOUT-registration-problems.pdf>
for solutions.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Register for 12-15 or more semester hours. Classes that show closed may open later, so keep checking Banner regularly

Check your ECU email daily. See tutorial on setting up email.

Explore Religious Studies website for additional information at:

<https://religionprogram.ecu.edu/>

Explore THCAS Academic Advising & Resource Center (AARC) website for additional help at: <https://thcasadvising.ecu.edu/>

View your undergraduate catalog for degree requirements, course descriptions, general education, and academic policies:

http://catalog.ecu.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=16&poid=4168&returnto=1441

Review Admissions Checklist to make sure you have taken care of everything.

Consult your academic advisor when in doubt:

<https://religionprogram.ecu.edu/people/faculty/>

Thank you for listening
Review our website for more details

<https://religionprogram.ecu.edu/>

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