BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Religious Studies is the critical study of religious beliefs, practices, texts, institutions, and communities. We ask: What is religion? How has it functioned in societies past and present? How do religious groups answer the enduring questions of human existence? Our approach to these questions is interdisciplinary, non-religious, and often comparative.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEGREE?

I COULD BE A... policy analyst, social worker, human resources representative, event planner, journalist, librarian, marketing consultant.

OR WORK IN... law, social work, public policy, non-governmental organizations, education, international organizations, academia, hospitality, or business.

TOP 5 REASONS TO STUDY RELIGIOUS STUDIES:

1. Take core courses taught by teacher-scholars with expertise in a variety of religious traditions
2. We are interdisciplinary! Supplement required courses with those from a diverse array of Arts offerings that will count toward the Religious Studies major or minor
3. Fulfill your Language Other than English requirement and study Sanskrit, to build on your interest in South Asian religions, or Biblical Hebrew.
4. Gain international and cultural awareness, including the skills to critically interpret media coverage and public policies related to religion.
5. Meet your classmates! Religious Studies courses draw students from all faculties, who share a respectful curiosity about religion and religious traditions.

ENHANCE YOUR DEGREE

STRENGTHEN YOUR CREDENTIALS
Study abroad; write an honors thesis; learn a scriptural language; get a double major; conduct research; explore Arts Work Experience.

ADD A CERTIFICATE IN
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 test possibilities. Join a student group.
- Have inspired conversations and animated debates on global topics during International Week on campus.

**MID-DEGREE**
Take risks, try new things, ask for and offer help to people you know and people you meet.
- Apply to Arts Work Experience to strengthen your technical and transferable skills and gain paid, professional experience before you graduate.

**LATE DEGREE**
Develop and revise your career story based on your values, interests, and what you learn.
- Study abroad and receive guaranteed credit in Cortona, Italy.
- Ask professors to be academic references.
- Let the Career Centre support you in communicating your skills to prepare for your next step - graduate studies, professional programs, or employment.

Add research or creative activities to your degree with Undergraduate Research Initiative, or apply into BA Honors.
- Add a Certificate in International Learning to your degree.

Ready to toss your cap in the air? Apply to graduate!

Learn more about Indigenous peoples, perspectives, and worldviews.
- Apply your academic knowledge, and build your network through programs like the Certificate in Community Engagement and Service-Learning.