M.A. in Religious Studies – Critical Theory Specialization

Critical theory and religion brings post-World War II theories of religion from a range of disciplines in the social sciences and humanities into conversation with both the original discourses of "critical theory" as developed by the Frankfurt School and the so-called "new critical theory" in its interdisciplinary scope, which focuses on such topics as race, class, gender, ethnicity, and globalization. Students in this area of specialization may choose each year from a prescribed lists of courses both inside and outside the department, including those specifically listed for the university's own "critical theory" curriculum spanning a wide range of fields and departments. At least two courses taken for this area of specialization must have RLGS numbering.

ANTH 3020: Native Religions
ANTH 3060: Cultural Narratives
ECON 3040: Marxian Political Economy
PHIL 3005: Cosmopolitics
PHIL 3075: Marxism
PHIL 3210: Philosophy of Movement
PHIL 3466: Contemporary Continental Philosophy
RLGS 3302: Islamic Fundamentalism
RLGS 3315: Religion & Moral Psychology
RLGS 3318: Jesus on the Silver Screen
RLGS 3350: Culture, Psyche, and Religion
RLGS 3370: Freud, Psychology, & Religion
RLGS 3381: Religion & Psychobiography
RLGS 3452: Political Theology
RLGS 3460: Nietzsche & the Death of God
RLGS 3465: Derrida and Postmodernism
RLGS 3475: Deleuze and Semiotics
RLGS 3570: Religion and Morality in the American Public Square
RLGS 3641: Religion and Race in America
RLGS 3680: American Religious Experience
RLGS 3693: Religion and the Media
RLGS 3707: Religion and Film
RLGS 3740: Bodies and Souls
RLGS 3760: Globalization and Religion: Theory and Methods

*4000-5000 level courses require instructor permission*

RLGS 4501: Intersections of Faith and Media
RLGS 4676: Latino Religious Cultures: Methods and Theories