M.A. in Religious Studies – Religion and International Studies Specialization

The specialization in religion and international studies focuses on the role of religion in the interplay of different religions and cultures within a global context. Particular attention may be given to certain regions such as the Americas, Asia, or the Middle East, depending on the interest or availability of faculty.

Students must take at least one course in a specific religious tradition beyond the core requirements as well as one course in the theory of religion that pertains to international and multicultural studies. The remaining courses can be chosen from the department's approved list of courses for the area of specialization. Finally, students must take at least 4 hours of course work (including independent study, service learning, or field work) at a location outside the United States and Canada that meet the student's curricular and long-term professional goals.

Depending on the student's program of study, the department may in certain instances require the passing of a competency exam in a language relevant to that program of study (e.g., if the focus is on the Middle East, the language would be Arabic; if on Latin America, Spanish).

ANTH 3020: Native Religions
RLGS 3204: Christianity in the British Isles
RLGS 3300: Psychology of Religion
RLGS 3302: Islamic Fundamentalism
RLGS 3350: Culture, Psyche, and Religion
RLGS 3381: Religion & Psychobiography
RLGS 3452: Political Theology
RLGS 3500: Islam
RLGS 3501: Pilgrimage in Islam
RLGS 3502: Contemporary Islam
RLGS 3601: Religion and Culture in Vienna
RLGS 3693: Religion and the Media
RLGS 3707: Religion and Film
RLGS 3760: Globalization and Religion: Theory and Methods
RLGS 3813: Ritual
RLGS 3814: Modern Hinduism
RLGS 3832: Religious Lives: Dalai Lamas
RLGS 3890: Religion and Diaspora
RLGS 3892: Grant Writing as Research and Community Engagement

*4000-5000 level courses require instructor permission*

INTS 4011: Comparative Genocide
INTS 4525: Religion State Relations in Comparative Perspective
INTS 4526: Modern Islamic Political Thought
INTS 4543: Religion and international Studies: The Apocalyptic Tradition
RLGS 4050: History of Islam
RLGS 4501: Intersections of Faith and Media
RLGS 4676: Latino Religious Cultures: Methods and Theories