M.A. in Religious Studies - Sacred Texts Specialization

The Department of Religious Studies has faculty strength and research resources to support advanced study of sacred texts. Students who choose this concentration may focus on texts of one religious tradition, (e.g., Hebrew Bible, the Christian testament, the Qur’an, etc.) or may opt for a comparative approach. Students must acquire appropriate competency in the relevant language(s), minimally the equivalent of one full year of study, prior to matriculation or independently during the first year in the Program. The University does not offer introductory, graduate-level instruction in biblical Hebrew, koine Greek, Arabic, Sanskrit, Pāli, classical Chinese or Tibetan. Introductory language courses cannot be approved for credit to fulfill degree requirements.

RLGS 3150: The Bible & Dead Sea Scrolls
RLGS 3151: The Dead Sea Scrolls
RLGS 3192: Christian Classics
RLGS 3318: Jesus on the Silver Screen
RLGS 3503: Qur’an and Hadith
RLGS 3740: Bodies and Souls
RLGS 3816: Hinduism through Texts

*4000-5000 level courses require instructor permission*

RLGS 4105: Understanding the Bible: Old Testament
RLGS 4122: Augustine on Genesis
RLGS 4150: Biblical Aramaic
RLGS 4191: Early Christian Old Testament Interpretation
RLGS 5110: Hebrew Bible Seminar I
RLGS 5111: Hebrew Bible Seminar II
RLGS 5112: Hebrew Bible Seminar III
RLGS 5114: New Testament Seminar II
RLGS 5115: New Testament Seminar III