

THE DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

RELIGION MATTERS



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Department of Religious Studies

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

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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