

Twin Cities Campus**Religious Studies Minor**

Classical and Near Eastern Religions and Cultures

College of Liberal Arts

- Program Type: Undergraduate minor related to major
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2020
- Required credits in this minor: 15

Religion is a fundamental part of human experience and meaning. It informs all aspects of human society, from individual and collective identity to personal relationships, from political sympathies to scientific investigation and artistic creativity. The academic study of religion, as a result, ranges widely across human experience and is informed by the methods of many disciplines. It is by its very nature interdisciplinary, drawing upon textual and literary studies, history, sociology, anthropology, the arts, and philosophy. The religious studies minor provides students with an opportunity to engage in interdisciplinary study by bringing together perspectives, approaches, questions, and expertise from faculty and courses across several departments. Students in the minor are thereby trained in the critical study of religious thought, practices, institutions, and communities throughout the world and across time periods. The minor provides students with a range of analytical tools as well as in-depth knowledge of particular traditions.

For more information, visit the Religious Studies website at <https://cla.umn.edu/religious-studies>.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Minor Requirements

The minor includes a total of five courses. Courses may be taken in any order.

Students may earn a BA or a minor in religious studies, but not both.

Theory and Method in Religion

Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling exactly 3 credit(s) from the following:

- [RELS 3001W](#) - Theory and Method in Religion: Critical Approaches to the Study of Religion [WI] (3.0 cr)
or [RELS 5001](#) - Theory and Method in the Study of Religion: Critical Approaches to the Study of Religion (3.0 cr)

Electives

The purpose of the minor is to expose students to a diversity of religious traditions and methods of study. At least two religious traditions must be represented among the four elective courses. Elective courses should be selected in consultation with the DUS in order to promote coherence, breadth, and depth.

Take exactly 4 course(s) totaling 12 or more credit(s) from the following:

- [AMES 3001](#) - Concepts in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (3.0 cr)
- [HIST 3623W](#) - The Age of Reformation [WI] (3.0 cr)
- [HIST 5614](#) (*Inactive*) (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3626W](#) - Witches, Seers, and Saints: Women, Gender, and Religion in the U.S. [WI] (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3631](#) - Islam in America: A History of the Present (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3970](#) (*Inactive*) (1.0 cr)
- [RELS 3993](#) - Directed Studies (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- [RELS 5504](#) (*Inactive*) (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 5993](#) - Directed Studies (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- [RELS 8190](#) - Comparative Seminar in Religions in Antiquity (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3013W](#) - Biblical Law and Jewish Ethics [WI] (3.0 cr)
or [JWST 3013W](#) - Biblical Law and Jewish Ethics [WI] (3.0 cr)
or [RELS 5013W](#) - Biblical Law and Jewish Ethics [WI] (3.0 cr)
or [JWST 5013W](#) - Biblical Law and Jewish Ethics [WI] (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3034](#) - Introduction to Jewish History and Cultures [HIS] (3.0 cr)
or [HIST 3534](#) - Introduction to Jewish History and Cultures [HIS] (3.0 cr)
or [JWST 3034](#) - Introduction to Jewish History and Cultures [HIS] (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3070](#) - Topics in Religious Studies (3.0 cr)
or [RELS 5070](#) (*Inactive*) (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3071](#) - Greek and Hellenistic Religions [HIS] (3.0 cr)
or [RELS 5071](#) - Greek and Hellenistic Religions (3.0 cr)

- or [CNRC 3071](#) - Greek and Hellenistic Religions [HIS] (3.0 cr)
or [CNRC 5071](#) - Greek and Hellenistic Religions (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3072](#) - The Birth of Christianity [AH] (3.0 cr)
or [RELS 5072](#) - The Birth of Christianity [AH] (3.0 cr)
or [CNRC 3072](#) - The Birth of Christianity [AH] (3.0 cr)
or [CNRC 5072](#) - The Birth of Christianity [AH] (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3076](#) - The Apostle Paul: Life, Letters, and Legacy (3.0 cr)
or [CNRC 3076](#) - Apostle Paul: Life, Letters, and Legacy (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3079](#) - Muslims and Jews: Conflict and Co-existence in the Middle East and North Africa since 1700 [HIS, GP] (3.0 cr)
or [HIST 3511](#) - Muslims and Jews: Conflict and Co-existence in the Middle East and North Africa since 1700 [HIS, GP] (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3092](#) - Jesus in History, Art & Culture [HIS] (3.0 cr)
or [CNRC 3092](#) - Jesus in History, Art & Culture [HIS] (3.0 cr)
or [HIST 3092](#) - Jesus in History, Art & Culture [HIS] (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3113](#) - History of Modern Israel/Palestine: Society, Culture, and Politics [GP] (3.0 cr)
or [HIST 3512](#) - History of Modern Israel/Palestine: Society, Culture, and Politics [GP] (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3182](#) - Egypt and Western Asia: Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt and Western Asia [AH, GP] (3.0 cr)
or [ARTH 3182](#) - Egypt and Western Asia: Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt and Western Asia [AH, GP] (3.0 cr)
or [CNRC 3182](#) - Egypt and Western Asia: Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt and Western Asia [AH, GP] (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3201](#) - The Bible: Context and Interpretation, World of the Hebrew Bible [LITR] (3.0 cr)
or [CNRC 3201](#) - The Bible: Context and Interpretation, World of the Hebrew Bible [LITR] (3.0 cr)
or [JWST 3201](#) - The Bible: Context and Interpretation, World of the Hebrew Bible [LITR] (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3202](#) - Bible: Prophecy in Ancient Israel (3.0 cr)
or [CNRC 3202](#) - Bible: Prophecy in Ancient Israel (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3205](#) - Women, Gender, and the Hebrew Bible [AH] (3.0 cr)
or [CNRC 3205](#) - Women, Gender, and the Hebrew Bible [AH] (3.0 cr)
or [JWST 3205](#) - Women, Gender, and the Hebrew Bible [AH] (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3321](#) - American Indian Philosophies [AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
or [AMIN 3301](#) - American Indian Philosophies [AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3371](#) - Buddhism [GP] (3.0 cr)
or [AMES 3672](#) - Buddhism [GP] (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3373](#) - Religion and Society in Imperial China [HIS] (3.0 cr)
or [AMES 3373](#) - Religion and Society in Imperial China [HIS] (3.0 cr)
or [HIST 3466](#) - Religion and Society in Imperial China [HIS] (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3374](#) - Introduction to Japanese Religions (3.0 cr)
or [AMES 3471](#) - Introduction to Japanese Religions (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3377](#) - A Thousand Years of Buddhism in China: Beliefs, Practices, and Culture (3.0 cr)
or [AMES 3377](#) - A Thousand Years of Buddhism in China: Beliefs, Practices, and Culture (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3415W](#) - Art of India [AH, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
or [ARTH 3014W](#) - Art of India [AH, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
or AMES 3014W (*Inactive*) [AH, GP, WI] (4.0 cr)
- [RELS 3502W](#) - Ancient Israel: From Conquest to Exile [WI] (3.0 cr)
or [CNRC 3502W](#) - Ancient Israel: From Conquest to Exile [WI] (3.0 cr)
or [HIST 3502W](#) - Ancient Israel: From Conquest to Exile [WI] (3.0 cr)
or [JWST 3502W](#) - Ancient Israel: From Conquest to Exile [WI] (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3504](#) - Apocalypticism, Cosmic Warfare, and the Maccabees: Jewish Strategies of Resistance in Antiquity (3.0 cr)
or [CNRC 3504](#) - Apocalypticism, Cosmic Warfare, and the Maccabees: Jewish Strategies of Resistance in Antiquity (3.0 cr)
or [JWST 3504](#) - Apocalypticism, Cosmic Warfare, and the Maccabees: Jewish Strategies of Resistance in Antiquity (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3520](#) - History of the Holocaust (3.0 cr)
or [HIST 3727](#) - History of the Holocaust (3.0 cr)
or [JWST 3520](#) - History of the Holocaust (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3535](#) - Death and the Afterlife in the Ancient World [AH] (3.0 cr)
or [CNRC 3535](#) - Death and the Afterlife in the Ancient World [AH] (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3543](#) - Pagans, Christians, Barbarians: The World of Late Antiquity [HIS, GP] (3.0 cr)
or [CNRC 3617](#) - Pagans, Christians, Barbarians: The World of Late Antiquity [HIS, GP] (3.0 cr)
or [MEST 3617](#) - Pagans, Christians, Barbarians: The World of Late Antiquity [HIS, GP] (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3544W](#) - Martyrs, Monks, Crusaders: World Christianity, 100-1400 [HIS, GP, WI] (4.0 cr)
or [HIST 3081W](#) - Martyrs, Monks, Crusaders: World Christianity, 100-1400 [HIS, GP, WI] (4.0 cr)
- [RELS 3545W](#) - World Christianity, 1300-1800 Reformers, Radicals and Revolutionaries [HIS, WI] (3.0 cr)
or [HIST 3082W](#) - World Christianity, 1300-1800 Reformers, Radicals and Revolutionaries [HIS, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3611](#) - Eastern Orthodoxy: History and Culture (3.0 cr)
or [HIST 3767](#) - Eastern Orthodoxy: History and Culture (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3612](#) - Baroque Rome: Art and Politics in the Papal Capital [HIS] (3.0 cr)
or [RELS 5612](#) - Baroque Rome: Art and Politics in the Papal Capital (3.0 cr)
or [ARTH 3335](#) - Baroque Rome: Art and Politics in the Papal Capital [HIS] (3.0 cr)
or [ARTH 5335](#) - Baroque Rome: Art and Politics in the Papal Capital (3.0 cr)
- [RELS 3622](#) (*Inactive*) (3.0 cr)

- or HIST 3802 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
- RELS 3623 *{Inactive}*[HIS] (3.0 cr)
 - or HIST 3804 *{Inactive}*[HIS] (3.0 cr)
- RELS 3624 - Atheists as "Other": Religious and Nonreligious Outsiders in the US [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
 - or SOC 3309 - Atheists as "Other": Religious & Nonreligious Outsiders in the US [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- RELS 3625 - Magic and Medicine (3.0 cr)
 - or HIST 3285 - Magic and Medicine (3.0 cr)
- RELS 3627 - The End of the World in Literature and History [HIS] (3.0 cr)
 - or ENGL 3025 - The End of the World in Literature and History [HIS] (3.0 cr)
- RELS 3671 - Hinduism (3.0 cr)
 - or AMES 3671 - Hinduism (3.0 cr)
- RELS 3706W - Art of Islam [AH, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
 - or ARTH 3015W - Art of Islam [AH, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
- RELS 3707W *{Inactive}*[SOCS, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
 - or ANTH 3021W - Anthropology of the Middle East [SOCS, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
 - or RELS 5707W *{Inactive}*[SOCS, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
- RELS 3708 - The Cultures of the Silk Road (3.0 cr)
 - or AMES 3872 - The Cultures of the Silk Road (3.0 cr)
 - or HIST 3504 - The Cultures of the Silk Road (3.0 cr)
- RELS 3711 - The Islamic World [SOCS, GP] (3.0 cr)
 - or GEOG 3145 - The Islamic World [SOCS, GP] (3.0 cr)
 - or GLOS 3645 *{Inactive}*[SOCS, GP] (3.0 cr)
- RELS 3712 - Islam: Religion and Culture (3.0 cr)
 - or HIST 3493 - Islam: Religion and Culture (3.0 cr)
 - or AMES 3871 - Islam: Religion and Culture (3.0 cr)
- RELS 3714 - Islam and the West (3.0 cr)
 - or HIST 3546 - Islam and the West (3.0 cr)
 - or GLOS 3643 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
- RELS 3715 - History of the Crusades [HIS, GP] (3.0 cr)
 - or HIST 3613 - History of the Crusades [HIS, GP] (3.0 cr)
 - or MEST 3613 - History of the Crusades [HIS, GP] (3.0 cr)
- RELS 3716 - Gender and the Family in the Islamic World (3.0 cr)
 - or GLOS 3681 - Gender and the Family in the Islamic World (3.0 cr)
 - or GWSS 3681 - Gender and the Family in the Islamic World (3.0 cr)
 - or SOC 3681 - Gender and the Family in the Islamic World (3.0 cr)
- RELS 3717 - Christians, Muslims, and Jews in the Middle Ages [HIS, GP] (3.0 cr)
 - or HIST 3606 - Christians, Muslims, and Jews in the Middle Ages [HIS, GP] (3.0 cr)
- RELS 3718W - Christ in Islamic Thought [WI] (3.0 cr)
 - or HIST 3494W - Christ in Islamic Thought [WI] (3.0 cr)
- RELS 3721 - North Africa since 1500: Islam, Colonialism, and Independence (3.0 cr)
 - or RELS 5721 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
 - or HIST 3513 - North Africa since 1500: Islam, Colonialism, and Independence (3.0 cr)
 - or HIST 5513 - North Africa since 1500: Islam, Colonialism, and Independence (3.0 cr)
- RELS 3722 - The Ottoman Empire [HIS, GP] (3.0 cr)
 - or HIST 3547 - The Ottoman Empire [HIS, GP] (3.0 cr)
- RELS 4049 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
 - or ANTH 4049 - Religion and Culture (3.0 cr)
- RELS 4309 - Religion in American Public Life: Culture, Politics, and Communities [CIV] (3.0 cr)
 - or SOC 4309 - Religion in American Public Life: Culture, Politics, & Communities [CIV] (3.0 cr)
- RELS 5777 - The Diversity of Traditions: Indian Empires after 1200 (3.0 cr)
 - or ARTH 5777 - The Diversity of Traditions: Indian Empires after 1200 (3.0 cr)
- RELS 3704 - Exploring the Quran: An intellectual odyssey with Islam's holy scripture [AH] (3.0 cr)
 - or CNRC 3074 - Exploring the Quran: An intellectual odyssey with Islam's holy scripture [AH] (3.0 cr)
- RELS 3628 - Jewish American Literature: Religion, Culture, and the Immigrant Experience [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
 - or JWST 3011 - Jewish American Literature: Religion, Culture, and the Immigrant Experience [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- RELS 3206 - Sex, Murder, and Bodily Discharges: Purity and Pollution in the Ancient World (3.0 cr)
 - or CNRC 3206 - Sex, Murder, and Bodily Discharges: Purity and Pollution in the Ancient World (3.0 cr)