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Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies

Under Review | Fall 2025

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- Janet Vassilev
- ✓ Nicole Capehart

FSCC voted to approve this.

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Effective Term and Year

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Justification

Proposed
Program Justification
We are adding a concentration in Religion, Health, and Medicine.

Existing
Program Justification
MS 5/22/24 Adding major code to match BANP

Program Category and Level

Program Category

Degree

Program Level

Undergraduate

Degree, Minor, or Certificate Name

Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies

Certificate or Degree Type

Bachelor of Arts

Degree/Certificate Level

Undergraduate

Is this program also offered online?

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File Uploads

Document uploads

Associated Quali Forms

Select any associated course forms that exist

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Shared Credit and Dual Degree information

Interdepartmental Program

No

Catalog Information

Program Description

The Religious Studies Program is an interdisciplinary unit within the College of Arts & Sciences, with participation from faculty and students from across the entire University, including the various colleges, professional schools, branch campuses, and the evening/weekend program. Our undergraduate program provides both an introduction to the scholarly study of religion and broad training in the liberal arts. We study religion in its own right and as a lens through which to view the human condition, contemporary human societies, intellectual and social history, spirituality, and ethics. Students major or minor in religious studies in order to pursue careers as educators or scholars of religion, to work toward becoming clerical or lay ministers in a variety of traditions, to prepare for professional school, to pursue graduate education in allied humanities or social science disciplines and/or to explore their own deepest interests.

Additional Information

With the permission of the Director of the Religious Studies Program, a student may include among courses for a major or minor a limited number of courses in such languages as Classical Chinese, Classical or Biblical Greek, Latin, Biblical Hebrew, Arabic and Sanskrit, when these courses include a study of religious texts and are integrated with a program of advanced studies of sacred texts.

Religious Studies undergraduate courses count with Group II (Humanities) in the Arts and Sciences group requirements.

Departmental Honors

Students wishing to work for Honors in Religious Studies should contact the Director of the Religious Studies Program during their junior year. Honors students sign up for two consecutive semesters of RELG 497, in which they prepare an Honors thesis under the direction of a committee.

Admissions Requirements

A minimum of 26 credit hours; 23 credit hours must be in courses acceptable toward graduation.

A cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00 on all work.

- Transfer students must have a 2.00 transfer GPA.
- Continuing UNM students must have a 2.00 institutional GPA.

Demonstrated academic achievement by satisfying the following:

- Completion of General Education Curriculum: Communication.
- Completion of General Education Curriculum: Mathematics and Statistics.
- Completion of General Education Curriculum: Second Language.

Completion of Religious Studies Program admission course work with grades of "C" or better:

- RELG 2110.
- RELG 2120.

Graduation Requirements

Professional Credential/Licensure Program Information

License/Certification associated with program

No

Professional Accrediting Bodies

Degree Information

Degree Hours

120

Minimum Major Hours

33

Degree Requirements

Requirements

- Complete 1 of the following

Major Requirements

- Complete all of the following
 - Complete at least 1 of the following:
 - RELG1110 - Introduction to World Religions (3)
 - RELG1126 - New Testament (3)
 - RELG1550 - Religion, Health and Medicine (3)
 - Complete the following:
 - RELG2110 - Eastern Religions (3)
 - RELG2120 - Western Religions (3)
 - RELG452 - Theories of Religion (3)
 - Students must take at least one course in each of the following distributional areas: Asian Religions; Abrahamic Religions; Religion, Life and Culture; and Religion in the Americas. Courses that meet these distribution requirements are listed below. Relevant topics courses (RELG 347, RELG 447, RELG 463) may also fill distribution requirements with approval of undergraduate director or program director. In order to provide flexibility, the Asian religions requirements (RELG 2110 and another Asian religions course) and the Western/Abrahamic religions requirements (RELG 2120 and an Abrahamic religions course) may also be met by appropriate pairs of courses that together cover Asian and Abrahamic religions respectively. Thus, for example, the Asian religions requirements may also be met by taking two courses, one in Hinduism and one in Buddhism, and the Abrahamic religions requirements may also be met by taking two courses that cover the Abrahamic traditions (i.e. Judaism, Christianity, or Islam).

Asian Religions

- Earn at least 3 credits from the following:
 - RELG2110 - Eastern Religions (3)
 - RELG332 - Introduction to Buddhism (3)
 - RELG335 - Goddesses and Gods of India (3)
 - RELG337 - Early Daoism (3)
 - RELG347 - Topics in Religious Studies (3)
 - RELG447 - Seminar in Religious Studies (1 - 3)

Abrahamic Religions

- Earn at least 3 credits from the following:
 - RELG1123 - Hebrew Bible (3)
 - RELG1126 - New Testament (3)
 - RELG2120 - Western Religions (3)
 - RELG312 - Introduction to Islam (3)
 - RELG314 - Islamic Mysticism (3)
 - RELG326 - History of Christianity to 1517 (3)
 - RELG327 - History of Christianity, 1517 to Present (3)
 - RELG347 - Topics in Religious Studies (3)

Religion, Life and Culture

- Earn at least 3 credits from the following:
 - RELG303 - Black Liberation and Religion (3)
 - RELG319 - Sex and Gender in Ancient Religion (3)
 - RELG320 - Magic in Ancient Religion (3)
 - RELG321 - Apocalypse in the Ancient World (3)

- RELG347 - Topics in Religious Studies (3)
- RELG350 - Religion and Literature (3)
- RELG355 - Atheism: Trends and Critiques (3)
- RELG447 - Seminar in Religious Studies (1 - 3)

Religion in the Americas

- Earn at least 3 credits from the following:
 - RELG346 - Religion in New Mexico (3)
 - RELG355 - Atheism: Trends and Critiques (3)
 - RELG332 - Introduction to Buddhism (3)
 - ARTS415 - Sculpture Material Studies: Metal (3)
 - RELG447 - Seminar in Religious Studies (1 - 3)
- Earn at least 9 credits from the following types of courses:
Electives. Students are encouraged but not required to develop an informal concentration within the program, by taking at least three courses from one distributional area of their choosing.
- Earn at least 87 credits from the following types of courses:
In addition to the program-specific requirements outlined here, all undergraduate students are required to fulfill UNM's General Education Program requirements and other general undergraduate degree requirements to earn a minimum of 120 credits. In some instances, courses included in an undergraduate degree program's requirement may also fulfill a General Education requirement. Please review the General Education Program in this Catalog for General Education information. Students within the College of Arts and Sciences must also complete 1) a major and a minor; or 2) two majors; or 3) one of the special curricula of the College that requires no minor.

Second Major Requirements

- Complete all of the following
 - Complete at least 1 of the following:
 - RELG1120 - Introduction to the Bible (3)
 - RELG1110 - Introduction to World Religions (3)
 - RELG1550 - Religion, Health and Medicine (3)
 - Complete the following:
 - RELG2110 - Eastern Religions (3)
 - RELG2120 - Western Religions (3)
 - RELG452 - Theories of Religion (3)
 - Earn at least 9 credits from the following types of courses:
In addition to the courses listed above, students must also take at least one course in each of the following distributional areas: Asian Religions; Abrahamic Religions; Religion, Life and Culture; and Religion in the Americas. See course lists above. Relevant topics courses (RELG 347, RELG 447, RELG 463) may also fill distribution requirements with approval of undergraduate director or program director.
 - Earn at least 3 credits from the following types of courses:
Electives. In order to provide flexibility, the Asian religions requirements (RELG 2110 and another Asian religions course) and the Western/Abrahamic religions requirements (RELG 2120 and an Abrahamic religions course) may also be met by appropriate pairs of courses that together cover Asian and Abrahamic religions respectively. Thus, for example, the Asian religions requirements may also be met by taking two courses, one in Hinduism and one in Buddhism, and the Abrahamic religions requirements may also be met by taking two courses that cover the Abrahamic traditions (i.e. Judaism, Christianity, or Islam).

Grand Total Credits: 24 - 120

Concentrations

Program Concentrations

Code	Title
Concentration Required	
No	

Emphases

Emphasis required	Emphasis Hours
N/A	
Emphasis Rules	
No Rules	

Sample Degree Plan

Sample Degree Plan Upload

Program Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcomes
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BA Relg Stdy		BA-RLST-AS	RLST
Online Program Code	Online Major Code	Pre-major Program Code	Pre-major Major Code
		BA-FRLS-AS	FRLS
CIP Code	Concentration Inheritance		
38.0201	No		

Catalog

Main Campus

Catalog Activation Date

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Notes

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