

Religion Minor

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The Religion Minor aims to familiarize students with the beliefs and institutions of major world religions, their origins and evolution in different regions of the globe and in different historical periods, their intersection with textual and non-textual forms of expression, and their profound impact on human culture and society in the past and in the present.

Students are encouraged to choose a sequence of courses to suit their interests and needs in consultation with Pierre Le Morvan (lemorvan@tcnj.edu), Coordinator of Religious Studies.

Religion Minor Requirements

- Five courses are required for the Religion Minor
- At least two courses must have the REL prefix
- At least two courses must be at the 300 or 400 level
- Three additional courses must be taken and may include any courses with the REL prefix or approved courses with non-REL prefixes listed below

Religion (REL) Courses at TCNJ

REL 100/Basic Issues in Religion

REL 110/World Religions

REL 111/Buddhism and Buddhist Thought

REL 112/Hinduism and Hindu Thought

REL 113/Islam and Islamic Thought

REL 120/Early Judaism

REL 121/Modern Judaism

REL 170/Special Topics in Religion

REL 210/Indian Philosophy (Prerequisite: One prior philosophy or religion course, or permission of instructor)

REL 220/Catholicism

REL 251/Knowledge and the Divine (Prerequisite: One prior philosophy or religion course, or permission of instructor)

REL 252/Existence and the Divine (Prerequisite: One prior philosophy or religion course, or permission of instructor)

REL 305/Ancient Christianity

REL 313/Medieval Christianity

REL 320/Holocaust: Historical and Religious Perspectives

REL 370/Special Topics in Religion (Prerequisite: One course in religion or permission of instructor).

REL 373/The Feminine Divine

REL 391/Independent Study in Religion (Prerequisite: Permission of instructor)

REL 493/Senior Capstone (Prerequisite: Permission of instructor)

The following non-REL courses are eligible for the Minor

AAH 105/Art History 1: From Caves to Cathedrals
AAH 106/ Art History 2: Renaissance to Revolution
AAH 215/The Arts of South Asia
AAH 216/The Arts of East Asia
AAH 217/Arts of the Islamic World
AAH 232/Introduction to Medieval Art
AAS 201/African and Diaspora Religions
CLS 250/Introduction to Greek Mythology
HIS 107/Jews, Christians, and Muslims in the Premodern World
HIS 305/Ancient Christianity (cross-listed with REL 305)
HIS 331/Silk and Religion
HIS 341/Islamic History from Muhammad to the Ottomans
HIS 342/Modern Middle East
HIS 344/Politics and Religion in the Middle East
HIS 357/Religion and Politics in Africa
HIS 455/Readings Seminars (where topic has religious studies component)
HIS 498/Research Seminars (where topic has religious studies component)
HON 210/Indian Philosophy
HON 220/African Diaspora and Religion
HON 230/Islam in Comparative Perspective
HON 251/Epistemology of Religion
HON 252/Metaphysics of Religion
HON 272/Philosophy of Religion (Prerequisite: One prior philosophy or religion course, or permission of instructor)
HON 349/Cities and Sanctuaries of Greece and Rome
HON 351/An Odyssey in Greece
HON 362/Goodwives and Witches: Women in Colonial America
LIT 251/British Literature 1700
LIT 317/WGS 317/The Witch in Literature
LIT 340/The Bible as Literature
LIT 354/Middle English Literature
LIT 358/British Literature and Religion: 1550-1700
LIT 499/Seminar on Research and Theory (where topic has a religious studies component)
MUS 351/Music from 600 to 1750: Gregorian Chant to High Baroque
PHL 210/Indian Philosophy (Prerequisite: One prior philosophy or religion course, or permission of instructor)
PHL 250/Philosophy of Religion (Prerequisite: One prior philosophy or religion course, or permission of instructor)
PHL 251/Knowledge and the Divine (Prerequisite: One prior philosophy or religion course, or permission of instructor)
PHL 252/Existence and the Divine (Prerequisite: One prior philosophy or religion course, or permission of instructor)
PHL 370/Special Topics in Philosophy (where topic has a religious studies component)
PHL 391/Independent Study (where topic has a religious studies component)
POL 357/Middle East Politics
POL 362/Islam and Politics

PSY 390/Collaborative Research (where topic has a religious studies component)

PSY 393/Independent Study (where topic has a religious studies component)

SOC 375/Religion and American Culture (Prerequisite: SOC 101 or HON 216)

WGS 317/The Witch in Literature

WGS 374/Ecofeminism