

- Religious studies minor

The Religious Studies Minor is an interdisciplinary minor devoted to the academic study of religion, looking to educate students in the scholarly interpretation of religion while cultivating an understanding and respect for religious diversity and secular perspectives. Religious Studies prepares future teachers, business leaders, social workers, health care professionals, journalists, artists and citizens to reflectively situate religion in their own lives and appreciate the complexities of religious differences in a pluralistic society and world.

Overview of skills developed

Completion of the Religious Studies minor shows future employers that you possess the competencies associated with global/intercultural fluency, tolerance, and critical thinking. An education in religious studies prepares students to act as effective global citizens. The program also places an emphasis on applying knowledge and skills to real-world settings.

Curriculum outline

The core curriculum of the Religious Studies Minor involves the academic exploration of different disciplinary approaches (historical, social, political, intellectual, philosophical, scientific, literary and artistic) to the study of religion, exposing students to the variety of methods employed to understand religion; and to different religious traditions, providing study of the continuities and changes within religious traditions and the operation of religions in particular social contexts. Students will receive personal advising as to choices of elective courses from different disciplines that reflect their individual interests and academic goals.

Course offerings include:

- Introduction to Religious Studies
- World Religions and Spirituality
- Ethical/Religious Responses to the Holocaust
- Witchcraft, Magic, and Religion
- Lives of Religious Women
- Critical Study of the New Testament and Apocrypha
- Realm of Islam
- Buddhism
- History of Religion in America
- Philosophy of Religion

Top Jobs

- Postsecondary Teachers (median salary: \$79,540)
- High School Teachers (median salary: \$61,660)
- Social Workers (median salary: \$61,230)
- Health Care Professionals (median salary: \$82,000)
- Journalists (median salary: \$43,490)
- Sociologists (median salary: \$83,420)
- Community Directors (average salary: \$65,325)
- Hospital Chaplains (median salary: \$59,500)
- Researchers (median salary: \$59,170)
- Clergy (average salary: \$99,200)

Graduate school placements

- Suffolk University
- University of Massachusetts Boston
- Simmons College
- University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
- Georgetown University
- Norwich University
- Middlebury College
- Salve Regina University
- Boston University

Career placements

- U.S. Attorney's Office
- Bay State College
- Center for Restorative Justice
- Crime and Justice Institute
- Archbishop Williams High School
- State Library of Massachusetts
- The Guild of St. Agnes
- Chelmsford Public Schools
- Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston
- Harvard Medical School

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- Study abroad
- Honors College
- Independent study on special topics