

RELIGION MINOR

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Knowledge of religion is critical in today's world. The academic study of religion at Syracuse University offers students opportunities to explore religion in cross-cultural and interdisciplinary contexts. Students who take courses in religion learn to interpret the dynamics of religious convictions, actions, and expressions.

Religious traditions and practices engage such questions as: What kind of life is most worth living? How do we understand the nature of the world? How do we relate to ourselves and to others?

Students study religious life and thought from the perspectives of arts, ethics, gender, history, literature, mythology, philosophy, political theory, psychology, scriptural studies, social sciences, and theology.

The academic study of religion is a critical undertaking and an often transforming experience introducing students to unfamiliar aspects of their own world, and to the religious realities of our global situation.

Additional Information

Students interested in pursuing a minor in religion should contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies in 501 Hall of Languages, 315-443-3861.

The Department of Religion has articulated three goals that shape its teaching and its expectations of what students in its courses and programs may expect to gain from this study:

1. to understand better the nature and diversity of religious expressions in the contemporary world and in history, and their power in peoples' personal and collective lives;
2. to think more deeply and critically about religious experience and its modes of expression and forms of interpretation;
3. to recognize and appreciate the difficulties and possibilities in a disciplined study of religion; and to become aware of a diversity of approaches and methods within that study.

Requirements

Students take 18 credits of appropriate and approved work in keeping with the following conditions:

1. at least 12 credits in courses numbered 300 or above;
2. all credits will be taken in courses offered by the Department of Religion.