RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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The Department of Religious Studies offers a master of arts (MA) degree in Religious Studies and, together with the Iliff School of Theology, a doctor of philosophy (PhD) degree, as well as a graduate certificate in Religious Studies.

Why pursue an MA in Religious Studies at the University of Denver?

The Department of Religious Studies offers graduate students the opportunity to study with its distinguished faculty in a program that emphasizes breadth and depth. Religious Studies faculty members are well published and have won several distinguished teaching awards. They have served in leadership roles in national learned societies and have received grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Council of Learned Societies and the Guggenheim Foundation.

The program provides students with a substantive grounding in the major religious traditions of the world, as well as training in the discipline of religious studies. Through the areas of specialization, it provides students with the opportunity to develop a specific and scholarly expertise in one of the following particular fields of interest: Sacred Texts, Critical Theory and Religion, Religion and International Studies, Philosophy of Religion, Lived Religions, Biblical Studies, Theory of Religion, International and Multicultural Studies, Islamic Studies, and World Religions. Students can use these areas of specializations to deepen their own expertise in a particular area while preparing for thesis work or comprehensive exams.

As part of broader University mandates to support interdisciplinary work and internationalization (study and research abroad), the Department of Religious Studies expects students to embrace multiple disciplinary perspectives. It encourages students to enrich their graduate studies by taking courses in other departments and to work with faculty outside Religious Studies. For example, students in the MA program routinely take graduate-level courses in Anthropology, International Studies, Philosophy and Art History. Similarly, students in the MA program are encouraged to pursue advanced language training in the language(s) of their sub-field as well as modern research languages. Finally, the Department encourages students to study or conduct research abroad, as appropriate, and to seek external support in ways that will enhance their curriculum vitae as well as their scholarly and professional training.

Program advantages include the following:

• The opportunity to develop broad competencies in major religious traditions and the discipline of Religious Studies, while cultivating scholarly expertise in a particular area of specialization.
• Small classes that facilitate professor-student interaction, encouraging faculty mentoring while fostering community and collegiality with other graduate students.
• The opportunity to pursue interdisciplinary training and related interests by taking courses or working one-on-one with faculty in other University of Denver departments.
• Preparation either for doctoral work or for a professional career, with strong support from faculty and the University of Denver’s career counselors.
• Opportunities to engage with and conduct research within metropolitan Denver, a culturally and religiously diverse city with a high quality of life.
• Substantial scholarship packages, including tuition credits and opportunities to serve as a research assistant.

What do applicants need in order to qualify for the Religious Studies MA program?

Applicants must have an undergraduate degree from an accredited college, with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0. Applicants must meet the minimum performance standard set by the Office of Graduate Studies for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Applicants must have an appropriate background in the study of the humanities. Undergraduate courses in Religious Studies are highly desirable, but all work in related areas will be taken into consideration.

In addition, successful applicants will have the following qualifications:

• Academically qualified for graduate level study
• Prepared to do coursework and conduct research that emphasizes engagement with local and global communities
• Motivated to work collegially with faculty and other students in a community of learning

What can graduates do with a MA in Religious Studies?

The MA degree in religious studies prepares students for PhD work or for teaching and careers in journalism, government, education, and nonprofit organizations in which cross-cultural analytical skills are important. The program provides broad competencies in several religious traditions, while offering students the opportunity to specialize in an area of particular interest.
Joint PhD Program in the Study of Religion

A number of graduates of the Department of Religious Studies’ MA program choose to continue their doctoral studies in the Joint PhD program.

The Joint PhD Program, which the Department of Religious Studies offers in partnership with the Iliff School of Theology, is taught by distinguished faculty from the University of Denver and Iliff. The program enrolls students from across the nation and around the world. The facilities and libraries of both institutions are open to all Joint PhD students, offering considerable research and academic resources. Please note that admission to the Joint Doctoral Program is a separate process, distinct from admission to the Department’s MA program. For more details, please visit the joint PhD website at www.du.edu/duiliffjoint/ (http://www.du.edu/duiliffjoint).

Why pursue a Graduate Certificate in Religious Studies at the University of Denver?

The graduate certificate in Religious Studies provides students with an opportunity to acquire graduate-level exposure to the academic study of religion and to several of the world’s major religious traditions. This certificate program provides students with the opportunity to do the following:

1. develop an introductory, graduate-level understanding of two major world religious traditions;
2. to gain a grasp of pertinent theoretical approaches to the study of religion; and
3. to engage major issues in a particular religious tradition or aspect of religion.

For students currently enrolled in graduate programs in fields other than religious studies or the study of religion - such as business, international studies, law or other AHSS disciplines - this certificate will augment the competencies gained in their primary program. For students currently pursuing a career, particularly those in consulting, journalism, the law, the non-profit sector, public policy, education, human resources, faith-based institutions/organizations or other professions where a knowledge of religious beliefs, practices and values can be important, this certificate will enhance their professional credentials or expand their expertise into a new arena.

What do applicants need in order to qualify for the Religious Studies graduate certificate program?

Successful applicants will have the following qualifications:

• Academically qualified for graduate level study
• Prepared to do coursework and conduct research that emphasizes engagement with local and global communities
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Why Pursue A graduate Certificate in Religion and International Affairs at the University of Denver

The Graduate Certificate in Religion and International Affairs provides students pursuing MA degrees in the Department of Religious Studies (AHSS) or the Josef Korbel School of International Studies with the opportunity to enhance their home program of study with specific expertise in the scholarly and professional field of religion and international affairs. This certificate program emphasizes scholarly and practitioner approaches to understanding the intersections between religion and international affairs in the modern world, providing students with an interdisciplinary approach to contemporary case studies as well as theoretical issues.

MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Application Deadlines

• Fall 2017 Priority Deadline: February 1, 2017
• Fall 2017 Final Submission Deadline: September 15, 2017
• Fall 2017 Deadline for Applicants Educated Outside the U.S.: January 4, 2017

Admission Requirements

• Online admission application
• $65.00 Application Fee
• University Minimum Degree and GPA Requirements
  • Program Minimum GPA Requirements: The minimum undergraduate GPA for admission consideration for the Religious Studies program is a cumulative 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
  • GRE (http://bulletin.du.edu/graduate/admission-and-enrollment-policies/admission-process-and-standards-for-all-applicants/university-admission-criteria): The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required. Scores must be received directly from the appropriate testing agency by the deadline. The institution code for the University of Denver is 4842. The minimum scores are:
    • Minimum Verbal Score - 153
Letters of Recommendation: Three (3) letters of recommendation are required. Letters should be submitted by recommenders through the online application.

Personal Statement: A personal statement that describes your interest in religious studies and your career goals is required. The statement, of at least 300 words, should include information concerning your life, education, practical experience, special interests and specific purpose for applying to the University of Denver. It should also include which of our six areas of specialization you would likely select, and why.

Writing Sample: An academic writing sample of 3–10 pages is required. Applicants may submit all or part of a paper previously submitted for a course, or may submit another piece of written work. If submitting a section of a longer paper, please provide a brief (one paragraph) abstract (summary) of the larger work from which the excerpt is taken.

Prerequisites: Appropriate undergraduate background in relevant arts, humanities or social science disciplines.

Admission Standards for Non-Native English Speakers

Official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) are required of all graduate applicants, regardless of citizenship status, whose native language is not English or who have been educated in countries where English is not the native language. The minimum TOEFL/IELTS/CAE test score requirements for the degree program are:

- Minimum TOEFL Score (paper-based test): 550
- Minimum TOEFL Score (internet-based test): 80
- Minimum IELTS Score: 6.0
- Minimum CAE Score: 169

English Conditional Admission Offered: No, this program does not offer English Conditional Admission.

Read the English Language Proficiency (http://bulletin.du.edu/graduate/admission-and-enrollment-policies/additional-standards-for-non-native-english-speakers/english-language-proficiency-toefl) policy for more details.


Read the Required Tests for GTA Eligibility (http://bulletin.du.edu/graduate/admission-and-enrollment-policies/additional-standards-for-non-native-english-speakers/required-tests-for-gta-eligibility) policy for more details.

Additional Standards for International Applicants

Per Student & Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) regulation, international applicants must meet all standards for admission before an I-20 or DS-2019 is issued, [per U.S. Federal Register: 8 CFR § 214.3(k)] or is academically eligible for admission and is admitted [per 22 C.F.R. §62]. Read the Additional Standards For International Applicants (http://bulletin.du.edu/graduate/admission-and-enrollment-policies/additional-standards-for-international-applicants) policy for more details.

Financial Aid

There are many different options available to finance your education. Most University of Denver graduate students are granted some type of financial support. Our Office of Financial Aid is committed to helping you explore your options.

CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Application Deadlines

- Fall 2017 Final Submission Deadline: February 1, 2017
- Fall 2017 Deadline for Applicants Educated Outside the U.S.: January 4, 2017

Admission Requirements

- Online admission application
- $65.00 Application Fee
- University Minimum Degree and GPA Requirements
- Letters of Recommendation: One (1) letter of recommendation is required. Letters should be submitted by recommenders through the online application.
- Personal Statement: A personal statement that describes your interest in religious studies and your career goals is required. The statement, of at least 300 words, should include information concerning your life, education, practical experience, special interests and specific purpose for applying to the University of Denver. It should also include which of our six areas of specialization you would likely select, and why.
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**Religious Studies**

- **Prerequisites**: Appropriate undergraduate background in relevant arts, humanities or social science disciplines.

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**Certificate in Religion and International Affairs**

Interested applicants from the Religious Studies or the Korbel School of International Studies MA programs will submit an application consisting of a 500-word personal statement, a CV, and undergraduate and graduate transcripts to Dr. Andrea Stanton at Andrea.Stanton@du.edu, which will be reviewed by a committee composed equally of Religious Studies and International Studies faculty. Applicants must be enrolled students in good standing in the Department of Religious Studies MA program or the Korbel School of International Studies MA program.

**Master of Arts in Religious Studies**

**Degree Requirements**

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**Areas of specialization**

Select at least 16 hours in one of the following ten areas of specialization:

**Biblical Studies**

Students must take in addition to the core requirements at least one course in Christianity, Judaism, and Islam plus at least one additional course in either Judaism or Christianity. Students will also be expected to meet minimum competency standards in either Hebrew or Koiné Greek.

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### Critical Theory

Critical theory and religion brings post-World War II theories of religion from a range of disciplines in the social sciences and humanities into conversation with both the original discourses of "critical theory" as developed by the Frankfurt School and the so-called "new critical theory" in its interdisciplinary scope, which focuses on such topics as race, class, gender, ethnicity, and globalization. Students in this area of specialization may choose each year from a prescribed lists of courses both inside and outside the department, including those specifically listed for the university's own "critical theory" curriculum spanning a wide range of fields and departments. At least two courses taken for this area of specialization must have an RLGS prefix.

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### Sacred Texts

The Department of Religious Studies has faculty strength and research resources to support advanced study of sacred texts. Students who choose this concentration may focus on texts of one religious tradition, (e.g., Hebrew Bible, the Christian testament, the Qur'an, etc.) or may opt for a comparative approach. Students must acquire appropriate competency in the relevant language(s), minimally the equivalent of one full year of study, prior to matriculation or independently during the first year in the Program. The University does not offer introductory, graduate-level instruction in biblical Hebrew, koine Greek, Arabic, Sanskrit, Pāli, classical Chinese or Tibetan. Introductory language courses cannot be approved for credit to fulfill degree requirements.

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**Religion and International Studies**

The specialization in religion and international studies focuses on the role of religion in the interplay of different religions and cultures within a global context. Particular attention may be given to certain regions such as the Americas, Asia, or the Middle East, depending on the interest or availability of faculty. Students must take at least one course in a specific religious tradition beyond the core requirements as well as one course in the theory of religion that pertains to international and multicultural studies. The remaining courses can be chosen from the department’s approved list of courses for the area of specialization. Finally, students must take at least 4 hours of course work (including independent study, service learning, or field work) at a location outside the United States and Canada that meet the student’s curricular and long-term professional goals. Depending on the student’s program of study, the department may in certain instances require the passing of a competency exam in a language relevant to that program of study (e.g., if the focus is on the Middle East, the language would be Arabic; if on Latin America, Spanish).

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**Lived Religions**
In addition to the core requirements, students must take at least four courses (within or outside the department) in the historical, social, and cultural forms and practices of the world’s various religions, which can also include new, indigenous, or African religions. To satisfy requirements for this area of specialization, a student must have taken, transferred in, or waived at least one course during the program in Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, or Latino religious traditions, regardless of whether these courses count for core credit or toward the area of specialization.

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**Theory of Religion**

Students must take approved courses in each of the three theoretical areas of the study of religion: philosophy of religion, psychology of religion, anthropology of religion. The remaining course, or courses, can be chosen from the department’s approved list of courses for the area of specialization.

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**International and multicultural studies**

This specialization focuses on the role of religion within the context of the globalization process. Particular attention may be given to certain regions such as the Americas, Europe, or Asia. Students must take at least one course in a specific religious tradition beyond the core requirements as well as one course in the theory of religion that pertains to international and multicultural studies. Finally, students must take at least four hours of course work (including independent study, an internship, service learning, or field work) at a location outside North America that meet the student’s curricular and long-term professional goals. Depending on the program of study, the department may require a competency exam in a relevant language.
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**Philosophy of religion**

Students must take at least two courses in the theory of religion plus one course in a specific philosopher, or philosophers, from each of the two historical periods: ancient and modern (Plato to Kant), late modern and postmodern (Hegel to the present). The remaining courses can be chosen from the department’s approved list of courses for this area of specialization, and will likely involve additional courses taken in the Philosophy Department.

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**Islamic studies**

This specialization introduces students to the textual foundations of Islamic theology and legal reasoning, as well as exposing them to major issues in the development of Islamic traditions, contemporary developments, and particularly questions of reform and fundamentalism. In addition to RLGS 3500, students must take a minimum of three additional courses dealing with Islam. Students must pass a competency examination in Arabic, equivalent to two years of coursework.

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**World religions**

This specialization focuses on the major world religious traditions, as well as enabling students to look comparatively at these traditions. In addition to the core requirements, students must take at least four courses in the world’s major religious traditions.

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RLGS 3814  Modern Hinduism
RLGS 3816  Hinduism Through Texts
RLGS 3820  Buddhism
RLGS 4676  Latino Religious Cultures: Methods and Theories

Elective Credits  13
Total Credits  45

Minimum number of credits required for the degree: 45
Beginning Fall 2016, regardless of their area of specialization, all MA students are required prior to completing the degree to take at least 4 hours outside the department. The course cannot be independent or directed study. Students admitted prior to Fall 2016 do not need to meet this requirement.

Students must declare an area of specialization after completing 32 hours of course work.

Non-Coursework Requirements
In order to complete the MA degree, students must revise a research paper into a journal article, write a thesis, pass a set of comprehensive examinations, or complete a substantive research project.

- **Journal Article Track:** To be eligible for the journal article, students must have a 3.5 GPA; to be eligible for the thesis option, students must have a minimum 3.3 GPA. Students pursuing the journal article option will research religious studies journals and select an appropriate target journal with their advisor's approval. They will expand a course research paper into an article appropriate for the selected journal.

- **Thesis Track:** Students pursuing the thesis option will expand a course research paper into a graduate thesis of 50-60 pages. Both the article and the thesis should allow students to make an original contribution to the field of religious studies, as well as to demonstrate a mastery of relevant theories and background literature.

- **Comprehensive Exam Track:** The comprehensive examination will consist of three written exams over two successive days. Exam questions will deal respectively with two of the five major religious traditions (one drawn from Judaism, Christianity or Islam; one drawn from either Buddhism or Hinduism) and the theory of religion. General bibliographies for the exams, on which the student will be tested, must be worked out with the instructor administering the exam.

- **Project Track:** Students pursuing the project option will develop a project that will allow them to make an original contribution to the field of applied religious studies. It may take several forms but should include a substantive written component and a formal presentation.

Please note that all completion option defenses may only be scheduled during the regular academic year: Fall, winter or spring quarters.

The Department of Religious Studies allows graduate students to transfer up to 10 hours of previous graduate course work from another institution or another department at the University during the first quarter of the student’s admission to the program. The transfer must be approved by the department as well as by the Office of Graduate Studies. Similarly, the Department allows students to earn waivers for the traditions requirements by submitting syllabi from similar courses taken at the undergraduate level.

Students may also take up to 15 hours in independent study, including independent studies with course numbers outside of the department.

In order for a course to fulfill degree requirements, students must earn a B- or better. The minimum grade for any elective course taken for the degree is a C.

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**Program Requirements**

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Other elective courses may be approved with permission from the director.

**Minimum number of credits required for degree:** 24

**Certificate in Religious Studies**

The Graduate Certificate program allows students structured flexibility, providing exposure to religious traditions through the traditions requirement, training in the discipline of religious studies with the theory requirement, and the opportunity to pursue particular interests through elective courses. The certificate requires a minimum of 24 credit hours.

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