



COLLEGE of CHARLESTON

DEPARTMENT OF
RELIGIOUS STUDIES

QUICK FACTS

Student/Faculty Ratio

15:1

**H I G H L Y
P E R S O N A L I Z E D
E D U C A T I O N
O P P O R T U N I T I E S**
available to all majors

WE OFFER:

- ★ Bachelor of Arts degree
- ★ Minor in Religious Studies

JOB FACTS

71 % of recent grads reported having employment or furthering their education within one month of graduation.

Employment areas include:

non-profit	government
education	media
business	health services

Our department's main office building, located at **4 GLEBE STREET**, is in a historic house in the center of campus.

Classrooms and faculty offices are located throughout the historic campus.

POPULAR CLASSES

Religion and Film Eco-Villages
Religions of India Christianity
African-American Religions
Tibetan Buddhism

ALUMNI REPORT:

- ★ A 100% satisfaction rate in our major for the last four years
- ★ Living abroad in vast numbers. *Whether that's working for an NGO in India, for the Peace Corps in Madagascar, for Bloomberg in Hong Kong, or teaching English in Japan.*
- ★ Furthering their education at **TOP-NOTCH** universities

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION

Our department participates in a survey of religious studies majors administered by the American Academy of Religion. Out of 35 institutions, we rank among the highest. Especially noteworthy: 100% of our alumni who participated in the survey are employed.

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Religious Studies, Bachelor of Arts

Credit Hours: 34. "PR" indicates a pre-requisite. "CO" indicates a co-requisite.

Required courses:

RELS 101: Approaches to Religion (3)

OR

RELS 105: World Religions (3)

RELS 210: Theories in the Study of Religion (3)

RELS 450: Senior Seminar in Religious Studies (3) PR: RELS 210 and 9 credit hours in RELS

RELS 451: Capstone Colloquium (1) PR: RELS 210, 450, junior or senior Religious Studies major, 12 credit hours in RELS; or instructor permission

One sacred text course selected from the following:

RELS 201: The Hebrew Bible: History & Interpretation (3)

RELS 202: The New Testament: History & Interpretation (3)

RELS 205: Sacred Texts of the East (3)

RELS 310*: Sacred Texts (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission

Note: *RELS 310 cannot be used to satisfy both the Sacred Text course requirement and the two additional courses at the 300-level or above requirement.

Select one course from each of the following groups (A, B and C):

Group A (choose one):

RELS 223: Religions of the Near East (3)

RELS 225: The Jewish Tradition (3)

RELS 230: The Christian Tradition (3)

RELS 235: The Islamic Tradition (3)

Group B (choose one):

RELS 240: The Buddhist Tradition (3)

RELS 245: The Religions of India (3)

RELS 248: Religious Traditions of China and Japan (3)

Group C (choose one):

RELS 250: Religion in America (3)

RELS 260: Native American Religions (3)

RELS 270: African-American Religions (3)

Select one additional course at the 200-level or above:

RELS 201: The Hebrew Bible: History & Interpretation (3)

RELS 202: The New Testament: History & Interpretation (3)

RELS 205: Sacred Texts of the East (3)

RELS 220: Comparative Religious Ethics (3)

RELS 223: Religions of the Near East (3)

RELS 225: The Jewish Tradition (3)

RELS 230: The Christian Tradition (3)

RELS 235: The Islamic Tradition (3)

RELS 240: The Buddhist Tradition (3)

RELS 245: The Hindu Tradition (3)

RELS 248: Religious Traditions of China and Japan (3)

RELS 250: Religion in America (3)

RELS 255: Philosophy of Religion (3)

RELS 260: Native American Religions (3)

RELS 270: African-American Religions (3)

RELS 275: Religious Traditions and Scientific Inquiry (3)

RELS 280: Religion and Film (3)

RELS 285: Religion and Feminism (3)

RELS 298: Special Topics in Religious Studies (3)

Select two additional courses at the 300-level or above:

RELS 301: Mysticism and Religious Experiences (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission

RELS 305: Topics in Indigenous Religions (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission

RELS 310: Sacred Texts (3) PR: PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission

RELS 315: New Religious Movements (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission

RELS 335: Western Esotericism (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission

RELS 340: Advanced Topics in Asian Religions (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission

RELS 348: Asian Religions in America (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission

RELS 350: Phenomenology of Religion (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission

RELS 360: Myth, Ritual, and Symbol (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission

RELS 365: Religion and Psychology (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission

RELS 375: Topics in the History of Religions (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission

RELS 381: Religious Studies Internship (1-4) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission

RELS 399: Tutorial (3, Repeatable up to 12) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission

RELS 405: Advanced Studies in Religion (3) PR: Either 9 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission

RELS 499: Bachelor's Essay (6) PR: Either 9 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission

Select one additional course in religious studies from any of the courses listed (RELS 100-level or higher)

Notes: With the approval of the department chair of religious studies, one course (200-level or above) in a related discipline may be substituted for one of the additional course requirements.