

Religious Studies Minor Fulton School of Liberal Arts

Come find your place in the conversation!

The Religious Studies Minor Program at Salisbury University offers an interdisciplinary approach to one of the most fundamental human experiences, across various cultural and historical contexts, and using a variety of methods of study. Religious studies minors are curious about their own faith and practices, as well as those of others.

TRANSFERRABLE SKILLS

The study of religion confers outcomes in a wide variety of intellectual, emotional, and social skills, including:

- Critical Thinking
- Empathy Across Difference
- Effective Reading
- Communication and Social Skills
- Intercultural Understanding and Competence
- Teamwork and Collaboration

FEATURED COURSES

ANTH 215 - Religion, Magic, and Witchcraft

Study of beliefs and rituals of people affected by the presence of gods or other supernatural beings. Topics include magic, witchcraft, and shamanist practices among aboriginal and traditional societies throughout the world.

ENGL 341 - The Bible as Literature

Study the literature of the Bible, including various forms, stylistic features, and relation to culture. Emphasis is on the Old Testament, King James version.

ENGL 384 - Native American Literature

A study of Native American literature (mostly in the "Western" genres of fiction and/or poetry) in the context of Native American peoples' experiences and their distinctive worldviews.

HIST 210 - Introduction to World Religions

Introductory survey of the historical development of world religions. Specific examples drawn from such diverse cultural traditions as ancient Babylonian, Judeo-Christian, imperial Chinese, and modern American religious movements. Fertility gods and spirits of nature, augury, omens, possession, and prophecy are among the topics analyzed.

PHIL 323 - Buddhist Philosophy

Provides a general introduction to the Buddhist philosophy of the Indian subcontinent, Tibet, China, Japan, and Korea. Discusses the teachings of the historical Buddha before concentrating on a number of Buddhist schools that developed from these teachings. Emphasis is on Buddhist metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, and philosophy of mind.

PHIL 402 - The Problem of God

Involves students in thinking through the ultimate questions philosophy asks about God's nature and existence. Attention given to a variety of themes, including the relationship between God and nature, the personhood of God, atheism, and the meaningfulness of human speech about God.

SOCI 318 - Sociology of Religion

Explore humanity's search for religious/spiritual meanings and how these shape social actions, interactions, and organization. As such, religions act a powerful source of social cohesion, order, meaning, as well as disruption, protest, and change in human societies.



Bodhisattva Maitreya statue in Bongeunsa Temple in Gangnam, Seoul, Korea



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