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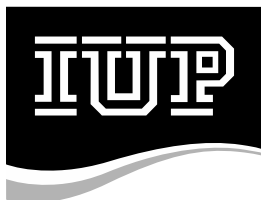
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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The Religious Studies program is designed to provide a balanced, non-sectarian, cross-cultural approach leading to a better understanding of the phenomenon of religion in human experience. It emphasizes an interdisciplinary approach and encourages the minor or a double major, as well as a single major in religious studies.

The program is valuable for those planning to teach about religions or religious studies in schools at the primary, secondary, or college level. The program also provides an excellent background for graduates planning to enter Catholic, Jewish, or Protestant seminaries. Additionally, religious studies is a good complement to majors in such fields as anthropology, English, fine arts, history, international studies, music, philosophy, political science, psychology, and sociology.

In addition to the 27 credits of religious studies courses in the major, 3 credits must be taken from a number of courses offered by other departments that complement those offered in religious studies. Opportunity for interdisciplinary and cross-cultural study is implicit in the study of religious themes and is required in the Religious Studies program at IUP.

Religious Studies Minor

The requirements for a minor are 18 credits with the RLST prefix, including certain required courses. At least 6 credits must be taken at the 300 level or higher.

Religious Studies Honors Program

The honors program is open by departmental invitation to religious studies majors with a minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA and a 3.5 GPA in religious studies courses. Students complete RLST 480/H/, 483/H/, 493/H/, and HNRC 499, which fulfills the Liberal Studies synthesis requirement. To determine how Honors Track courses will be integrated into existing requirements for the religious studies major, students should consult their advisors.

Liberal Studies Offerings

The Religious Studies program's Liberal Studies courses are all introductory in nature; none presupposes any religious studies background. The student may choose from RLST 100, 110, 250, and 290.

Bachelor of Arts—Religious Studies

Liberal Studies: As outlined in Liberal Studies section with the following specifications: 49-50

Mathematics: 3cr

Liberal Studies Electives: 9cr, no courses with RLST prefix

College: 0-6
Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1)

Major: 30

Controlled Electives: (2)

One Core: RLST 100 or 110 3cr

Western: RLST 260, 290, 380, 410, or 440 3cr

Eastern: RLST 311, 370, or 375 3cr

Indigenous: RLST 360 or 365 3cr

Five additional RLST courses (3) 15cr

One religion-related course (3) 3cr

Free Electives: 34-41

Total Degree Requirements: 120

- (1) Intermediate-level foreign language may be included in the Liberal Studies electives.
- (2) Other courses may be approved in consultation with advisor.
- (3) Consult religious studies advisor.

Minor—Religious Studies **18**

Core: RLST 100 or 110	3cr
Western: RLST 260, 290, or 380	3cr
Eastern: RLST 220, 311, 370, or 375	3cr
Indigenous: RLST 360 or 365	3cr
Elective: two RLST courses (1)	6cr

(1) At least 6cr must be taken at the 300 level or higher.

Religious Studies Honors Track **12****Required Courses:**

HNRC 499	Honors Senior Synthesis (1)	
RLST 480/H/	Seminar in Religious Studies	3cr
RLST 483/H/	Honors Thesis in Religious Studies	3cr
RLST 493/H/	Internship in Religious Studies	3cr

(1) Credits for HNRC 499 are counted in the Liberal Studies synthesis requirement.
