Religion and Cultural Studies - Minor

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Religion and Cultural Studies is a minor designed to familiarize students with religious traditions around the world, from ancient through contemporary cultures, as well as to introduce students to critical theories and methods through which to view and analyze the category of religion and its associated concepts, practices, and meanings in all areas of life. The program emphasizes the academic study of religion, and does not privilege any particular tradition or belief. This program can be completed online, although not every course in each category is offered as an online course.

Minor Admission Requirements
- None

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- None

Prerequisite Courses
- None

Required Courses (18 hrs)
A. Studying Religion and Culture 3 hrs

Select 1: 3 hrs
REL 2000 Introduction to Religion and Cultural Studies or
REL 2300 World Religions 3 hrs

B. Traditions 6 hrs
- Must select one in each category with at least one course from the Philosophy Department

Abrahamic Traditions 3 hrs
REL 3403 Christianity or Islam or
REL 3320 Moses, Jesus and Muhammad or
REL 3432 Roots of Western Mysticism or
JST 3401 Jewish People in Antiquity 3 hrs

Asian and Indigenous Traditions 3 hrs
REL 3333 Hinduism or
REL 3340 Buddhism or
ANT 3245 Native American Religions 3 hrs

C. Theories and Methods 6 hrs
- Must select one in each category

Religion 3 hrs
REL 4936 Key Figures in Religion and Cultural Studies or
REL 4496 Key Concepts in Religion and Cultural Studies or
PHI 3700 Philosophy of Religion or
REL 4157 Religion and Psychoanalysis or
PHI 3720 Faith and Reason 3 hrs

Cultural Studies 3 hrs
HUM 4459 American Cultural Studies in Humanities or
HUM 3805 Critical Theory in the Humanities or
HUM 3326 Theories of Sex and Gender in Humanities or
HUM 4823 Queer Theory in the Humanities or
HUM 4826 Postcolonial Theory or
PHI 4804 Critical Theory or
PHH 3600 Contemporary Philosophy 3 hrs

D. Religion in Culture 3 hrs
- Must select one from the following:
REL 3111 Religion and Philosophy Through Film 3 hrs
REL 3115 Religion, Spirituality, and Popular Music 3 hrs
REL 3130 Religion in America 3 hrs
REL 4110 Religion and the Arts 3 hrs
REL 4160 Religion and Medicine 3 hrs
REL 3112 Religion and 20th Century Fantasy Texts 3 hrs
REL 7301 Religion in Popular Culture 3 hrs
REL 4178 Religion and Law 3 hrs
ANT 3241 Magic, Ritual, and Belief 3 hrs
JST 3550 Introduction of Modernism into Judaism 3 hrs
POT 4632 Religion and Politics 3 hrs
SYO 4200 Religion in Society 3 hrs

Restricted Electives
- None

Foreign Language Requirements
- None

Total Semester Hours Required
- 18

Other Requirements
- A ‘C’ (2.0) grade or better is required in all courses used to satisfy the minor.
- At least 12 hours used in the minor must be earned at UCF.
- No credit by exam (TSD, Military credit) may be used.
- Internship, Co-op, or Independent Study credit cannot be used toward the minor without prior approval by the Director.